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Josh Randal Wells of Cincinnati, Iowa succumbed to an auto accident in Appanoose County on April 28, 2020 at the age of 57. Josh, the third son of Clive and Margaret (Kauzlarich) Wells, was born January 4, 1963 at the St. Joseph hospital in Centerville, Iowa. Josh graduated from Seymour Community High School in 1981. He attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa, and was a member of the Simpson Redmen football team where he earned a starting position his Freshman year as a strong safety. Josh was baptized in the St. Frances Catholic Church in Mystic, Iowa and attended Seymour United Methodist Church. On June 11, 1983 he married his high school sweetheart, Darla Jean Darrah, daughter of Eugene and Deloris Darrah. They were married 36 years. To this union, three sons were born; Nathan Lee, Nolan Randal, and Seth Eugene. Josh began farming and working in carpentry after college. Together, he and Darla built a farming operation in Appanoose, Wayne and Putnam counties consisting of row crops and cattle. They currently reside on their first farm they purchased, Darla's home place. Later, they added a trucking operation, and Josh was a seed corn dealer with multiple companies. Josh lived and breathed farming, working long hours. Family and friends always commented that most conversations revolved around the topic of farming. He knew no strangers; he could literally have a conversation with anyone, young or old. Josh was a long-time member of the Appanoose County Cattleman's Association, serving as President the past twenty years, as well as serving on the Appanoose County Fair board. He also was a member of the Appanoose County Farm Bureau and served two terms on the Seymour Community School Board. He and Darla were also supporters of the Appanoose County Pheasants Forever. Favorite pastimes included hunting and golfing with family and friends, yearly fishing trips to Canada, vacationing with Darla and spending time with his extended family and grandchildren. Josh was an avid sports fan, particularly of Iowa Hawkeye football, attending many of their games at Kinnick



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Stadium in Iowa City. He also regularly attended the local high school sporting events and was a Seymour Athletic Booster club member (sponsor). Much time was spent in the stands watching his sons play all sports and coaching their youth sports teams. In recent years, watching and interacting with his four grandchildren brought him great joy and pride. Josh was preceded in death by his grandparents, Marion and Janie Kauzlarich and Ruby Wells, Rex and Ethel Wells. He is survived by his loving wife Darla, sons Nathan (Jessica) Wells of Numa, Nolan (Kelsey) Wells of Plano, and Seth Wells of Maryville, MO; grandchildren Madelyn, Mason, Tyne and Royce Wells, parents Clive and Margaret Wells of Plano, brothers Jeff (Diana) Wells of Jerome, Dr. Joel (Bonita) Wells of Corydon, and Jon (Misty) Wells of Grundy Center, mother-in-law Deloris Darrah of Seymour, sister-in-law Dian (Todd) Rider of Overland Park, KS, several nephews and nieces, along with many extended family members and close friends. . . . And so, my life must be no different just like the crops that I have grown; For I am also God's child and seed, that at harvest must come home. ALWAYS and FOREVER! Funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at Bessie's Barn. The family will arrive two hours prior to the service. Interment will immediately follow at Crossroads Cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, May 11, 2020 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville from 12-8 pm. Memorials may be given to Josh's grandchildren's Collegiate Fund, Little Flock Chapel or Humble Hero's Foundation. Condolences may be shared at www.thomasfh.com or [facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome). Cemetery Details Crossroads Cemetery Hwy 2 108th Ave.

Plano, IA 52581 Visitation MAY 11. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544 Funeral Service MAY 12. 2:00 PM (CST) Bessie's Barn Hwy 2 WestCenterville, IA<http://www.bessiesbarn.com>



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 1:32 PM



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



April 28 at 7:00 PM



Mark & Deb Rhoades posted:

We never met Josh, but can see he was an important member of the Appanoose County farming community, and we know he comes from a dynamic family! Our hearts are breaking for you, Jon & Misty and Joel & Bonita. May you feel the comfort and peace of God at this sad time. With our love,
Mark & Deb Rhoades

May 11 at 7:00 PM



Jim Millizer posted:

When I think of Josh, I'll always remember what he told me at a family reunion this past July. We were enjoying the view from the picture window of the farm on Hiway 2. I said something like, that's some good looking corn. He turned to me with a big grin on his face and told me, it was the most beautiful view in the world! They say farmers are stewards of the land, Josh truly was. I'll miss his quick wit, impish little boy grin and joy of life. You did good Josh a Iowa farmer thru and thru. LOVE YOU

May 10 at 7:00 PM



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MM

Mike Millizer posted:

My heart is comforted thinking back about all my early life experiences spent with my cousin Josh. Helping with chores on the farm, family get togethers, football in Grandpa Wells front yard, heated basketball games in the garage fishing and hunting especially pheasant hunting walking thru the field always knowing Uncle Jack would be at the other end of the field waiting for us to flush out birds for him. My favorite memory though was breakfast in the morning at the Wells kitchen table eating my Aunt Margaret's home made cinnamon rolls and devouring a bowl of frosting and a gallon of milk. Those memories and many more are eternal and even though Josh may have left us physically for me and I know many others he will always live in our hearts.

