



Charles Lee Cary

June 6, 1942 - March 17, 2017

Charles Lee Cary, 74, of Ottumwa passed away Friday morning, March 17, 2017, at his home in Ottumwa. Charles Lee Cary, son of Edgar Ernest and Edna June (Myers) Cary, was born June 6, 1942, in Ottumwa, Iowa. Charles was raised in Ottumwa and attended Ottumwa schools. He served in the United States Army from July 25, 1961, to July 26, 1963, and spent six months in Europe. Upon his discharge, he was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Army Occupation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal and went on to serve an additional 15 years in the Army Reserves. He married the love-of-his-life, Flola "Sue" Arminta Downing, November 16, 1963, in Ottumwa. They made their home in Ottumwa, and Charles began working at John Deere Manufacturing. He worked there as a welder and after 28 years, retired in 2001. In his free time, Charles enjoyed hunting and fishing. Charles family includes his wife, Flola "Sue", of Ottumwa; his children: Debbie (Jim) Williams, Charles Cary Jr., Edgar Cary and Cindy Cary, all of Ottumwa; two grandchildren, Steven (Samantha) Williams and Kassy Williams; and three great-grandchildren, Emmy, Liam and Keaton Williams. In addition to his parents, Charles was preceded in death by two sisters: Carolyn Stilley and Sandy Dage; and two brothers, Marvin and John Cary. Graveside memorial services for Charles will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Shaul Cemetery near Ottumwa with Pastor Lloyd Osborn of the Ottumwa Open Bible Church officiating. Graveside Military Honors will be presented by VFW Post #775 and American Legion Post #3. Garland-Van Arkel-Langkamp Funeral

Chapel of Oskaloosa is handling the arrangements. Memorials may be made in his name and given to the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Lee Cary*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *My sympathy goes out to the family during your time of grief. May God's loving-kindness comfort you and help you through this difficult time (Psalm 119:50,76).*

A - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sue and Family, We are so very sorry for the loss of charlie. So many fond memories of him flow thru my mind. He was a wonderful Man. Loving thoughts and prayers coming your way today and in the days to come. Orville and Christi Johnson Jake, Jarod and Justin*

March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Pam Shepard - March 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Offering our deepest condolences during this difficult time.*

Garland - March 17, 2017 at 12:00 AM