



Charles Gillespie

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Our dad, Charles A. Gillespie, of Exline, Iowa, and formerly of Davenport, Iowa, went to be with the Lord on December 21, 2017. He was 82 years young. He went to be with our mom, Patricia Gillespie, who passed 14 years ago. He sure missed her. They were married for 48 years and blessed with 7 children. Chuck was born January 21, 1935, in Trenton, Tennessee to Roger and Opal Gillespie, their only child. Yeah, he loved fried food and biscuits and gravy, a good western movie... and his kids. He worked a lot of jobs over the years to take care of this brood, from Oscar Meyer to WG Block to Farm House Foods, managing a skating rink in Promise City and finally, Consolidated Freightways, where he retired as a truck driver. And a damn good truck driver. Over 1 million miles, No accidents. That's something to be proud of. Our dad was an honest man and a hard worker. And REALLY funny. He didn't try to be funny, he just was. Dad was a Navy veteran and served proudly in the Korean War, where he also did a bit of boxing. He said he used to eat fish eyes when he was in Korea. Must have had gravy on them. Chuck is survived by his 7 children: Chris (Edna) Gillespie, Exline, Iowa, Kim (Linda) Gillespie, Davenport, Iowa, Charles Keith (Diana) Gillespie, Exline, Iowa, Penny Sorenson, Kansas City, Missouri, Ricky (Rhonda) Gillespie, Davenport, Iowa, Holli (Kenny) Long, Milan, Illinois, and Phillip Gillespie, Kansas City, Missouri, as well as 20 grandchildren and 32 Great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, his mother and father, his step mother and 2 grandsons. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Thomas Funeral Home, Centerville, Iowa. Interment will immediately follow at Exline cemetery. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to services, from 12:00-1:00 pm. Memorials may be made to The Estate of Charles A. Gillespie, and online condolences may be shared at thomasfh.com. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Charles Gillespie please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Exline Cemetery Exline, IA 52555 Visitation DEC



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27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(#)]<http://www.thomasfh.com> Funeral Service DEC 27. 1:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home-Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544<http://www.thomasfh.com>



Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 12:13 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 12:25 PM



Beautiful In Blue posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Charles Gillespie.

December 26 at 7:00 PM



Full Of Love Bouquet posted:

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John And Cynthia Brown posted:

RIP Charles. You were a good neighbor and friend to us all.

December 26 at 7:00 PM



Dick Speth posted:

Kim and Linda and family, we're sorry for your loss. You'll be in our thoughts and prayers. Dick and Mary Speth

December 26 at 7:00 PM



Peggy Mastin posted:

Peggy Mastin lit a candle in memory of Charles Gillespie

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WB

Wendy Frye-Brown posted:

I'm sorry for my spell check. I meant that he told me as bad as I treat my husband. ;)

December 26 at 7:00 PM

WB

Wendy Frye-Brown posted:

He always made me laugh and always gave you his full attention. I remember one of the last times I saw him he told measurements bad as I treat my husband I better keep him. Then gave me his famous wink and laughed as I slugged him in the arm. He's so easy to love. We are all missing him. Great big hugs to his family.

December 26 at 7:00 PM

TE

The Gabelmann's, Hill's, And Ecklunds posted:

The Gabelmann's, Hill's, and Ecklunds purchased the Stately Croton for the family of Charles Gillespie.

December 25 at 7:00 PM

TB

The Waldinger Corporation - Kansas City Branch posted:

The Waldinger Corporation - Kansas City Branch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Gillespie.

December 25 at 7:00 PM

BB

Beautiful In Blue posted:

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December 24 at 7:00 PM



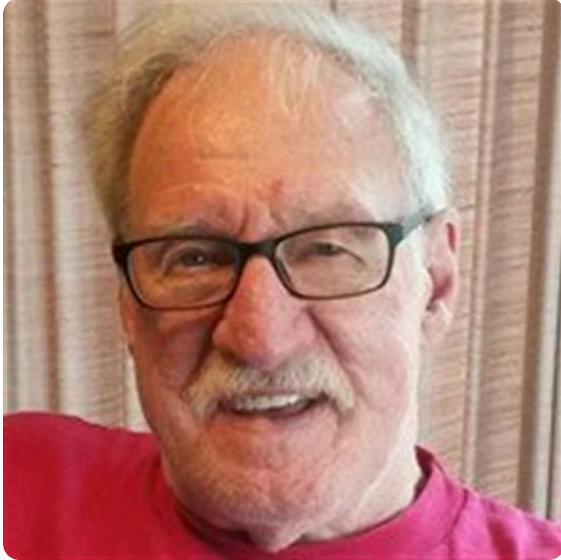
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