



Richard Carlson

October 21, 1942 - November 15, 2024

Richard Eugene Carlson, 82, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on November 15, 2024 at his home surrounded by family. He was born on October 21, 1942 on his family farm in Davis County, Iowa to Iver Henry and Evelyn Barker Carlson. He graduated from Davis County High School in 1960 and shortly after enlisted in the Army where he proudly served his country for two years. After his service, he worked at John Morrell in Ottumwa for 13 years and would go on to retire from John Deere Ottumwa Works in 2001 after 30 years on the job. Richard also farmed his entire life; he loved being on his farm. After retiring from Deere, he clocked in over 80,000 miles driving fellow veterans to various appointments at the VA Hospital in Des Moines. He was proud to be in a position where he could help his fellow veterans.

Richard married Judy Duffield on December 17, 1966 in Lancaster, Missouri. The couple spent 58 wonderful years together, raised two children, and went on many memorable vacations. His favorite being a fishing trip to Alaska.

One would think with working, farming, and driving duties that Richard would not have time for much else, but he had many hobbies and activities including; hunting, fishing, woodworking, gardening, making clocks and cribbage boards, working on street hot rods, going on tractor rides, playing with his dogs, horseback riding, playing his banjo (which he taught himself how to do) and fixing anything around the house and farm – he was a terrific handyman.

Richard was a former member of the Soap Creek Rebels Saddle Club.
Richard will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Rick (Pam Deutsch) Carlson of Fairfield, Iowa; daughter, Julie (Brian) Burrows of Bloomfield; grandson, Levi J. Carlson of Albia, Iowa; and two siblings, Gary Carlson of Bloomfield, Sharon (Jerry) Padgett of Bloomfield.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two granddaughters, Kayla and Kassie Hale; and son-in-law, Rick Hale.

Richard's wish was to be cremated. Open visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Military rites will be performed by Reed-Whisler Post #78 of the American Legion at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Following military rites, the family will be present to greet friends until 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the Disabled Veterans of America and Tunnels to Towers and may be left at the funeral home during visitation or mailed to: Richard Carlson Memorial, 304 W. Jefferson St., Bloomfield, Iowa 52537.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 19. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Military Rites

NOV 19. 5:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation with Family Present

NOV 19. 5:15 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry/Cleta Larrington lit a candle in memory of Richard Carlson*



Larry/Cleta Larrington - November 19, 2024 at 12:21 PM



We have some very nice memories of Richard from Richard hunting together with our boys to Richard helping us with a project when Larry built our house! He was always the same!

Larry/Cleta Larrington - November 19, 2024 at 12:25 PM



“ *Cuz i have so many memories of you best time of my life were the endless hours spent on the river with you and Butch fishing at night in the boat*

John Ingles - November 18, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *Judy and Family,
I'm so sorry to hear of your deep loss.
Richard was a good & caring friend. May
you find strength in the Lord and His comforting Word. My love and
prayers,
Marilyn Downing*

Marilyn Downing - November 18, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JB

“ Please accept my deepest condolences and sympathy!

Jeremy Breckenridge - November 18, 2024 at 09:01 AM

GS

“ Georgia Stevens lit a candle in memory of Richard Carlson



Georgia Stevens - November 17, 2024 at 01:05 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



November 17, 2024 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Carlson.



November 17, 2024 at 10:20 AM

CB

“ Charlie and Beverly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard Carlson.

Charlie and Beverly - November 17, 2024 at 08:10 AM

CB

“ Charlie and Beverly purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Richard Carlson.



Charlie and Beverly - November 17, 2024 at 08:10 AM

CA

“ Richard was a kind man who always included everyone in conversations, even us shy ones. He was a hard worker and shared the bounty of their yearly gardens with everyone. We were friends for over forty years and Richard knew what being a true friend meant. We will miss his smiles and kindness. Love to the family, Charlie and Beverly Axmacher

Charles Axmacher - November 17, 2024 at 07:44 AM