

## Davis "Dave" Maupin, 76

*March 14, 1928 - Jan. 22, 2005*

**HARLAN** — Davis J. Maupin, was born March 14, 1928, in rural Mason City. "Dave," as he was known to his friends, graduated in 1950 from Iowa State College with a BS in Industrial Arts. He taught just six weeks before he was inducted into the U.S. Army where he served in the 45th Infantry Division from 1950-1952 as a Communications Officer in Japan and later in Korea during the Korean War. Upon his return from Korea, Maupin worked for Maytag Corporation in Newton; Carrott Hardware in Rockford; and Bloom Builders in Oskaloosa; before cofounding Nelson-Maupin Construction in 1959, the precursor to Harlan Builders, Inc. Dave was a charter member of the National Frame Builders Association, Inc. (NFBA). During his six years of service on the NFBA Board of Directors, he served as secretary and president. He was an early member of the NFBA Hall of Fame. Dave received the Top Plank Award in 1981 in recognition of his years of "outstanding service" in the national frame builders industry. He also gained national recognition and was awarded "Building of the Year" in 1989 for his design and construction of an airplane hanger at the Harlan Airport.

He met and married Marjorie Hackbarth of Iowa Falls, in 1956 and raised four children. Upon retirement in 1991, Dave and Marge began wintering in Mission, TX. Dave's extensive cap collection was testimonial to his passion for building, traveling, flying, golfing and his enormous sense of humor. Dave built and flew radio-controlled airplanes. During his retirement he was a frequent site at the local flying fields in both Harlan and Mission, TX maneuvering his planes about the skies. He died Jan. 22, 2005, after a brief battle with cancer at age 76.

Dave is preceded in death by his father, Davis I. Maupin; mother, Gladys (Huffman); brother, Glen; and sister, Maxine (Spooner). He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; son, Grant (Cyndi) of Waukee; daughters, Susan Schmid (Jon) of West Des Moines; Julie of Monroe; and Lea Ann of Attleboro, MA; four granddaughters; brothers, Dale of Waverly; Kenneth of New Hampton; sister, Ada Beth Powell of League City, TX; and other relatives.



A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 26, 2005, at the Congregational Christian Church in Harlan with Donna Ewert officiating. Honorary casket bearers were Charlie Darrington, Wallace Houts, George Kintner, Forrest Johnson, Ed Roos and Bill Strahan. Casket bearers were Frank Brazinski, Glen Brokaw, Don Griggs, Dean Maupin, Robert Thompson and Gene West. Burial was held in the Harlan Cemetery with military graveside rites by the Shelby County VFW Post No. 941 and the American Legion Helmer Reyelt Post No. 150, all of Harlan. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.