



## Willis Veatch

August 23, 1926 - April 2, 2022

Willis L. Veatch, 95, of Bloomfield, Iowa went to be with his Lord & Savior on April 2, 2022 at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Ottumwa, Iowa. He was born on August 23, 1926 to Lester Eugene and Eunice (Lunsford) Veatch of Savannah, Iowa. Willis married Roberta Irene (Dabney) Veatch on June 27, 1948 and they were married 45 years. Roberta passed away on June 21, 1993. They have four daughters and one son who passed away in infancy. Daughters are Pam Kendrick of Springfield, Missouri, Brenda (Ronnie) Bogle of Garner, Iowa, Mary Christie of Bloomfield, and Renita (Raymond) Murrell of Bloomfield.

Willis was a member of the Church of Christ of Ottumwa, Adella & Finley for many years. He worked at Bimco in Bloomfield when it first opened as the engineer and designer of bumper guards, tailgates and accessories. He then went to work in Ottumwa at Barkers and worked there for 24 years until they closed. He then came back to Bimco in Bloomfield for 20 years until his retirement in 2001. After retirement he began hauling for the Amish Community. He thoroughly enjoyed being with them and many became his friends. Willis loved going to Bluegrass Festivals, Mt. Pleasant Old Threshers, watching old family movies when his kids were all home, and rebuilding John Deere tractors and inventing helpful items. One thing Willis was well known for was when he was trying to figure something out while inventing, he would put his tongue in his cheek. He said, "It always made things clearer."

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son Keith, four brothers, and a son-in-law, John Christie.

He is survived by his four daughters; sister, Joyce Elliott; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 8, 2022 at the Howell Cemetery in Davis County. Nephews Rick Veatch, Mike Veatch, and Randy Veatch will officiate. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield. Memorials may be made to the Good Samaritan Hospice of Wapello County or Good Samaritan Nursing Home of Ottumwa.

# Cemetery Details

**Howell Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 7. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Visitation with Family Present

APR 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

### Graveside Services

APR 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Howell Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ *Willis Veatch*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Renita, So sorry for your loss. Praying for His comfort to bless you all!*

**lone friend** - April 07, 2022 at 10:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willis Veatch.*



April 07, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willis Veatch.*



April 07, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willis Veatch.*



April 06, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Veatch.*



April 05, 2022 at 08:25 PM



“ *Always enjoyed visiting with Willis. Growing up he was fixture at Bimco and I enjoy two paper weights on my desk to this day, a grill guard and step bumper, that he made. Willis was a kind, talented man. God Bless him and the family.*

*Loren Pence*

**Loren Pence** - April 05, 2022 at 03:58 PM



*He so enjoyed creating!! And was good at it. Thank you.*

**Renita** - April 05, 2022 at 07:51 PM

CC

“ *Cherri Casteel lit a candle in memory of Willis Veatch*



Cherri Casteel - April 05, 2022 at 11:02 AM

EW

“ *I was blessed by knowing Willis, as a friend and a brother in Christ. The congregation in Ottumwa has lost another member, but we have the assurance of the resurrection, and we will be together again in that heavenly home. My sympathy is with the family during this time. God Bless. Eli E. Ward*

Eli E. Ward - April 04, 2022 at 08:52 PM

JS

“ *Joe, Susie, Patty and Elaine Spurgeon purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willis Veatch.*



Joe, Susie, Patty and Elaine Spurgeon - April 04, 2022 at 07:41 PM

 Vicky Rupe Wyatt

“ *Vicky Rupe Wyatt lit a candle in memory of Willis Veatch*



Vicky Rupe Wyatt - April 04, 2022 at 05:00 PM



*Praying for all of you.*

**Vicky Rupe Wyatt** - April 04, 2022 at 05:01 PM

LR

“ *Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Willis Veatch*



**Lynn roberts** - April 04, 2022 at 04:30 PM

NH

“ *May God's Love help comfort all the loved ones.* ❤️🙏❤️



**Nancy Holt** - April 04, 2022 at 03:43 PM