



Gerald LeRoy Chaplin

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Gerald "PeeWee" LeRoy Chaplin, age 79, of Numa, passed away Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Ottumwa Regional Hospital.

PeeWee was born on August 30, 1944, in Redcloud, Nebraska. He was the son of Chester (Bernard) and Gertrude (Cralle) Chaplin. He graduated from Seymour High School with the Class of 1962.

Pee Wee was united in marriage to Rebecca Jean Miskimins on March 10, 1986 in Centerville. To this union two children were born, James and Gary.

PeeWee worked as a farmer throughout his life. He started farming at the age of 17, when he had to take over the family farm for his dad. At the age of 28, he decided to buy himself some ground and start his own farming operation. From livestock to crops to beekeeping, PeeWee knew what needed to be done.

He was also heavily involved in the First Christian Church. In his free time, PeeWee enjoyed things such as fishing and gardening. He always enjoyed teaching the neighborhood children and listening to them when they talked, just like a grandfather. He was also an avid rock hunter, and could find rocks of all shapes, sizes, and color.

He was also a soil commissioner for Appanoose County. Left to honor PeeWee's memory are his wife, Rebecca; his sons, James Chaplin and Gary Chaplin; his sister, Bernadine Cowan; as well as several extended family members.

PeeWee was preceded in death by his parents, Chester (Bernard) and Gertrude and his brother, Charles Chaplin. Funeral services will be held at 11:00AM Thursday, July 18, 2024 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with Pastor Kay Singley officiating. Burial will be held at a later date.



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Visitation will take place Thursday, July 18, 2024 at Thomas Funeral Home in Centerville with the family greeting friends from 9:00-11:00AM. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or to the Gerald Chaplin family, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Chaplin Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544.

Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome.



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KB

Kim, Jessica, And Brad posted:

Like this tree, may Pee Wee's memory grow stronger and more beautiful with each passing season, providing shade and comfort to everyone who passes by.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

NT

Nellie Thomas posted:

Sorry for your loss.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

LP

Linda Mobley Phillips posted:

So sorry for your loss!!

July 16 at 7:00 PM

SS

Scott Smolen posted:

I was blessed to know Gerald for a few years, I looked forward to visiting with him on our visits to Iowa. A great story teller and conversationalist , I enjoyed my time with him. I will miss those times! RIP my friend . Scott Smolen

July 16 at 7:00 PM

SV

Sky Vanderlinden posted:

U will be missed u where always fun to talk to

July 16 at 7:00 PM

LK

Lynne Koch posted:

Prayers for the family

July 15 at 7:00 PM



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GL

Gregory Alan Lewis posted:

Sending prayers sorry for you loss

July 15 at 7:00 PM

MH

Marilyn (Kirkland) Hurt posted:

So sorry for your loss Becky and boys Pee Wee was a great guy

July 15 at 7:00 PM

RS

Redinbaugh Sharon posted:

Condolences to Gerald's family from Appanoose County Soil Commissioners and staff. Thank you for your time spent with us and service given. We will all miss your valued input. Sharon, Charles, David, Nyl,Hope, Brad, Dusty

July 15 at 7:00 PM

SW

Sean Wardlow posted:

Great guy, praying for your family

July 15 at 7:00 PM

AC

Allan Currteis posted:

Gerald was a good friend for many decades. He always had a distinctive laugh and a lasting friendship.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

LP

Larry Parker posted:

Becky, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

July 15 at 7:00 PM



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KB

Kaitlyn Brown posted:

He was an extraordinary man. Amazing husband and father. Considered like a grandfather to me and my brother. Endless memories with him, James and Gary on the farm. I'll be thinking back on all the educational stories he would tell me. My condolences.

July 15 at 7:00 PM

AW

Anita Wells posted:

Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

CP

Cindy Printy posted:

So sorry. Praying for you, Becky & your family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

SN

Sharon Parker Nickell posted:

Thoughts, prayers, and hugs sent your way Becky and boys! ❤️ So sorry for your loss.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

CM

Claudia Mccarthy posted:

So sorry to hear. Prayers for the family 🙏

July 14 at 7:00 PM

MV

Matt Vasquez posted:

Condolences and prayers to the Chaplin family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

AC

A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Gerald Leroy Chaplin posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

July 14 at 7:00 PM



DA

Debbie Atkinson lit a candle in honor of Gerald.

