
Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 6, at 10:30 a.m. at Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home in Tama, with Pastor Brian Oliver officiating. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo. Visitation was held Thursday, Jan. 5, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial fund has been established.

Lyle was born July 6, 1937, at home in rural Poweshiek County, the son of Jesse and Helen Plesek Baker. He graduated from Chelsea High School in 1955.

He married Donna Mae Casey on June 5, 1958, at the Chelsea Methodist Church. They later divorced. On Dec. 29, 1995, he married Pam Harris Spears in Camdenton, Mo. Lyle farmed and also sold Pioneer Seed corn. After he moved to Missouri in 1989, he began working as a handyman. Lyle loved to fish and hunt, and enjoyed taking his pontoon out on the Lake of the Ozarks. Along with fishing, he also enjoyed having a fish fry with his family and friends. Lyle was formerly on the South Tama School Board and a member of the Tama County I-Club. Lyle was a die-hard Iowa Hawkeye football fan.

He is survived by his wife, Pam, of Toledo; his children, Pam DiCarlo of Chelsea, Lisa Brown of Gainesville, Ga., and Tim Baker of Grinnell; four grandchildren; one step-son, Jason Spears of Frisco, Texas; three step-grandchildren; and one brother, Tom Baker.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Keith Baker; and one sister, Sheryl Cibula.