May 9 at 7:00 PM

VW

Vicky Wilty posted:

To the Wells family, my heartfelt condolences on the terrible loss your family has suffered. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

May 9 at 7:00 PM

KH

Kathy Banks Hunt posted:

My heart goes out to the entire Wells family. I am so very sorry.

May 8 at 7:00 PM

SM

Steve Millizer posted:

Always a smile, easy laugh and good story. Will greatly miss his kindness and enjoyable character. All my best wishes to his parents, siblings and immediate family. I hope you can find comfort in this difficult time and the days ahead. He was a wonderful cousin and I'm so glad that in the last few years I was able to re-connect with him and his family. Because of a prior commitment, I will be unable to attend the funeral, but I will be there in spirit and trying to give you all the love and support I can muster from afar that day.

May 8 at 7:00 PM

SS

Shalita Sales posted:

Shalita Sales lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

May 7 at 7:00 PM



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VF

Vanessa Fraser posted:

Darla and family, Margaret and Clive--my thoughts and prayers go out to you. Josh always had a smile on his face when I saw him. He will be missed by all.

May 7 at 7:00 PM

JS

Jo Linda (Davis) Schlesselman posted:

Thoughts and prayers to you from a former neighbor. May the Lord wrap his arms around you during this most difficult time.

May 5 at 7:00 PM

DM

Dana Marten posted:

Darla & boys, Clive & Margaret, and the Wells families - I am so sorry to hear of Josh's accident. The entire Wells family holds a very special place in my heart; you are all very wonderful people. I'm sending love and prayers to all of you during this difficult time. - Dana (Johnston) Marten

May 4 at 7:00 PM

CC

Craig Cantrall posted:

Darla, Margaret and Clive, our hearts go out to you at this time. May God give you His peace in this very difficult time. You will all be in our prayers. Craig and Miriam Cantrall

May 4 at 7:00 PM

CM

Celine Mc Murry posted:

Celine Mc Murry lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

May 4 at 7:00 PM

CW

Christina Street Warnock posted:

Margaret, Clive, Darla ,kids all the Wells family so very sorry for your loss Josh always had a smile he was one of the good guys prayers to you all!

May 4 at 7:00 PM



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CH

Cynthia Housh posted:

To Darla and the whole entire Wells Family, sending prayers and my heart is breaking for you during this difficult time you are going through. Josh always had a beautiful smile, and always took the time to chat me when I saw him, he will be greatly missed.

May 3 at 7:00 PM

MZ

Mary Sue Zaputil posted:

To the entire Wells family, our sympathies. Josh was larger than life and would offer help to anyone. We enjoyed the seed corn trips with Josh and Darla. Please accept our deepest condolences. Tom and Mary Sue Zaputil

May 3 at 7:00 PM

KJ

Karla James posted:

Darla and family, please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Karla (Banks) James

May 3 at 7:00 PM

BD

Brenda Devore posted:

Darla and family, My heart is breaking for you. Cary and I are praying for you and sending our deepest sympathy. Cary and Brenda DeVore

May 3 at 7:00 PM

DD

David & Sheryl Dotts posted:

Our hearts break for Josh's family we are praying for strength as you find your way through the difficult days ahead. David and Sheryl Dotts

May 3 at 7:00 PM

DE

Denise Eddy posted:

Darla and family, Randy and I are very sorry to hear of Josh's passing. We are keeping you and your family in our prayers and will continue to do so. He was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed by everyone. Randy and Denise Eddy

May 2 at 7:00 PM



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DM

Doug Milner posted:

So Sorry Darla and Family . Your in Mine and Mitchell's Prayers

May 2 at 7:00 PM

PV

Patricia. De Vore posted:

So sorry to hear about Josh our thoughts and prayers are with the Wells family

May 2 at 7:00 PM

ME

Max Ervin posted:

Max Ervin lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

May 1 at 7:00 PM

SH

Sandy Hysell posted:

I was so stunned to hear about Josh, all us Close girls and family thought so much of Josh. Josh farmed my dads, Teddy B Close, ground. Such a sweet person. One of the last times I saw Josh was at dads funeral. He came up and asked if I knew who he was and gave me a hug. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Wells family.

May 1 at 7:00 PM

DM

Diane McClain posted:

We are so sorry for your los. Josh was a great guy, always so friendly. Prayers for your family.
Richard & Diane McClain

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MZ

Marion & Jane Zemo posted:

Margaret, Clive, and family we are so very sorry for your loss !

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SR

Sarah Rupalo posted:

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Wells family. He will be sadly missed by many. Duane and Sarah Rupalo and all his friends at Duane's Supply.

May 1 at 7:00 PM

DK

Debbie Kovacevich posted:

I that Josh was the best! He had a great smile and a fantastic laugh! One year he put new doors in my house it was so much fun! He will be missed! Prayers and my thoughts and love for all the Wells family.

