



Wilfred "Willy" McHugh

July 12, 1941 - January 6, 2021

Wilfred "Willy" McHugh, 79, of Okoboji and Fort Myers, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on January 6, 2021 at Lee Health Park Medical Center in Fort Myers.

A family funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will take place in the Lake View Gardens Cemetery in Spirit Lake.

Willy was born July 12, 1941 to Paul and Margaret (McAllister) McHugh in Guthrie Center, Iowa and was raised and educated in the Jolly and Lytton area in Calhoun County. Willy has one brother, Dennis McHugh of Sioux Rapids.

Willy met the love of his life, Linda Filer, at the roller rink in Fort Dodge. Willy and Linda were married August 27, 1962 and were blessed with their son, Matt McHugh.

The family moved to Thor, Iowa in 1967 where Willy began operating a fertilizer plant for Tuloma Gas, which turned into Standard Oil and later ConAgra. He helped the local agricultural community with fertilizer and agricultural chemical applications along with custom field work.

In 1988, Willy became a District Sales Representative for Fontanelle Hybrid which he enjoyed until retirement in 2005 and it was then when they made their East Lake Okoboji cottage their permanent residence.

From the beginning, Willy & Linda shared the love of travel, lake life and meeting new people. Willy loved being on and around the water and together, they traveled from Thor to Okoboji almost every weekend. He enjoyed life and all it offered and was most content at the Lake spending time with family and friends. Many may not know this, but Willy enjoyed drawing scenery and people. He was quite talented, and we will cherish his art forever. Willy and Linda worked together to build a beautiful life and cherished their love and time together.

Willy and Linda have celebrated 58 years of marriage and have been blessed with their son, Matt and his wife Kris, who reside in Arnolds Park. It was in 1998 and 2000 when Willy and Linda were blessed again with grandsons, Alex and Dylan. Willy loved his grandsons fiercely and could rarely say no to them.... Alex and Dylan are proud knowing they are the only ones achieving this accomplishment. He loved spending time with them, boating when they were younger, fishing off the dock, and telling them stories of “when he was younger...”. There wasn't much they couldn't talk Grandpa into doing. Needless to say, the three of them might have gotten into some trouble once in a while.

Together, Willy and Linda worked hard and feel very fortunate to have achieved two personal goals.... living in Okoboji and being able to spend their winters in Fort Myers.

A wonderful son, husband, Dad and Grandpa. We love you and we will miss you, Willy.

Preceding him in death were his parents Paul and Margaret McHugh.

Left to cherish his memory and love: his wife Linda; son Matt and his wife Kris of Arnolds Park; grandsons Alex McHugh and his finance, Maggie Anfinson of Sioux Falls and Dylan McHugh of Arnolds Park; brother Dennis McHugh and his wife Diane of Sioux Rapids & family; Sister-in-law Carol Mosher of Boone & family.

Previous Events

Service

JAN **23**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh*



Robinson Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 01:58 PM

DH

“ *DeeDee Hughes lit a candle in memory of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh*



DeeDee Hughes - January 23, 2021 at 01:24 PM

Bill Dowd

“ *We are so sad to hear of Willy's passing, and offer our sincere condolences to you, Linda, as well as Matt, Kris, and boys. Willy was always a pleasure to visit with, and it is such a shame so many of us have not had the ability to get together this past year. You are all in our thoughts as you go through this difficult time. May God bless Willy, and all of the McHugh family.*
Bill and Michelle Dowd

Bill Dowd - January 23, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh.*



January 22, 2021 at 11:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh.*



January 22, 2021 at 09:48 AM



“ *Alan, Nancy, Julia and Jackie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh.*



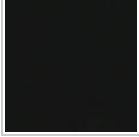
Alan, Nancy, Julia and Jackie - January 20, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *Sally Herrick Haas lit a candle in memory of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh*



Sally Herrick Haas - January 18, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Willies passing been along time since we have seen you guys but there are many good memories thoughts and prayers with Linda and Matt

Colleen Wigans - January 11, 2021 at 06:47 PM



“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh



Beverly Sill - January 09, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ Linda, my heart goes out to you with the loss of your husband. I remember you talking about him while we were playing cards. Again, my sincere sympathy.

Colleen Barker

Colleen Barker - January 08, 2021 at 04:12 PM



“ Linda, we are in AZ now, we were saddened to read of your loss of such a loved one.

We send our sincere condolences, prayers, and love to you and your fine family.

Judy and Bill Carmichael

Bill and Judy Carmichael - January 07, 2021 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ We were so sorry to hear that Willy has passed. Dave sold seed corn many years ago while living in the Bode area under Willy. That's how we became acquainted with you both. And later we ended up at First Lutheran in Okoboji together. Our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Dave & Cindy Halsrud - January 07, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DP

“ Darlene Powers lit a candle in memory of Wilfred "Willy" McHugh



Darlene Powers - January 07, 2021 at 12:10 PM

KK

“ Willy was a "one of a kind" guy. He always had room at his table for additional friends to pull up a chair and chat.. We send our condolences to you, Linda, Matt, Kris, and his Grandsons...He loved you all and we will all miss him..



Karen Krieger - January 07, 2021 at 11:09 AM

GK

I can't believe it I just talk to Willy he said he wasn't feeling well but we'd get together so sorry Linda Matt and family

Gary Keen - January 07, 2021 at 12:56 PM

KL

“ Linda and family,
So sorry to hear about Willy.
He had a big smile and a great attitude about life. He will missed!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Karen and Gary Lippe

Karen Lippe - January 07, 2021 at 10:39 AM

KF

“ Matt and Family sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Our
thoughts and prayers are with you. Ken and Terri Farmer

Ken Farmer - January 07, 2021 at 12:46 AM

LD

“ Linda and Matt, so sorry to hear of your loss. Our families did a lot
together when you lived in the Thor area. Thoughts and prayers
from Irma Wigans and Bill and Luann Dencklau

Luann Dencklau - January 06, 2021 at 09:00 PM



Linda, Paul and I were sad to hear of Willy's passing. Our sympathy
and prayers go out to you and Matt. Many memories of the Thor people
that spent alot of time together! Paul and Deb Knudtson

Deb Knudtson - January 07, 2021 at 08:14 PM

TS

Linda, Matt and Family,
So sorry to hear of Willy's passing. We have had many good laughs
over the years and always enjoyed his company .Thinking of you all
and sending prayers your way.
Tim & Nick

Tim Smith - January 08, 2021 at 08:32 AM

MJ

*Matt & Chris,
So sorry for your sudden loss. His story was one of a happy life with his family.
Thinking of you,
Marline & Bruce*

Marline Johnson - January 18, 2021 at 04:29 PM

PA

*Lynda
Sorry to hear about the passing of Willy. God bless you and your family. Phil & Pam DenHerder*

Pam - January 19, 2021 at 07:22 PM

AM

Linda, Matt and Family,

We always enjoyed stopping to visit Willy at the Lakes. He enjoyed telling us about what Matt and Chris were up too and what the grandsons were doing. He was very proud of you all. I remember making him and my Dad a Mexican breakfast and serving them in my sunroom when they visited me in a Texas. We had a good time.

Alan, Nancy, Julia and Jackie

alan mchugh - January 20, 2021 at 05:35 PM

RA

So sorry to hear of Willy's passing. Prayers to you, Linda, and the family. Hope you are doing better. the video was beautiful . He was a great cousin even though we didn't see much of each other as we got older.

Rosie & Howard Argabright - January 24, 2021 at 03:39 PM