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Rickey "Rick" Charles Swarts, 66, of rural Moulton passed away Sunday, June 7, 2020 at his home following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born to the late Fredrick "Raymond" and Geneva (Archer) Swarts on October 10, 1953 in Centerville. He attended school in Moulton and Udell. Rick was united in marriage to Tami Welch on October 15, 1983 at the Moulton Methodist Church. To this union came a daughter, Laura. He was a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather. For many years, Rick worked for the Norfolk Southern Railroad. He also worked for Howard Fur and Wool, Newell-Rubbermaid, and Barkers/Hill Phoenix all in Centerville. Rick was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting deer, turkey and other wildlife, along with fishing, hobby farming, gardening, and raising dogs. He, with his wife, also operated a mowing business while working full time. Upon his retirement, he assisted with transportation for the Amish community and enjoyed the opportunity to see the state of Iowa while doing so. He was a man of few words with a kind and gentle soul that will be greatly missed. He had a special place in his heart for each of his grandchildren and enjoyed time with family. Rick is survived by his wife, Tami; one daughter, Laura Swarts, of Moulton; three grandchildren: Theron Brummit, Freya Rudd, and Mira Rudd; and one sister: Lanna Pike, of Moline, Ill.; mother-in-law Janice Welch, of Chariton, and numerous nieces and nephews and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Danny Swarts, Mike Swarts and Allen Swartz; niece, Holly Swarts; and father-in-law Bill Welch. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Rev. Brian Hargrave officiating. Interment will immediately follow at Oakland Cemetery in Moulton. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with the family present from 5-7 p.m. Memorials have been established toward the Oakland Cemetery and Moulton First Responders. Condolences may be



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shared at www.thomasfh.com or facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Rick Swarts please visit our Sympathy Store. Cemetery Details Oakland Cemetery Moulton, IA Visitation JUN 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(#)] Funeral Service JUN 10. 10:30 AM (CST) Thomas Funeral Home - Centerville 501 North 18th StreetCenterville, IA 52544[(#)]



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:46 PM



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Emerald Garden Basket posted:

Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rick Swarts.

June 11 at 7:00 PM



Florist Choice Bouquet posted:

Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rick Swarts.

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Jessica Terry posted:

Jessica Terry lit a candle in memory of Rick Swarts

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Kent Morlan posted:

Great guy. Kind-hearted. Humble. Just a great all around person. So sad that he left us so early.

June 8 at 7:00 PM



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RO

Robin posted:

My prayers are with you, Tami and Girls. Much love!

June 8 at 7:00 PM

MD

Mary Decook posted:

So sorry for your loss. Rick was a kind person and loved those grandkids.

June 8 at 7:00 PM

MJ

Marilyn Johnson posted:

A very quiet, kind man who loved his family above all else. I'm blessed to have had him as a close neighbor all these years. He will be truly missed.

June 8 at 7:00 PM

BB

Beautiful In Blue posted:

Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rick Swarts.

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FB

Full Of Love Bouquet posted:

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CM

Carrie Moss posted:

One of the most kind people I've ever had the pleasure of calling my friend! The love he had for his 'girls' was amazing!! You will be missed so much Rick!

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Debbi King posted:

Rick was so sweet! I always made him laugh when I joked about my cooking. He will be missed by all that knew him. heart

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Media

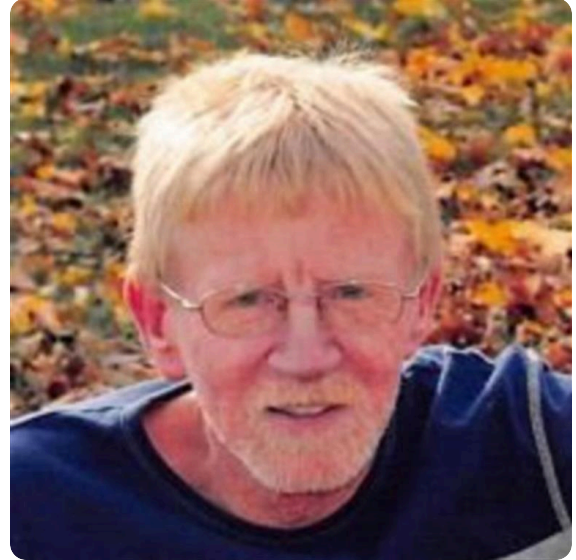
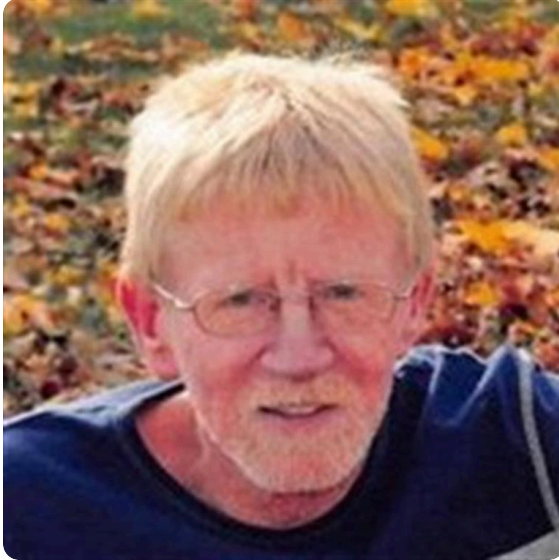
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