



Billy Freese

July 27, 1953 - April 2, 2025

Billy Gene Freese, 71, died on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at his home in Dike.

He was born on July 27, 1953, in Grundy Center, Iowa, the son of Richard and Wilma (Noel) Freese. He graduated from Dike High School in 1971. He married Candice Sires, later divorcing. They had one child, Clancey. On November 7, 1986, he married Stephanie Paulsen in Waterloo. They later divorced. They had two children, Shelby and Trenton. He was employed with Alumiline Cutlery in Dike and Rada Manufacturing in Waverly as a knife manufacturer until his retirement in July 2015.

Billy lived his entire life in Grundy County and was proud to be from Dike. He was proud of his three kids, and always there to support and cheer them on. He was so proud to have five granddaughters. He enjoyed drinking his morning coffee outside. Fishing was a favorite past time of his, whether it was at the Grundy County lake or up north on fishing trips with family many years ago. Billy was life-long Iowa Hawkeyes, Minnesota Vikings, and Minnesota Twins fan. Much like his parents and brothers, Billy was a heck of a Pepper player and passed on his love of playing to Trenton.

Billy is survived by his children, Shelby (Robert) Mensen of West Des Moines and Trenton (Janessa) Freese of Waverly; granddaughters, Charlotte, Sloan, and Paige Mensen and Mildred and Harper Freese; and brothers, Gary

Freese of Cedar Falls and Rick (Teri) Freese of Brooklyn, IA. Along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Clancey.

A family-directed celebration of life will be 12:00-3:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2025, at the Dike City Hall. Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Family directed Celebration of Life

APR **13**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Dike City Hall
540 Main Street
Dike, IA 50624

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I worked with Billy at Alumaline cutlery he was always watching out for me. My deepest sympathies to his family he was much loved.

Cindy Weber - April 13, 2025 at 11:03 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss, Rip Billy. You have our deepest sympathys. His journey is over and now has gone HOME, to be with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In Jesus name, Amen!

James A Wahner - April 11, 2025 at 10:07 PM

YT

“ Your PG Admin team purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Billy Freese.



Your PG Admin team - April 11, 2025 at 08:15 PM

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“ Your PG Admin team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Freese.

Your PG Admin team - April 11, 2025 at 08:15 PM

TF

“ *Tiff Bates & family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Billy Freese.*



Tiff Bates & family - April 10, 2025 at 07:58 PM

CP

“ *Carol Purvis lit a candle in memory of Billy Freese*



Carol Purvis - April 09, 2025 at 11:08 AM

MF

“ *My favorite pic with Billy. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Mark Freese



Marcus Freese - April 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Billy Freese.



April 08, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy Freese.

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“ Rick & Teri & Family planted a grove of 10 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy Freese.

Rick & Teri & Family - April 07, 2025 at 06:19 PM



“ Billy was so much fun as a coworker at Rada mfg where I met him. Although I was always on 2nd shift, Billy was the kind of guy who ALWAYS SAID HI. And his everyday expression, " F.....CK", we all loved him.

Connie wilharm - April 04, 2025 at 06:43 PM