



Gaylen Witzel

March 7, 1943 - July 31, 2023

CEDAR FALLS – Gaylen Dean Witzel, 80, died on Monday, July 31, 2023, at the Cedar Valley Hospice Home.

He was born on March 7, 1943, near Rockford, IA, the son of Howard and Mable (Lacour) Witzel. He graduated from Lu Verne High School in 1961 before attending UNI. He was drafted and served at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, during the Vietnam War. On September 3, 1971, he was united in marriage to Barbara Vogt in Cedar Rapids. He was employed with John Deere as a supervisor of skilled trades before his retirement in 1999. He was a dedicated director at Veridian Credit Union for 46 years.

Gaylen was a faithful member of Nazareth Lutheran Church, a member of the Masons Black Hawk Lodge #65 and El Kahir Shriners, and enjoyed attending yard sales and auctions. He loved anything with a motor; motorcycles, boats, planes, and semis to name a few. He was a man of God, loved his friends and family dearly, and will be greatly missed.

Gaylen is survived by his wife, Barb; daughter, Laurie (Brian) Cox of Cedar Falls; grandson, Chris (fiancé Katie) Creery of Cedar Rapids; brother, LeRoy (Susan) Witzel of Humboldt; sister, Zelda (Marlyn) Larson of Ankeny; and two brothers-in-law, Bob Busch of Fort Atkinson and Franc Gamzer of Hartland, WI.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Sharon Busch, and sister-in-law, Sondra Gamzer.

Memorial services will be 11:00 Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Nazareth Lutheran Church, Larsen Chapel in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior. Inurnment at Evergreen Cemetery in Rudd at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Blessed Beginnings at Nazareth or Camp Courageous in Monticello.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

Rudd, IA 50471

Previous Events

Receiving of Friends

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Memorial Service

AUG 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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

August 07, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gaylen Witzel.



August 07, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ I knew Gaylen from the Veridian Credit Union Board. He was a kind, generous man. We will all miss him.

Larry Loss - August 05, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Just now read about Galen on the internet. So very sorry to hear this. He was such a big supporter of the Cedar Falls Tigers football. Will miss seeing him at the games.

Marjorie M Kolthoff - August 03, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ We just heard of Galen's death. We are very sorry for your loss. Ron and I have many fond memories of time spent with Galen. May God's presence overwhelm you and your family. Ron and Velda

Velda Timmerman - August 03, 2023 at 04:15 PM

JT

“ *Barb & family-
Joe & I are so saddened to hear of Gaylen’s passing. God bless you
as you cherish the wonderful memories of a husband, father, &
grandfather. Sending our deepest sympathy.
Joe & Deb Thompson*

Joe & Deb Thompson - August 03, 2023 at 02:01 PM

EC

“ *Eliot C. planted a grove of 50 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gaylen Witzel.*

Eliot C. - August 03, 2023 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ *Barb and Family, I was fortunate to serve with Gaylen on the
Veridian Board. He has always been a great mentor and advisor to
me. I enjoyed knowing him and loved to hear his stories about
Veridian's progress and growth over the years, most of which were
a result of his leadership and strategic vision contributions. He is
missed now on the board, and that will only deepen. Please know
you are all in my prayers. I hope you are comforted by knowing how
much he loved his family, he demonstrated that love and
commitment through all the stories he shared with us. With deepest
sympathies, Cynthia Buettner*

Cynthia Buettner - August 02, 2023 at 02:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Gaylen Witzel.*



August 02, 2023 at 01:43 PM



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

August 02, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gaylen Witzel.



August 02, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gaylen Witzel.



August 01, 2023 at 07:15 PM



“ Sending you love, strength, and support.

With deepest sympathies,

Carrie and John Worthington

Carrie and John Worthington - August 01, 2023 at 06:22 PM



Thank You Dear Friends! 🙏

Laurie Cox - August 07, 2023 at 01:28 PM

CC

“ My grandpa was a great man and he was always there for me whenever I needed him. I was extremely lucky to have him in my life, and to have a grandpa who cared so much about me. He will live on in my heart and spirit forever. I love you grandpa.

Chris Creery - August 01, 2023 at 05:15 PM

LC

He loved you so very much and was extremely proud of you and all your accomplishments!❤️

Laurie Cox - August 07, 2023 at 01:37 PM

KW

“ Kristine W. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gaylen Witzel.

Kristine W. - August 01, 2023 at 03:54 PM

TB

“ The O'Rourkes - Pat, Lois, Shawn & Beth purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gaylen Witzel.



The O'Rourkes - Pat, Lois, Shawn & Beth - August 01, 2023 at 12:31 PM

CL

“ Barb and Family
Sorry for your loss, I will miss our conversations as we traveled together about sportss and Cedar Falls Hs events expeciallyGreat person who we will miss, His kind spirit and solid advice. I will miss him

charlie Laipple - August 01, 2023 at 09:39 AM