May 1 at 7:00 PM

ST

Sara Tait posted:

Sara Tait lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

May 1 at 7:00 PM

NJ

Nancy Jones posted:

Clive, Margaret, Darla and family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Josh was a great guy and will be missed by so many people. I loved watching him plant and harvest the fields behind my house. He always had a wave and smile.

April 30 at 7:00 PM

JS

John R Sherrard posted:

Clive, Margaret, Darla and the Wells Family, I, like everyone, am stunned and shaken by the news of Josh's passing. I'll never forget the many fond childhood memories of growing up in Plano with Josh, the many wiffle ball, football and basketball games. He was always fun loving and larger than life. I pray that God's grace, peace and abiding presence will comfort and sustain all of you through this incredibly painful time. John Sherrard

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TW

Theresa Wollenzien posted:

We are sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with your family! Dan and Theresa Wollenzien

April 30 at 7:00 PM

SC

Shirley Cormeny posted:

So very sorry to hear . May God be with the family of Josh and a special prayer for his mom and dad

April 30 at 7:00 PM

BK

Brenda, Marlan, Cody Korthaus posted:

Sympathy and thoughts are with you all.

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JD

Jill And Dale posted:

Josh Wells. A hard working man we were proud to call our friend, and oh what dimples. Rest In Peace.

April 30 at 7:00 PM

GE

Gary & Diana Ewing posted:

We were saddened to hear of Josh's passing. We enjoyed our time with Josh & Darla during the Cattlemen events. Our thoughts & prayers for the Wells family. Gary & Diana Ewing

April 29 at 7:00 PM



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RR

Ronnie And Jeanne Robertson posted:

To all of Josh's family, our hearts hurt for all of you. May God give you comfort and peace during this time of grief. Ronnie and Jeanne Robertson

April 29 at 7:00 PM

PJ

Phil Jones posted:

Phil JONES lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

April 29 at 7:00 PM

CM

Craig, Bonnie, & Echo Mcmurry posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Josh's passing you are in our thoughts and prayers

April 29 at 7:00 PM

CV

Charlotte Vanfleet posted:

Charlotte VanFleet lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

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NC

Natalie Close posted:

Sending prayers to all of the family during this difficult time.

April 29 at 7:00 PM

HH

Holly Hutton posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts prayers. The Hutton Family- Holly, Curt, Avery & Ava

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ME

Marla Eller posted:

I'm so stunned and saddened to see this! One of my favorite memories from last summer's Ragbrai was when Josh and his wife picked up me and a friend and gave us a ride to the square in Centerville. After just a little chatting, I realized who he was. My grandparents (Ede & Irene Brandon) had lived across the road from Margaret and Clive in Plano and I spent as much summer time as possible there. I knew all 4 of the Wells kids. I'm certainly thinking of the entire Wells family. May you find Peace and Comfort.

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JD

Janet Demry posted:

Janet Demry lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

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JD

Janet Demry posted:

Darla, Margaret, Clive, and the entire Wells family, we are so sorry for your loss of your loved one Josh. He was a proud hard working guy and loved and liked by everyone. Prayers are with you .

April 29 at 7:00 PM

RC

Richard Couchman posted:

Condolences to all the families, Only God knows why he was taken at this time.

April 29 at 7:00 PM

NG

Norman And Kay Guffey posted:

Margaret, Clive and family - so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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KC

Kelly Starchevich Culver posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Wells family. So sorry for your loss

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RW

Roberta And Dale Weeks posted:

We are keeping the entire Wells family in our thoughts and prayers. Josh always greeted everyone with that great big smile of his and always had something to say. He will be missed by more people than we can imagine. Once again, we are praying for the entire family, parents, brothers children and grandchildren. May god be with you.

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RW

Roberta And Dale Weeks posted:

Roberta And Dale Weeks lit a candle in memory of Josh Wells

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GR

George & Lois Reynolds posted:

Our hearts are so saddened for the loss of your loved one. Josh was a caring friend and always greeted us with a smile and great conversations about farming. Wonderful memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Darla and all the Wells family.

April 28 at 7:00 PM

MM

Mike & Aleta Mckelvy posted:

Sorry for your lose as Josh was a great hard working guy. Always brought a smile to you. May God bless you guys.

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LS

Larry & Judy Sales posted:

Darla and family so sorry for this tragedy and loss. Josh was a giant of a man what always had a smile and hug as gentle to melt a heart. He has been in our hearts for many of years growing up with our sons. He was a part of us. May God wrap he's arms around all of to give you all strength. Love you all.

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FJ

Faye Jones posted:

Darla & family Our prayers and thoughts are with you . Josh was a hard working man always had a smile. Our cousin will be greatly missed. Phil Jones & family

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DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dear Margaret Ann, Clive, Darla, and Family, We are very saddened to learn about Josh. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. May your loving memories grant you peace.

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Media

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October 13 at 1:29 PM





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