



Clair Galle

February 23, 1936 - January 20, 2026

CEDAR FALLS — Clair Joseph Galle, 89, of Cedar Falls, passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls.

Clair was born on February 23, 1936, in Remsen, Iowa, the son of Arthur and Frances (Shea) Galle. He graduated from Paullina High School in 1954 and later earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1964. While studying at the University of Northern Iowa, he worked for Cedar Falls Schools driving school bus and as janitor.

On August 28, 1961, he was united in marriage to Beverly Jebson in Cherokee, Iowa. Clair began his professional career with JS Latta Co., where he served as Vice President of Operations until his retirement in 1993.

Following retirement, Clair and Beverly fulfilled a lifelong dream of building their forever home on the farm. Never one to sit still, Clair began a second career in farming—working the land through his 80th year of life.

A perfect balance to his active lifestyle were the winters he and Bev spent in their “happy place,” Marco Island, Florida. What began as a family trip in the 1980s became a cherished annual retreat for the Galle family. The grandchildren will forever treasure long walks with Grandpa to Tigertail Beach—always ending with a well-earned ice cream cone, one of his greatest joys.

When he wasn't farming, Clair drove trucks for Hawkeye Corrugated Box and Ruan. He was a proud member of Council 4516 of the Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls.

Clair is survived by his wife, Beverly of Cedar Falls; his son, Patrick (Kami) Galles of Cedar Falls; daughter, Angela (Jeff) Snyder of Omaha, NE; grandchildren, Jordan (Brett DeNeve), Cole, Sydney (Cole Martin), Alaina, and Kreighton Clair Galles; Christopher (Kailey) and Haley Claire (Taylor Severin) Snyder; great-grandchildren, Greyson and Hayes DeNeve, Isla and Benson Snyder, and Tatum and Reece Severin; brothers, Jerry (Nancy), and Leroy (Ann) Galles; sister-in-law, Euea Hill; brother-in-law, Dennis (Mary) Jebesen; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Chad Galles, on October 29, 2011; and a sister in infancy.

Clair's legacy lives on through his children and grandchildren, in whom he instilled his core values: commitment to family, pursuing passions with hard work and discipline, and taking pride in a job well done. He will be remembered for his sharp wit, his love of a sweet treat, and his fondness for classic television programming.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt gratitude to NewAldaya Lifescapes and Cedar Valley Hospice for their compassionate care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Monday, January 26, 2026, at Richardson Funeral Service, with a time of sharing at 5:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the NewAldaya Lifescapes Memory Care in Cedar Falls or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Time of Sharing

JAN **26**. 5:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN **27**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

PR

“ Our sincere sympathy to Bev and all the Galles family. We have many fond memories of Clair from our many years of riding RAGBRAI with the John Deere Iron Peddlers. Clair was always able to find the silver lining after a. Long day on our bikes riding into a strong head wind. As we were groaning Clair could always lift our spirits. He was a great companion on the many years we peddled along. Fred & Peg Ritchie

peg Ritchie - January 26 at 03:33 PM

TJ

“ Toby & Mary Jacobson purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Clair Galles.



Toby & Mary Jacobson - January 24 at 07:53 PM



“ My brother, Dick Miller and I, Kathy Miller Brammeier, extend our sympathy to you, Bev. We both have fond memories of Clair working for our family in Germantown. Mom and Dad thought so highly of him. I remember that both of you would stop by the house to visit when you were in the area, and that always pleased them so much. I was thankful that Barb Cullison thought to call me about Clair's death. It's easy to lose touch as one gets older, but those good memories are still solid in the head. God's blessings of comfort as you grieve the loss of this wonderful man.

Kathy Brammeier - January 24 at 04:38 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Clair Galles.*



January 24 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sending condolences, Bev, to all of you in the loss of your loved one. He fought the good fight and certainly deserves peace in his heavenly home. I have many good memories relating back to high school days in Paullina. I am sure you have many more memories to cherish in future days without him. God's blessings and my love, Betty Rehder*



Betty Rehder - January 23 at 05:30 PM



“ *Larry and Cindy Shea; Dianne & Jeanette purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Clair Galles.*



Larry and Cindy Shea; Dianne & Jeanette - January 23 at 04:47 PM



“ *Larry and Cindy Shea; Dianne & Jeanette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clair Galles.*

Larry and Cindy Shea; Dianne & Jeanette - January 23 at 04:47 PM

LE

“ Lee, Ann, Greg, Jessica, Kevin and Ellen purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Clair Galles.



Lee, Ann, Greg, Jessica, Kevin and Ellen - January 23 at 04:25 PM

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Lee, Ann, Greg, Jessica, Kevin and Ellen - January 23 at 04:25 PM

JM

“ Joan Meany lit a candle in memory of Clair Galles



Joan Meany - January 23 at 01:25 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Clair Galles.



January 22 at 08:26 PM

JF

“ *Jebsen family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clair Galles.*

Jebsen family. - January 22 at 08:26 PM

MC

“ *Michael and Lauren Crall purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Clair Galles.*



Michael and Lauren Crall - January 21 at 04:52 PM