I am so sorry 😞 to see this sad loss of your husband Becky, my heart breaks ❤️ for your loss of your amazing husband and amazing Dad to your sons! Prayers for strength for you and your family!!

July 14 at 7:00 PM



LW

Larry Wood posted:

Sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. We grew up as neighbors, we were friends and classmates. Gerald and I had some good conversation at our 60th class reunion. Thoughts are with the Chaplin family.
Larry Wood

July 14 at 7:00 PM

AH

Andrea Honsey Heesch posted:

So sorry for your loss! I always enjoyed visiting with him at the fair! 🙏❤️

July 14 at 7:00 PM

HH

Helen Helleur posted:

So sorry to see this, Becky. We had a lot of fun in our younger years. You, 2 were always in our thoughts. Will be thinking of you and the family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

JC

Joanne Talbot Cridlebaugh posted:

So sorry for your loss Becky, thinking of you and your family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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NS

Nicole Shipp posted:

My thoughts & prayers go out to you all.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

AC

Allan Curtis posted:

I will always remember Gerald's distinctive personality and his joyful laugh. He was a long time friend to my brother David Curtis and to me , Allan, for many decades. He had many friends in the Seymour community.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

CP

Courtney Housh Power posted:

Thinking of you all.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

DD

Donnie N Joyce Davis posted:

Our sympathies to the Chaplin family. ❤️

July 14 at 7:00 PM

JH

Jill Housh posted:

Prayers for Becky and those sweet boys.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

AW

Alisha McGill-Wells posted:

So sorry for the Chaplin family. We will miss seeing peewee

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KA

Kathy Ayres posted:

Prayers and condolences to one and all

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SN

Sandy Nab posted:

Sending prayers for the family and friends.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

TW

Terry-Janice Whaley posted:

Our condolences to Becky and the rest of the family. PeeWee was a very nice guy.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

XS

Xaviera Scott posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Chaplin family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

WD

Wayne Van Dyne posted:

So sorry to hear of Gerald's passing. Prayers and condolences to Gerald's family. Graduated with Gerald in 1962.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

JS

Judy Sales posted:

Condolences to all the family. One nice man left us too soon.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

SJ

Sherry Jones posted:

Such a nice guy!! Thinking of you all Becky, James, and Gary Chaplin. ❤️

July 14 at 7:00 PM

KM

Karen K Mattly posted:

Prayers and hugs

July 14 at 7:00 PM



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MS

Mary Smith posted:

Thoughts and prayers for the family

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PH

Paula Harvey posted:

So sorry to hear sending prayers for you all Becky, Gary & James. ❤️

July 14 at 7:00 PM

MR

Margueritte Rardin posted:

Thoughts and prayers Becky and family. ❤️🙏🙏

July 14 at 7:00 PM

VB

Vicki Butler posted:

So sorry for your loss Becky and family, prayers.

July 14 at 7:00 PM

LH

Linda Hancox posted:

Becky, so sorry to hear of Gearld's passing. Our prayers are with you and both boys at this sad time. He was one of our Classmates and I always remember him having a smile and ready to visit and always tried to make our class reunions. 🙏🙏🙏

July 14 at 7:00 PM

LA

Lena Anderson posted:

My heart goes out to the family. I'm very sorry for your loss

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BC

Bethony Cockrum posted:

My condolences for the Chaplin family. I'm sorry for your loss.

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DA

Debbie Atkinson posted:

My condolences to you Becky and your entire family 😭 peewee was an amazing man and I really enjoyed being around him!!

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MF

Matthew Vasquez And Family. posted:

Deepest condolences and prayers to the Chaplin family. 2 Timothy 4:7 "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

July 14 at 7:00 PM

WL

William An Debbie Lundquist posted:

Sorry for your loss. I really enjoyed talking to pee wee.

July 14 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gerald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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