



Lester Perry

March 20, 1927 - July 19, 2016

Lester Donald Perry, 89, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away July 19, 2016 at the Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines. He was born March 20, 1927 in Ottumwa, Iowa to James Everett and Ethel Mae Wiseman Perry. He served in the United States Army for eleven years, working in the medical department. Of the eleven years, he spent nine in Germany.

On April 6, 1958 he married Louise Stufflebeam in Davis County. To this union three children were born. He worked for Dickey Transport of Packwood, Iowa for many years as an over-the-road truck driver. He later worked and retired from the Davis County Law Center where he was a police dispatcher for many years.

Lester was a member of the East End Pentecostal Church in Ottumwa where he played the bass guitar and sang bass for many years with others in the church. He was a member of the Christian Motorcycles Association and rode motorcycles from the time he was 15 years old until his last wreck in 2008, at the age of 81. Lester was also a member of Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion in Bloomfield.

He is survived by his wife, Louise Perry; son, Donald (Tammy) Perry of Clear Lake, Iowa; daughter, Cheryl Roulet of Drakesville, Iowa; twelve grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Marlin Perry; son-in-law, Pete Roulet; great-granddaughter, Katherine Perry; three brothers, Howard, Hubert, and Walter Perry; and a sister, Donna Padget.

Memorial services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Rev. Ronald Mosier officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be at the Taylor Cemetery in Appanoose County, Iowa. Graveside military rites will be performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials have been established to the East End Pentecostal Church in Ottumwa and to the C C 'n K Coffee Council,, a local group of coffee drinkers that contribute money each month to help local kids with school lunches and warm clothing during the winter.

Cemetery Details

Taylor Cemetery

Appanoose County, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

JUL 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wagler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lester Perry*



Wagler Funeral Home - July 21, 2016 at 05:10 PM



“ *Lester Perry*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lester Perry.*



July 22, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lester Perry.*



July 21, 2016 at 08:31 PM



“ Hi.. My Name is Leslie Dawn Perry. I am Marlin Perry's Daughter. Granddaughter to Les Perry.. My Pampa.. I was named after both of my grandpa's. Lester is where my mom got Leslie. Donald is where my mom got Dawn. My Pampa was my best friend, my protector, one person I never felt afraid of and a complete connection with him. He was one person I never wanted to lose... The last time I saw my grandpa, I sobbed in his arms asking for him to help me know what to do.. I've been going through so much.. I told him how much I needed him and how much I missed him.. he told me to pray.. I'm not gonna lie, I knew that was the last time I was gonna see him.. I could feel it.. My heart was shattering... I found out yesterday he passed away... it didn't make it any easier knowing but I've been saying to my mom the last 2 years, he's gonna go when nobody knows and it's sooner than anyone thinks... it kept stirring inside me.. I miss him so much.. I so wasn't ready for him to leave yet... one last hug and kiss.. one last I love you.. one last "Keep your head up kid".. one more time where he held my hand and made it to where I didn't want to let go.. I know he's in a better place but I wish I would've went to see him more..... :(:(:(

Leslie Dawn Perry - July 21, 2016 at 03:21 PM

DB

“ Donna Nixon and Debbie, Bob, and Robert Beauchemin purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Lester Perry.



Donna Nixon and Debbie, Bob, and Robert Beauchemin -
July 21, 2016 at 01:51 PM

 Crystal Davidson

“ I visited with Les every morning at the coffee shop on my way to work. He was the sweetest man who always made me smile. I am so thankful for having gotten the chance to get to know him over the months at the coffee shop. I will miss him so very much. It was hard going to get my coffee today knowing he wouldn't be there and seeing his spot empty. My deepest sympathies to his family. Crystal Davidson

Crystal Davidson - July 21, 2016 at 10:08 AM

MJ

“ Les to us was not only a relative, but a very dear friend. We always enjoyed sharing breakfast of homemade biscuits and sausage gravy when we come to visit. Will certainly miss his singing, his sense of humor. A good christian man that will be missed by us all. Love this family dearly. From Tennessee, Rev. Dwight and Mary Johnson

Mary Johnson - July 20, 2016 at 10:05 PM

DR

“ I had coffee on Mondays and Tuesdays with Les. A Great man and Friend. I always piked on him and he gave it right back. I will miss you My Friend and we will meet again in Heaven. My thoughts and prayers are with Louise and family.

Dave Reeves - July 20, 2016 at 06:29 PM

DV

“ My condolences to Les's family. He was an awesome guy, upbeat and always kind.

Debbie (Leonard) VanDerSnick - July 20, 2016 at 06:10 PM

AF

“ *Before I retired, Lester would try to come to me at work because he always wanted to know how our family was and I treated with him with respect. His attitude was positive and his smile was infectious. Regardless of his physical issues he was not bitter. We could all take a lesson. Lester, we will miss you but we WILL see you in Glory some day. Ardell and Gary French*

Ardell French - July 20, 2016 at 04:39 PM