



## Gary James Meadows

January 4, 1942 - September 17, 2010

Gary James Meadows: Gary passed away Friday evening at Crystal Heights Care Center at the age of 68 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Gary's family includes his wife, Dee of Oskaloosa; a son, Lyle J. Meadows of Davenport and a daughter and son-in-law, Leanne J. & Edward Rahe of St. Louis, MO; two grandsons: Jesse J. Meadows and Erik A. Rahe; and two sisters: Karen Mefferd and Karol Sue (John) Hast both of Denison, IA.

Gary James Meadows, son of Lyle L. and Frances Lucille Larson Meadows, was born January 4, 1942 in Ute, Iowa. He was raised on the family farm near Soldier, IA and was a graduate of Soldier High School in 1960. He was united in marriage with Delores ""Dee"" Jean Dieleman May 29, 1964, in Pella, IA. He attended Iowa State University and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy in 1965. He began his career working for Smith ? Douglas Fertilizer Company in Atkins, Iowa. November 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Army at Fort Dix, NJ and was then sent to Fort Benning, GA where he attended Officers Training School. From there he was sent to Fort Riley, KS, where he was Director of Instruction of the Chemical/Biological/Radiological School; he served there until his discharge in November 1969. Following his military service, he was hired by Monsanto Corporation in their sales department and was first employed in Garner, IA. Monsanto moved Gary and Dee to St. Louis, MO, Decatur, IL and finally to Des Moines, IA;

Gary worked as a district sales manager and took an early retirement in 1993, after working for Monsanto for almost 24 years. Gary and Dee lived in Maquoketa, IA from 1995 to 1997, before moving to Oskaloosa. Gary is a member of the Central Reformed Church and a past member of the Des Moines Christian Reformed Church, where he served as an elder and a Sunday school teacher. He also served as chairman of the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association for three years and also served on the board of the Iowa Fertilizer & Chemical Association. He enjoyed reading and was an avid ISU Cyclone fan.

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