



## Butch Moritz

March 8, 1945 - June 22, 2012

Butch A. Moritz, age 67, of Spirit Lake, passed away Friday, June 22, 2012, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. He was born on March 8, 1945, in Spirit Lake, Iowa, to Arthur and Marie (Johnson) Moritz.

Butch graduated from Spirit Lake High School in 1963. He has worked in the concrete business all of his adult life, before owning and operating Moritz Construction for many years.

Butch was united in marriage to Frances Hagedorn on January 17, 1997, in Las Vegas, Nevada. When he was not working, Butch enjoyed collecting antique tractors and guns. He also loved going to garage sales and auctions.

Butch is survived by his wife, Frances Moritz of Spirit Lake; two daughters, Tami Gerlach, and her husband, Jerry, of West Des Moines, and Tiffany Tiedemann, and her husband, Bruce, of Gothenburg, Nebraska; his step-children, Heidi Watkins of Spirit Lake, Perry Watkins, and his wife, Sue, of Lake Stevens, Washington, Robin Watkins of Spirit Lake, and Ray Watkins Jr., and his wife, Suzanne, of Black Diamond, Washington; grandchildren, Nick, Nathan, Benjamin, Samantha, Madison, Blaine, Brittany, Hailee, Chris, Megan, Whittney, Rachael, Ashley and Tyler; and a sister, Jeanie Miller of Costa Mesa, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Donna and Joyce; and a brother, Ivan.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30A.M. Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at the United Methodist Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Monday, from 4:00P.M. until 7:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Butch's name to the Humane Society. Butch requested casual attire only at the visitation and funeral.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Comments

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“ My Dad and Butch's brother Ivan were best friends. I worked with Butch on Ivan's farm baling hay. One day, I was going too fast with the hay rack and the whole load tipped over. Butch jumped clear of the mess and helped me restack the load and get it back before anyone knew what happened. Most people don't don't that Butch practically invented the 99 cent store with his Railroad Salvage business (in 1962 I believe). He was a hard worker, a heck of a guy, and he was my friend.

**Ken Hansen** - December 10, 2014 at 02:05 AM

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“ Butch and I have been friends for fifty years. Fred Dowden and Big Bill ( Linda's dad ) introduced us and thought we would be good partners. We started out in the railroad salvage and then on into the construction business together. Butch was a very intelligent guy and hard worker. He was shorter than I am but I looked up to him numerous times in our relationship. Butch was always in a hurry but that was part of Butch. We were partners, drinking buddies and and best of friends. We learned to respect each other and I will miss him always. Sharon and I had the opportunity to have a long visit with Butch while he was in Sioux Falls. The three of us laughed, cried and reminisced. It was a real gift to us and will remember it forever. In the end Butch did it his way. God Bless Him

**Cec Caskey** - June 24, 2012 at 12:24 PM