



John H. May

January 29, 1949 - July 17, 2015

John Harold May passed away peacefully on July 17th, surrounded by his family in his home in Fairmont, MN. He was proudly welcomed into the world on January 29, 1949, by his parents Bill and Dee (Schaper) May. He was raised on his family's farm outside of Spirit Lake, IA, and graduated from Spirit Lake High School. After spending all of his life in the Spirit Lake area, he and his wife moved to Fairmont in 2014, to be closer to their children and grandchildren, the light of his life!

John worked as a truck driver for most of his life with Yellow Freight and Holiday Express, enabling him to share his good nature and practical jokes coast to coast. Even from a young age, he was said to be "a loving little boy, always a hugger." He maintained that image throughout his 66 years, along with a great sense of humor, a fun loving spirit and a huge heart! He loved woodworking and making things in his shop for his family and grandchildren, while enjoying time with his friends.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy May; daughter, Brenda Lubenow, husband, Randy, grandchildren, Ethan and Emily; daughter, Dawn Wiederhoeft, husband, Shawn, and grandchildren, Bailey, Kori, Cooper and Amelia; son, David Gray, wife, Lynette, and grandchildren, Michaela and Hunter; son, Jim Gray, wife, Mary Ann, and grandchildren, Elijah and Ezra; his sister, Barbara May; and brother, Kenneth May, wife, Bonnie and children, William and Lindzee. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Ruby and Otto Schaper and John and Gertrude May; and son, Nathan.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at Good News Community Church in Okoboji. Visitation will be held Monday, July 20, 2015, from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in John's name.

Tribute Wall



“ I will never forget the fun times at the farm!! The rotten egg fights, "borrowing" John's Camero and getting caught!! All the cousin times. Pop corn on Sunday nights. You were special , John and I will miss you. God bless

Linda Carroll - July 24, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ John H. May

Linda & George Carroll - July 24, 2015 at 11:13 AM



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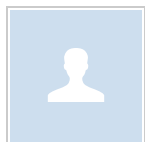
Joanne Wohlert - July 22, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers...

The Butchers and Christoffers

Linda Butcher-Christoffer - July 21, 2015 at 04:01 PM



“ John H. May

July 20, 2015 at 10:42 PM

TD

“ We can't think about John without smiling. All of our memories of him are happy times, having fun with his special brand of humor. For Ted , the summer he spent at the May farm were a very special time and many memories of time spent with John. We loved him dearly. He will be missed. Our deepest sympathies to you all.

Ted and Janet Dempsie - July 20, 2015 at 07:11 PM

MH

“ John H. May

Mel Hage - July 20, 2015 at 11:16 AM

BW

“ Nancy and family,
Our sympathy to you Nancy and your family. We know John will be greatly missed by all.
Your friends,

Bill and Connie Wymer - July 20, 2015 at 09:55 AM

TC

“ Our deepest and sincere sympathy to Nancy and all of his family. We remember John as a very loving and likeable guy. He had a heart of Gold.

Terry & Kathy Clark - July 19, 2015 at 03:46 PM

CS

“ John H. May

Chad Schuchert - July 19, 2015 at 03:37 PM

JG

“ heartfelt condolences to John's family. We had many great times together & will remember him as a caring, loving person

Jan Gilbert - July 19, 2015 at 02:59 PM

WM

“ I remember growing up hearing funny stories about myself, Ethan, and Bailey from Uncle John and how many times he got us in trouble. I remember when he shot a woodchuck, and removed the teeth and claws for Ethan and I to bring to show and tell!

William Calvin May - July 19, 2015 at 12:36 PM

JR

“ Our sincere sympathy and our prayers go out to you all~Nancy, Brenda, Dawn, Barb, Ken, and your families. We thought the world of John. He was always so full of fun, and had a positive attitude even to the end. We have so many memories of great times and lots of laughs with him! He was a good friend, and we will miss him, but know he was ready to go and is now enjoying heaven with family who went on ahead. We were so glad we got to have a good visit with you and John 3 weeks ago, Nancy. May you find comfort as you reminisce about all the great times. Lean heavy on Jesus and He will supply all you need during the coming days!

Jim and Charlene Radcliffe - July 18, 2015 at 11:14 PM

BW

“ I forgot to mention Barb and Ken. You are also in our thoughts and prayers. Your brother was one of a kind!

Bev and Vern Wittler - July 18, 2015 at 09:11 PM

BW

“ Oh John, so many memories of good and happy times with the gang. And the happy day you stood up for Vern and I at our wedding. Hard to believe you are gone. Nancy, Brenda and Dawn, Vern and I send our deepest sympathy. I know that John will be with and watching over you from above. God grant you peace.

Bev and Vern Wittler - July 18, 2015 at 09:09 PM

DO

“ We have so many good memories of our times with John. He was one of those special people who you might not see for a time but when you did, you picked up right where you left off. Our sympathies to Nancy, Brenda, Dawn ,Barb and Ken. John will be missed.

Diane&Bill Osborne - July 18, 2015 at 03:37 PM

DW

“ John H. May

Dawn Westlake - July 18, 2015 at 02:24 PM

DW

“ John May raised me for eighteen years thanks for all you taught me John. Ill forever hold all the good memories close to my heart. You were loved by many and You will be missed by many. May you now RIP.

Dawn W. - July 18, 2015 at 01:21 PM

BW

“ John H. May

Bev Sauer Wittler - July 18, 2015 at 04:25 AM