



# Samuel Winfield Closser, Jr.

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**S**amuel Winfield Closser Jr., age 92, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2025 at the Iowa Veteran's Home in Marshalltown.

Sam was born on January 24, 1932 in Wapello County, Iowa, the son of Samuel Winfield Closser Sr. and Sarah Elizabeth (Montgomery) Closser. On September 8, 1956, Sam was united in marriage to Shirley Weller. To this union, two children were born, Samuel and Brenda.

Sam joined the United States Army on October 23, 1952. He served his country faithfully and fought in the Korean War, earning a Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars as well as United Nationals Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged as CPL on October 22, 1954.

Sam was a crop farmer throughout his life and dabbled in sheep farming. He also mowed and performed general maintenance for Lake Wapello, as well as custom farming as needed. He also helped build the Chillicothe light plant. In his free time, Sam enjoyed tinkering on old John Deere tractors, admiring Ford tractors, building an airplane, watching the geese on his pond, driving gravel roads, and talking to anyone-strangers included.

He was a past member of the American Legion. Left to honor Sam's memory are his children, Samuel Joseph (Donna) Closser and Brenda Closser; three grandchildren, Lincoln T. Closser, Adrian J. Muehe, and Leah E. Dineen; a great grandchild, Carter Dineen; two siblings, Marilyn (Gary) Lough and Richard Closser; as well as several extended family and friends.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Closser Sr. and Sarah Closser; his wife, Shirley in 2012; and his siblings, Lee Closser, Dorothy Beiser, Ruth Henderson, Juanita Bonner, Bob Closser, Katherine Buchanan, Geraldine Weaver and Betty Jo Albrecht.



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Per wishes, cremation has been accorded. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1:00PM, Sunday, January 26, 2025 at the American Legion in Bloomfield. Private family burial will be held at a later date at Bear Cemetery. Memorials may be written to Heartland Humane Society, and may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home, ATTN: Closser Family, 501 North 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.thomasfh.com](http://www.thomasfh.com) or [www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/thomasfuneralhome).



## Tribute Wall

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CP

**Carole Paulos** lit a candle in honor of Samuel.

January 23 at 7:00 PM



RH

**Rexanna Harsch** lit a candle in honor of Samuel.

So sad Sam was a one of a kind. I have so many memories and stories. Sam is going to be missed but never forgotten. The many stories and memories will live on forever. And you can't drive thru Drakesville past the Dairy Barn without thinking of the time.... Or the story of....my heart goes out to all of you!

January 21 at 7:00 PM



SP

**Sharon Petary** posted:

I had the pleasure of assisting him through Public Health home care. Was independent, strong willed, proud of his children and grandchildren, often spoke of Lincoln in the military. Spoke of his own military experiences. One of his hobbies was building a small scale flyer. Enjoyed his little dogs, tractors and tractor pulls. First met Mr and Mrs Closser at their Restaurant "Dairy Barn" back in 1989. I will remember him kindly, May he rest in peace.

January 21 at 7:00 PM

ST

**Sue Matthies & Deanna Thompson** posted:

Brenda Closser & Family - Sending our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your Dad. You have our deepest sympathy.

January 21 at 7:00 PM

AC

**A Memorial Tree Was Planted For Samuel Winfield Closser, Jr.** posted:

We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Thomas - Centerville

January 20 at 7:00 PM



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**Theresa Stoker** posted:

I remember when we all lived in Illinois. Had been around Sam and Shirley all my life. Prayers for all family and friends

January 20 at 7:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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