

*His arms were always open wide
to welcome us with love*

*His smile was brighter than the stars
that sparkle from above*

He listened without judgement

He took the time to share

*God Bless our dear Merle
and hold him in your care*



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In Loving Memory

Merle M. Van Sickle

Merle McKee Van Sickle was born, November 30, 1958, in Omaha, Nebraska to Richard Otis and Mary Joan (McCullough) Van Sickle. He entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. Merle was 63 years, 1 month, and 28 days old.

Merle grew up in Clarinda, Iowa where he attended school in the Clarinda School District. The family moved to Shenandoah his Senior year, where Merle graduated with the class of 1977.

He did yard work as a teenager, then performed janitorial work at Henry Fields and Farmaster until he began taking care of his family full time due to their declining health.

Cribbage and other card games were his favorite pastime. He enjoyed getting on the computer and playing games with friends. Merle was a member of TOPS for almost 20 years.

Merle will be remembered as a very kind, caring and patient son, sibling, and friend. He would do anything for anyone that needed help.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Mary Joan Van Sickle; uncle Charles McCullough; and grandparents. Left to cherish his memory are his sisters, Debbie Van Sickle, of Clarinda, Iowa, Donna Van Sickle, of Shenandoah, Iowa many extended family members and a host of friends.

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November 30, 1958 ~ January 27, 2022

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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

Christian Fellowship Church
Shenandoah, Iowa
Pastor Anna Miller ~ Officiant

Music

"Peace In The Valley"
"Amazing Grace"
"Why Me Lord"

Honorary Bearers

Pat McClurg ↗
Pat Leece ↗
Bob Iske ↗
Ken Swank ↗
Tops Chapter

Registry

Sue Zirfas ↗
June Miller ↗

Ushers

Dwain Dobbs ↗
Al Ruhde ↗

Flower Attendants

Carolyn Ruhde ↗
Carolyn Steinbrink ↗

Burial

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

Memorials

Merle Van Sickle Memorial Fund