



Gerald "Jerry" Ales

October 10, 1938 - March 31, 2021

Gerald E. "Jerry" Ales, 82, of Davenport, Iowa passed away on March 31, 2021 at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa. He was born on October 10, 1938 in Davenport, Iowa to Gerald and Blanche Nowachek Ales and grew up on a farm between Oxford Junction and Lost Nation, Iowa. He attended country school at Mt. Ida and graduated from Oxford Junction High School in 1956. On September 9, 1956, he enlisted in the Airforce and did an 18-month tour at Wheelus Airforce Base in Tripoli, Africa. After returning to the states, he finished his duty at Goodfellow Airforce Base in Texas.

In 1960, Jerry went to work for Western Electric and traveled the U.S. installing central office equipment and updating communications equipment.

On April 21, 1981 he married Janet Yates at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. They started their life in a home Jerry owned on a beautiful street in Davenport. They lived there throughout their marriage except for one year; a fire damaged and destroyed the home on May 13, 2013. They chose to put the home back to its original state in improved condition rather than move permanently to a different home. Jerry and Janet had a great life together. She passed away on January 16, 2019.

Jerry is survived by a sister-in-law, Jane Yates of Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2021 at the West Grove Cemetery with Marvin Martin officiating. Masks are required at the cemetery for services. No visitation is planned.

Cemetery Details

West Grove Cemetery

Echo Ave
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Graveside Services

APR 2. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gerald "Jerry" Ales

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Jerry was in the Class of 1956 at ST. Ambrose Academy. I was in the Class of 1954. Thru mutual friends I became acquainted with a man who enjoyed doing things a bit differently than many others. One warm and sunny Iowa summer day, I and several others got into a "hopped-up" 1949 or 1950 Ford V8 with overdrive. We went for a great ride that day and did not get into any "real" trouble. It was a day of mutual entertainment and great companionship.

Thank you Jerry,

Charles P. "Chuck" Kinney

Charles Kinney - April 08, 2021 at 08:20 PM



“ Sandy Ricks lit a candle in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Ales



Sandy Ricks - April 02, 2021 at 12:33 PM

WN

“ Wendy Nath lit a candle in memory of Gerald
"Jerry" Ales



Wendy Nath - April 02, 2021 at 11:45 AM

BM

“ Jerry and Janet were great people and excellent neighbors as well.
We were very active in the neighborhood as they were.
We always took the time to chat with them whenever we saw them.
Barb and Allan Metz

Barbara Metz - April 01, 2021 at 09:33 AM

MG

*I lost Track of Gerald over the years he is my 2nd cousin on my fathers
side of family I remember when we would go to his parents(my uncle
Ted and Blance Ales) farm in List Nation Iowa
Can anyone tell me the street he lived on in Davenport?*

Margaret Ales Gruska - September 25, 2021 at 01:17 PM

DM

“ I worked with Jerry while at AT&T; he was a heck of a nice guy and
a good worker. I had loss track of him and several others after I
retired. Condolences to the family.

Duane Miller - April 01, 2021 at 08:28 AM

MR

“ *The world has lost a great guy. Our parents, his Uncle Onas and Aunt Anna, loved being with him as much as we did. He kept us laughing and taught us how to enjoy life. He would buy us gifts—the day after Christmas (because they were cheaper then), tease us, and would always be up for a good conversation or an opportunity to play. He and his wife Janet were lighthearted and fun but were serious about doing good for the world they lived in. We were so impressed with the care they took of their families and the dedication they had to their beliefs.*

Bob Hutchins, Martha Biggs, Ruthanne Holbert

Martha Biggs, Bob, and Ruthanne - March 31, 2021 at 09:51 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gerald "Jerry" Ales.*



March 31, 2021 at 09:33 PM