

Lester Harold Gosselink

Mar. 30, 1942 - Apr. 13, 2022

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A graveside service, with his ashes, will be held at 2 p.m. June 4, 2022 at Friends Cemetery in New Sharon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Specialty Care Hospice and sent to the Holland-Coble Funeral Home, In Care of Lester Gosselink, P.O. Box 85, New Sharon, Iowa 50207. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

The youngest of eight children, Lester was part of a loving family. He was surrounded by nieces and nephews as he grew up, and his family was very important to

him. He enjoyed the gatherings – whether it was everyone home for Christmas, weekly visits to his sisters and home-cooked meals, or the annual Memorial Day picnic at Edmundson Park. He could always be counted on to play games of all kinds from baseball and yard darts to Wahoo and Pitch, and he loved to laugh. In his years at Montezuma, he continued to enjoy activities and often found himself being the winner; he even became a bowler with the Wii. He loved sitting outside, swinging in a porch swing and watching the cars go by.

Over the years, Lester held various jobs. He worked at the New Sharon Bowling Alley, for both Junior Nash and Dale Stephens in trucking operations, spent time at Vermeer, and mowed yards. He was ready to help someone if he could.

Lester was a member of the Park Church of Christ in Oskaloosa, where he attended until his move to Montezuma. He was a kind and gentle soul and had a big heart. He recently talked about praying, and to the end, he found great comfort in singing hymns; on a recent visit he wanted to sing “Jesus Loves Me”, “Trust and Obey” and “Amazing Grace”. He is no longer living alone – his Spirit is home with God.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Donald (in infancy), his brother Harold, his brother Russell, his brother Robert, and his sister Donna DeJong.

He is survived by his sister Ruby DeYoung of Union Mills, his sister Marilyn and her husband Wendell Schultz of Fremont, and sister-in-law Norma Gosselink of Grinnell, as well as many nephews and nieces.

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