



Wayne R. Trigger

May 27, 1933 - April 16, 2023

Wayne R. Trigger, 89, of Spencer passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at St. Lukes Lutheran Home in Spencer.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at Emerald Hills Golf Course in Okoboji, IA. Military Funeral Honors will be conducted by the American Legion Timpe Post #23 of Spirit Lake.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Wayne was born on May 27, 1933, to Charles and Pauline (Capron) Trigger in Peoria, IL. He graduated from Dunlap High School in Dunlap, IL in 1951.

Wayne went on to attend college on a baseball scholarship for a brief period before he enlisted in the US Army where he served as MP in the motorcycle unit at West Point, NY. After Wayne's honorable discharge, he returned to the Midwest where he began a 36 year career as a successful Cattle Buyer.

Wayne married Shirley Hoffman in 1954 in Peoria, IL. While married for 27 years, they welcomed six children. They divorced in 1981 but remained in each other's lives for all family events. Almost 40 years later, they would find themselves living next door to each other at Riverview Terrace assisted living.

Trigger, as he liked to be called, could be found most days golfing with his buddies at Emerald Hills. He would start the days swapping stories with the group at the coffee table and ending the golf day with a scotch and water (light on the water) in the afternoon. He enjoyed nature and being outdoors every chance he had. From trying to grow a great tomato to planting beautiful

flowers and plants anywhere he could, he always had a project. Watching birds, reading books, and listening to music is how he spent his quiet time. Trigger loved all his connections with friends in the area. Whenever he entered any of his favorite establishments, you could always hear a “Hey Trigger!”

Wayne loved and enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He had a special connection with his grandson Anthony, who had his last name changed to Trigger so that he could share his grandpa’s last name. He is survived by his children, Mitch (Sue) Trigger of Overland Park, KS; Betsy (Joel) Rueber of Wausau, WI; Terri Trigger of Kansas City, MO; Paula Moir of Milford, IA; Joel (Valerie) Trigger of Raymore, MO; and Kati Rivera of Estherville, IA; grandchildren Brooke, Kate, Charlie, Tabitha, Hannah, Coty, Erin, Christopher, Ashley and Anthony; great grandchildren Kesler, Aberdeen, Lucas and Morgan.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bill, his son-in-law Mike Moir and his yellow lab Jack, his faithful companion for 12 years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Trigger’s name to the Northwest Iowa Humane Society at 607 28th Street, Milford, IA 51351 or the Dickinson County Community Garden, Attn: Wayne Trigger Memorial Community Garden Fund, 1422 Indian Hills Drive, Spirit Lake, IA 51360.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **25**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Emerald Hills Golf Club
808 US HWY 71 S.
Arnolds Park, IA 51331

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wayne R. Trigger.*



April 21, 2023 at 08:32 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Wayne Trigger*



Terri Trigger - April 20, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Robinson Funeral Home - April 20, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *Terri, sending our sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Becky Hyatt. (Muhlbauer).*

Becky Hyatt - April 20, 2023 at 09:44 AM

TT

*Becky how sweet of you. Thank-you for reaching out.
-Terri*

Terri Trigger - April 20, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wayne R. Trigger.*



April 19, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MC

“ *Such a warm hearted loving man with pleasant calm disposition*

Madonna Chapman - April 19, 2023 at 08:34 AM

RN

“ *My deepest sympathies in the passing of Wayne. Remember from the good ole days! Rest in peace. Prayers to his family.*



Rhonda and Dave Nelson - April 18, 2023 at 08:01 PM

LM

Trigger, the name I called him, was a dear friend both on and off the the Emerald Hills golf course for many years. Many memories and good times over the years. Rest in Peace Wayne. Lowell Madsen

Lowell Madsen - April 18, 2023 at 11:10 PM

TK

“ *My most heartfelt condolences on the passing of your father. I met him at the car dealership and worked with him at Walmart doing floor care. I remember visiting him and his cat. Tom Koster*



Tom Koster - April 18, 2023 at 05:51 PM

LR

“ *Lola Recher lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Trigger*



lola recher - April 18, 2023 at 03:53 PM

JF

“ *Joanne (Steuben) Follon lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Trigger*



Joanne (Steuben) Follon - April 18, 2023 at 03:42 PM

JF

Many fond memories of the Trigger Family. I enjoyed running into Wayne through the years and catching up on what all the kids were doing.

Joanne Follon - April 20, 2023 at 02:15 PM

LR

“ Lisa Rosburg lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Trigger



Lisa Rosburg - April 18, 2023 at 02:15 PM

LR

*Kati and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. Wishing you strength for today and hope for tomorrow, so sorry for your loss.
Lisa Rosburg*

Lisa Rosburg - April 18, 2023 at 02:20 PM

CB

“ Katy & Paula, so sorry to hear about your dad. I remember him in his little sports car coming to buy livestock from dad. Hugs to both of you .
Chris Rutter Baschke

Chris Rutter Baschke - April 18, 2023 at 01:29 PM

RB

“ Roxanne Budach lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Trigger



Roxanne Budach - April 18, 2023 at 10:22 AM

RB

I was so sorry to hear about your loss Kati. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Roxanne Budach - April 18, 2023 at 10:23 AM

SM

“ *Sally Haas Martens lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Trigger*



Sally Haas Martens - April 18, 2023 at 10:07 AM

JS

“ *RIP my friend and golf partner*



John F Smith - April 18, 2023 at 07:49 AM

KF

“ *Ken Farmer lit a candle in memory of Wayne R. Trigger*



Ken Farmer - April 17, 2023 at 09:51 PM

SM

“ *Paula 'and Katy. we are so sorry to hear of Waynes passing. Our deepest sympathy. Wayne was a wonderful human being and will be missed.*

Mick and Sue Munsen

SUSAN Munsen - April 17, 2023 at 09:38 PM



What a great friend and neighbor, rest in peace my friend. You will be missed . Chuck and Karen Wakehouse

Chuck Wakehouse - April 24, 2023 at 08:31 PM