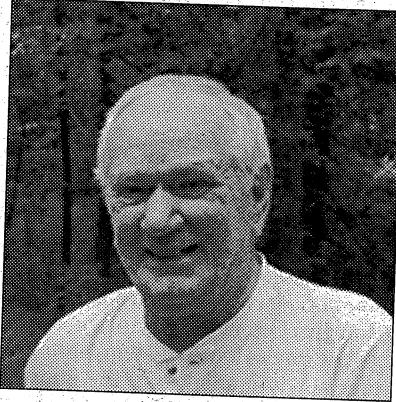


Merle Eugene Reitzler



Merle Eugene Reitzler, 84, of Malcom, aka "the Pie Man," died Jan. 21, 2024.

Per his wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Reitzler Family, PO Box 87, Malcom, IA 50157. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family on the Smith Funeral Home and

Crematory website at www.smithfh.com.

Merle was born on June 18, 1939, to John and Anna Reitzler in Brooklyn. After graduating from Brooklyn High School, he married Audrey Kay Shimp on Aug. 12, 1961. Merle and Audrey had five children: Chuck, Debbie, Denny, Diane and Darla.

Merle's favorite thing was making pies for his restaurants. After many years of farming, Merle and Audrey ran three restaurants expanding over 30 years. Merle made over 50,000 pies during that time. He valued serving his customer and watching his employees grow.

He is survived by his wife Audrey Reitzler; children Chuck Reitzler, Denny Reitzler, Diane Lemke, and Darla Harmon; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great grandchildren.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents John and Anna, brother Dale and his daughter Debbie.

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