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THE RECORD

Gary Marvin Whitehead

Aug. 28, 1941 - Apr. 18, 2022

Gary Whitehead, 80 of New Sharon passed away April 18, 2022 at the Unity Point Grinnell Regional Medical Center. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. April 22, 2022 at New Sharon Friends Church.

Burial will be in Friends Cemetery in New Sharon. A visitation/luncheon will be held following the service in the fellowship hall of the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the North Mahaska Athletic Boosters. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Gary Marvin Whitehead, the son of Marvin and Ruth (Leatherman) Whitehead, was born August 28, 1941 in New Sharon and attended New Sharon schools.

He loved living on the farm and enjoyed driving the tractor and helping out with the farm chores. Gary looked forward to attending weekly farm sales with his grandpa, Clyde Whitehead.

In 1957, Gary and his family moved to town in New Sharon where he kept busy mowing yards and delivering the daily paper. Gary worked at Albia Laundry, Oskaloosa Laundry and did the laundry for the Woodward State Hospital for several years. He also was a farm hand for Raymond Smith before working as a janitor for the Country Life Care Facility east of Oskaloosa for 15 years before retiring. In 2000, Gary moved to Prairie Homes where he enjoyed helping other residents, driving them to their appointments and looking after his mother and her friends. Gary's biggest joy was his family and he loved spending time with his nieces and nephew and their families. He was a big North Mahaska Warhawk supporter and enjoyed attending all of their games and activities when he was able. Gary was a faithful member of the New Sharon Friends Church and enjoyed helping out when needed.

Gary's legacy will be honored by his nephew and nieces, Douglas (Stephanie) Dieleman of Cape Girardeau, MO, Deanne (Rob) Gibson of Grinnell and Melanie (Chris) Donohue of Marion; seven great nieces and nephews, Leah (Jeff) Miller, Lauren (Matt) Havermale, Brett Gibson, Drew Gibson, Blake (Lindy) Donohue, Brady Donohue and Allie Donohue; his four great-great niece and nephews, Brody Miller, Brinley Miller, Hudson Havermale and Hayden Havermale and his brother-in-law, Ed (Rebecca) Dieleman of Ankeny along with many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Ruth Whitehead and his sister, Marcia Dieleman.