



Phillip W. Carlson

January 23, 1935 - July 24, 2013

Phillip W. Carlson, age 78, of Milford, passed away Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at his home in Milford. He was born on January 23, 1935, in Cherokee, Iowa, to Einer and Tressa (Smith) Carlson.

After attending community schools in Aurelia and LeMars, Phillip served his country in the United States Air Force from April 1954-November 1957, where he was a gunner on a B-36. He later was assigned to the Aircraft Electrical Maintenance Section which directed him to a lifelong vocation. He married Verona Kay Peck on June 24, 1956. Phillip then attended DeVry University, Chicago, and graduated in 1958 with a degree in electronics.

Phillip worked for A&J TV service in Cherokee for approximately one year when the Cherokee Mental Health Institute offered him employment in their organization. He worked for CMHI the next 34 years, the first 17 in radio/television service and the last 17 years as their maintenance supervisor.

Phillip married Shirley Anne Trigger on November 24, 1990. They moved to Milford, Iowa, in 1995 where they spent the last 17 years of his life.

Phillip was very active in Ham Radio for 25 years and participated in countrywide Ham Radio Emergency Communication. He was honored for his service recognizing his contact with each of 3079 counties in the USA. Phillip was "Number 11" and his handle was WAØEVO.

Phillip loved to golf! He especially loved golfing with his buddies, Jack, Bill and Roger. Phillip was a big fan of the Chicago Bears. He also enjoyed listening to music, dancing, traveling and quite often, singing in the car during his many

travels.

Phil's one wish before he died was that his body go to research so the medical community could learn more of the diseases of Emphysema & Histoplasmosis to further help others. His body was accepted into the medical education program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Phillip will be greatly missed by his two families: First, his children with Kay Peck Turnquist, daughter Corrine Lundell (Tom) of Cherokee and son Gary Carlson (Ellen) of Greer, SC; granddaughters, Christina Ostovic (Eric), Tracey Knowles (Duane), and Kerri Hooge (Jeremy); grandson, Eric Lundell (Kelly); and ten great-grandchildren. Sister, Christina Holmberg of Sweden. Nephew, Barry Carlson & nieces Tressa Love, Shawn Carlson & Sheila Miller.

Second, the children of Shirley Carlson: Mitchell Trigger (Sue), Betsy Rueber (Joel), Terri Trigger, Paula Moir (Michael), Joel Trigger (Valerie), Kati Rivera and grandchildren Kate Duffert (McClain), Christopher Trigger, Coty Moir, Tabitha Sundquist (David), Ashley Trigger, Hannah Rueber, Erin Moir, Charlie Trigger & Anthony Rivera.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Einer & Tressa, and brother, (Bertil) Chuck Carlson.

A "Celebration of Life" service will in held in Phil's honor on August 17, 2013, at 2 PM. Services will be held at Schuchert Funeral Home, Highway 71 (2317 32nd St.), Spirit Lake, Iowa. All family and friends, who shared the life of Phillip W. Carlson, are invited to attend.

His grieving widow Shirley requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a memorial fund in Phillip's name through Schuchert Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

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“ When I was a little girl about 7 or 8 I remember Uncle Phil brought his guitar over to 601 Clark street in Cherokee and played it, after we ate dinner together. I also remember he helped us pull sunflowers in an 80 acre field in Storm lake, IA and then we went to a Dairy Queen to eat ice cream on a hot day in the summer.

Tressa Love Independence, MO. - November 01, 2013 at 06:39 PM

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“ Phil you were a great friend to me and a great grand father to my children, you taught me many things concerning home repair, electrical,plumbing, and much more, but also life lessons. I enjoyed the golf with you while you still could. Thanks for always being able to make me smile! Hope your playing golf and making birdies!

Mike Moir - August 03, 2013 at 02:23 PM

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“ Phil- I am so glad mom found you and brought you into our lives. There was always a twinkle in your eye and smile for each one of us. You were kind, funny, smart, a little sassy (well, actually a lot sassy) and always willing to jump in and help if you thought we needed something. I will miss chatting with you at the kitchen counter and talking about the Chiefs and of course, your Chicago Bears. We will miss you greatly and think of you always. Much love, Terri & Sam.

Terri Trigger - July 31, 2013 at 09:53 PM

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Gary....sometimes things in life gives you choices...a fork in the road if you will....your only hope is that your decision is the one helps the needs of others like body donation other than the greed of others ❤️
You DAD

Gary Carlson - March 30, 2022 at 08:30 PM

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“ Phillip W. Carlson

tracy knowles - July 26, 2013 at 02:16 AM

CP

“ Phillip W. Carlson

Carmen Parsons - July 24, 2013 at 10:30 PM