

## The Rush Ford Collection

For many guys, the first car that they get has a big impression on them and often sets the trend for what is their favorite automotive company. Howard Rush was no exception. He grew up on the family farm and couldn't wait for the day to get his own car. A 1949 Ford, Shoebox Ford, was his first car and, well wasn't his favorite. It was too slow. Living on the farm meant driving on gravel roads and well, going to town meant having to wash your car twice. Once when you leave the yard, and again to get the dust off when you get to town. Howard did not like driving on gravel, just as most collector's dislike it also. He eventually traded off that Shoebox Ford for a 1952 and then eventually a 1957 Ford, that as you can tell from his collection, was a favorite. He met his wife Doris, in that 57 Ford and they were married and continued the family farm. 3<sup>rd</sup> generation farmer is a badge of honor in itself, but for Howard there was always a Ford and International tractors on the farm.

The farming and family grew, 4 kids and they all helped on the farm. With the farming going well, it gave Howard some more money towards his hobby, collecting Ford cars and trucks. Doris didn't seem to mind and soon the buildings started filling up with International Tractors and Ford Vehicles. When Howard saw a Ford or International that he wanted, there wasn't much stopping him when he set his mind to it. Quite often, he would get a friend to come along with him. Dave was one of his life long friends and is helping with the sale. Often the friend, was blamed for letting him buy another one when he got home with the trailer and Doris caught him unloading another purchase. Dave talks about a time where he saw a car at Menards that he backed into an old Ford and took out the taillight. He left a note for the owner and waited for a while. Instead of fixing the taillight, he just bought the car from the owner. Howard got so many vehicles and tractors, that he started his own museum and would gladly show people that wanted to look. Howard enjoyed taking them for a drive on occasion, but mostly the chase and making the deal.

Howard got sick and passed away from cancer. His wife Doris sold the International Tractor collection last year and on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 on their farm, she will sell the remainder of his Ford collection, Texaco, motorcycle, and more at auction. VanDerBrink Auction, LLC will conduct the auction onsite at the farm outside of Griswold, Iowa. The collection will sell NO Reserve, with No On-Site Buyer's Premium. If you can't come to the auction, bidders can also bid online through the website [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com). There will be a meet and greet with Bar-B-Que till gone Friday Evening with preview all day. The collection has Approx. 40 collector cars and pickups along cycles, Texaco collectibles, and more. The collection has something for everyone from several 1957 Ford Skyliner Retractable Hardtops, to Mustangs, Torinos, and even some Ford Police cars. The collection also has Mercury's and Edsels. The vehicles are originals or older restored. You can check out the entire catalog for the Rush collection online. So, plan now to come to the Rush Collection Auction to put a classic Ford in your garage. For more info on the Rush auction, catalog, and lots of pictures go to [www.vanderbrinkauctions.com](http://www.vanderbrinkauctions.com) or call VanDerBrink Auctions, LLC 605-201-7005. See you on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 10am on the Rush farm by Griswold, Iowa.