



Charlie Edward Smith

May 24, 1946 - August 12, 2024

Charles Edward Smith, 78, died on Monday, August 12, 2024, at MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center.

He was born on May 24, 1946, in Sumner Iowa, the son of Jacob “Gilbert” Smith and Grace (Griffith) Smith. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1964 and became a member of the Army Reserve. On December 5, 1970, he was united in marriage to Peggy Lee Fillio in Cedar Falls. He worked with the Waterloo Courier in the circulation department before his retirement, and before that at Chamberlain Mfg.

Charlie loved to putz around. On the weekends, if he wasn't at their camper, he would be grilling steaks while drinking a Gin martini or Milwaukee's Best, - his “special” beer. He loved to watch Nascar and cheering on the Hawkeyes, and of course the Trojans and Tigers. There was never a dull moment with 11 grandkids, which he loved to support any way he could. Charlie had a creative mind when it comes to fixing things, he might not have the right part but would find something to get the job done. Popcorn in a brown paper bag was a specialty of Charlie's as many friends and family were able to enjoy over the years.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughters, Missy Gray and Laura (Chad) Wroe, both of Cedar Falls; sons, Tony (Jeni) Smith of Cedar Falls and

Tim (Jamie) Smith of San Antonio, TX; grandchildren, Tanner Bradfield, Daniele Gray, Logan, Camden, and Ari Wroe, Blake, Kaedyn, Kalei, Sierrah, Makayla, and Skyler Smith; brother, Gene (Hitomi) Smith of Kirkland, WA; and beloved dog, Libby.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Charlene Kressley.

Graveside services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Garden of Memories in Waterloo. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Online condolences at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Memorials may be directed to the family

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Graveside Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Garden of Memories
3669 Logan Ave
Waterloo, IA 50703

Tribute Wall

MW

“ Charlie was in my Cedar Falls High School Graduating Class of 1964. He always seemed so quiet. When you are thinking of him, always remember that "the rose still grows beyond the wall". May he rest in peace.

Mary Ellen Wheat

Mary Ellen Wheat - August 14, 2024 at 05:04 PM

TG

“ Todd Gray purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Charlie Edward Smith.



Todd Gray - August 14, 2024 at 01:37 PM

KD

“ I am sorry for everyone's loss. He was an amazing individual. Always had open door policies at his home for us. His garage more likely a hiding spot from us young kids causing trouble in the neighborhood. Hint the shovel incident. And for his generosity!! He knew we were in the gin when it would be somewhat watered down. To the kids that thought they won the fight showing up in his back yard with weapons. Charlie came out the back with a surprise of his own. And chased trouble away until we found them later. Just some examples...lol. I haven't seen you in awhile but memories will always be there. RIP Charlie see ya on the other side.

Hugs Peg and family ❤️

Kendall

Kendall Drape - August 14, 2024 at 10:48 AM

GS

“ Gene S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Charlie Edward Smith.



Gene S. - August 14, 2024 at 10:45 AM

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“ Gene S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charlie Edward Smith.

Gene S. - August 14, 2024 at 10:45 AM