

A LIFE WELL LIVED

A life well lived is a precious gift,
of hope and strength and grace,
from someone who has made our world
a brighter, better place.

It's filled with moments, sweet and sad
with smiles and sometimes tears,
with friendships formed and good times shared,
and laughter through the years.

A life well lived is a legacy,
of joy and pride and pleasure,
a living, lasting memory
our grateful hearts will treasure.



IN LOVING MEMORY



ROBERT S. "BOB" HOLMES
OCTOBER 3, 1943 - MAY 26, 2018



Robert S. "Bob" Holmes, 74, passed away peacefully May 26, 2018 with his family by his side. Bob was born October 3, 1943 in Shenandoah, Iowa and fought a tremendous fight with cancer until his passing at the Buffet Cancer Center in Omaha, Nebraska.

Bob attended Arbordale (Frog Pond) Country School through the eighth grade. First through eighth grades were taught in one room and his favorite subject was arithmetic. Growing up, Bob enjoyed going to Porter's lake to swim, fish, roller skate and play on the bumper cars. One not so fond memory included falling (or getting pushed) from a hay loft.

After graduating from Shenandoah High School in 1962, he served in the National Guard Company E for six years. Soon after he found his lifelong passion as a self-employed trucking business owner hauling corn cobs, sawdust, mulch, and anything otherwise written off as useless always believing you can make something out of nothing. He also enjoyed his days at Mount Arbor Nurseries, another family-owned business.

The biggest joys of his life were attending his kids' sporting events as they grew up, watching the stock market, fishing and most recently spending time with his seven precious grandchildren. He loved telling stories and flashing his big smile making friends everywhere he went.

Preceding Bob in death were his parents, Clifford and Dorothy Holmes; father-in-law and mother-in-law Merrill and Dorothea Bateman; sister-in-law Helen Holmes; and several aunts and uncles. Survivors include his wife of 51 years Marilyn (Bateman) Holmes of Shenandoah; three children, Craig (Angie) Holmes of Shenandoah; Juli (Chris) Willeman of St. Louis; Jenni (Dan) Hansen of Shenandoah, seven grandchildren Ali, Matt, Audri, Alex, Andy, Austin and Sam; two brothers Gene Holmes of Shenandoah and Wayne (Mary Lou) Holmes of Shenandoah; two brothers-in-law Bob (Joyce) Bateman of Bettendorf and Don (Margo) Bateman of Farragut and several other relatives and friends.

Memorials are being directed to People for Paws or Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Following the graveside service, lunch and a time of fellowship with the family will be held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

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ROBERT S. "BOB" HOLMES

October 3, 1943 - May 26, 2018

74 years, 7 months, 23 days

VISITATION

Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Nishna Valley Funeral and Cremation Service, Shenandoah, Iowa

FUNERAL SERVICE

Friday, June 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Shenandoah, Iowa

WORDS OF COMFORT

Pastor Ron Nelson & Pastor Kurt Hoover

CASKET BEARERS

Craig Brooks	Randy Clark	Brian Holmes	Roger Martin
Curtis Brooks	Frank Hammons	Darwin Holmes	Bill Novinger

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

Ali Hansen	Matt Holmes	Audri Willeman	Alex Holmes
Andy Hansen	Austin Willeman	Sam Holmes	
Gene Holmes	Bob Bateman	Larry Anderson	Fred Sandahl
Wayne Holmes	Don Bateman	Jim O'Hara	Tom Spears

MUSIC

"Peace In The Presence of God" sung by Gene Houchin
"When I Get Where I'm Going" & "My Wish"

ORGANIST

Steve Richardson

REGISTRY ATTENDANTS

Miriam Houchin & Cindy Novinger

FLOWER ATTENDANTS

Carmen Clark & Neva Meek

INTERMENT

Rose Hill Cemetery, Shenandoah, Iowa

USHERS

Ron Oestmann & Cliff Holmes