

MICHAEL MASTERSON

Michael Masterson, 72 of Lohrville and formerly of What Cheer died Monday, September 30, 2013 at the VA Hospital in Des Moines. A graveside service was held on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. Inurnment will be in the Sixteen Cemetery near Thornburg. An Irish celebration of life will be held at a later date. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.hollandcoblefuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to:

James Murphy American Legion Post 319 PO Box 74 Keswick, Iowa 50136

Michael Francis Masterson was born September 18, 1941 in Manson, the son of John Masterson and Kathryn Crowley. He was a 1960 graduate of the Manson High School. Michael later enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country in the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge from the military, he moved to What Cheer and began working as a heavy equipment operator from Manatts. After a long career with the company, Michael eventually moved to Lohrville in 1988. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching horse races. His favorite teams included the Green Bay Packers, Boston Celtics, Notre Dame or any other team that symbolized the Irish heritage. Michael was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He will be remembered as a confident, caring man who kept to himself.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a step daughter, Joni Gauley.

Michael is survived by his daughter Kathy Masterson of What Cheer; a sister, Mary Ann Booge of Phoenix; a granddaughter, Kyndra Gragg of Williamsburg; a step son, Tony (Diane) Erwin of Ottumwa; two nephews, Todd Booge of Okoboji and Bret Booge of Phoenix; two nieces, Michelle Booge of Phoenix, and Shawn O'Conner of Cave Creek, Ariz.; two great nephews, Beau Margeas and Brennen Booge; and a great niece Sawyer Kieler. He also leaves behind six step grandchildren: Stefani (James) Schlesselman of Williamsburg, Casey (Louise) Erwin of Shreveport, La., Tucker Erwin of Oskaloosa, Jennifer (Nick) Shultz of Williamsburg, Matthew Gauley of Cedar Rapids and Tony (Autum) Gauley of Cedar Rapids.

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