



Bernie Gutz

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BLOOMFIELD: Bernie Gutz, 64, of Belleville, Illinois and former resident of Bloomfield, Iowa died October 15, 2011 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He was born July 15, 1947 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Gerhardt and Lois Morse Gutz. He married Mardel Lyman Hout August 23, 1986 in Newell, Iowa. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam. Bernie was the Chief of Police in Bloomfield and also in Rolla, North Dakota. He moved to Belleville, Illinois in 2004 where he worked as a security officer at the U.S. Federal Building in St. Louis. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and golfing. He leaves behind his parents; wife; two daughters, Brenda (Jay) Zeitler of Milton, Iowa, Kelly (B.J.) Habben of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; two sons, Brandon (Heidi) Hout of Rock Springs, Wyoming, Brian (Maribel) Hout of Honolulu, Hawaii; seven grandchildren, J.R. and Carson Zeitler, Makayla Hout, Darin, Parker, Caden, and Shaylen Habben; two brothers, Norlin Gutz of Storm Lake, Iowa, Floyd Knapp of Bismarck, North Dakota; and a sister, Javerna Padgett of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Knapp. Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Kevin Gingerich officiating. Burial with military rites performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 American Legion in Bloomfield will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin after 11:00 a.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial has been established.

Tribute Wall



“ I grew up with Bernie as his cousin Harlan Morse from the Norton Morse Zelda Gutz-Morse family. Bernie was a very “funny” guy to be around. As teenagers we enjoyed many visits at the farm, ours and his. We fished and hunted together. Our ways parted, when I joined the army. I only learned later that Bernie was stationed just a few hundred miles from my duty station in Karlsruhe Germany, Oberammergau in Bavaria. I had been there before and took my mother there in 2000 during her European visit. Oberammergau is famous for the once in a decade performance of the Passion Play celebrating Jesus Christ. Evidently, the town was saved from the plague and the villagers committed to put on the Passion Play once every 10 years. To my mother’s delight 2000 was a celebration year. We didn’t go to the play, but we could sure feel the presence there. Frick is a common German name carried by a good friend of our family here in Germany. Petra Frick helped me get my first house in California as my Realtor while she was working there in the 2000’s. Although I never met his wife I offer sincere condolences to her family and friends. I know it’s been a long time since Bernie left us but memories never do.

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