



Ike Groves

May 30, 1939 - November 19, 2020

Ike Groves, 81, of Oskaloosa, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa.

Dwight Leon “Ike” Groves was born May 30, 1939, at home in Union Township, Mahaska County, Iowa, to John A. and Arlean (McMains) Groves. He attended Kaiser Country School northeast of Union Mills and graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1957. His mother passed away when he was two years old, and he was raised at home by his older sisters and brother. He remained close to his siblings and their families his entire life. His father remarried, and the family moved to Oskaloosa, where Ike excelled in several sports, including football and basketball. After graduation, Ike joined his brother, Buck, in the construction business. In 1962, he married Treva Catherman, to which two sons, Johnny and Russell, were born. After operating Groves Texaco, he started his restaurant career, where he was owner/operator of several fast-food restaurants in three states, Iowa, Illinois, and Nebraska. After Ike and Treva divorced after 11 years, Ike met Sue White, with whom he happily lived for 30 plus years. During this time, Ike developed deeper friendships with his family, coworkers, and friends.

Ike took enjoyment in enriching the lives of his older sibling, taking them on trips, and caring for them in later years. He loved attending sporting events involving his grandchildren and cousins. He also enjoyed outdoor activities like vegetable and flower gardening, fishing for crappies in farm ponds and channel cats in the rivers, and morel mushroom hunting. Ike took great pride

in helping people in any way he could and was a generous man with his time and attention.

Ike's family includes his companion, Sue White; his sons: John (Diane) Groves of New Sharon and Drs. Russell (Carol) Groves of Madison, WI; Sue's children: Andrea (Ed) Slayton of Oceanside, CA and Dustin White of Woodland Park, CO; his grandchildren: Emily Groves of Madison, WI, Luke Groves of New Sharon, and Nick Groves of Madison, WI; Sue's grandchildren: Josh, Ben, and Ellen Slayton; and a step-brother, Gary Freeman.

Ike was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, Dorothy, a half-sister, Virginia Woods; sisters: Helen (Mike) Van Zee, and June (Sam) Glendening; and a brother, Buck (Betty) Groves.

As was his wish, Ike's body has been cremated. A celebration of life service will be held at Union Mills Church and the burial of his ashes will be in Union Mills Cemetery at a later date when it is safer to gather. Memorial contributions can be made to the charitable cause of your choice. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Ike's final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Union Mills Cemetery

1430-1400 Parkin Ave
New Sharon, IA 50207

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ike Groves*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss,
Ike was good friend as he used too repair my bicycle tires at the gas
station years ago.
May he rest in peace.*

Bob Green - December 17, 2020 at 11:46 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Ike's passing. I had missed him coming out to
fish my pond this past year. We used to visit about the old days
when he lived below my mom and dad when they were first married
and his friendship with them and my family through the years. It was
of great comfort to talk with him about my parents after they had
passed. He helped me with some pond projects even though I never
asked him for help. He was the most generous and kind man I think
I have ever met. Both of my brothers worked for Ike at Sarge's and
they said he was the best boss they ever had. My mom, Marty,
adored Ike and they teased and pranked each other all the time at
Don's diner. I even got my first dog from Ike as a little kid, Snooky.
He would always have a story to tell or good advice to share or a
comforting word when you needed it. He was as good as they get.
I'm sorry I didn't connect with him this year. Ike, I hope you are
catching a good mess of Crappie and sharing them with my mom
and dad. The world was a better place with you in it. Peace to his
loved ones.*

Julie McVay - December 05, 2020 at 05:50 PM

MV

“ So sorry to hear about Ike. He just lived down the street & when my husband died he was such great help to me. We had many conversations over the years. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Martha Veerman - December 02, 2020 at 09:07 PM

EF

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Ike! I got to know him because he was a classmate and friend of my dads! He was at a lot of games when my sons played for Osky and was always smiling and always had a kind comment about my kids!

When my dad passed away in July I saw many missed calls on his phone from Ike. I regret that I didn't get him called but one day he showed up in my driveway and the look on his face was priceless. So caring and sorry for my loss. I was so sorry to see now we will have no more talks.

My deepest sympathies to Ike's family for the loss of this great man.

Elie Ford - November 29, 2020 at 07:41 PM

DB

“ Sue,

Very sorry for your loss. Take good care. Prayers are with you.

Dave & Sherry Beck

Dave Beck - November 24, 2020 at 03:19 PM

KB

“ *Ike was a good one who enjoyed watching all the Oskaloosa teams. So sorry for your loss Sue and family.*
Kathy Butler

Kathy Butler - November 24, 2020 at 11:39 AM

HL

“ *I want to send my thoughts and prayers to Ike family .it was always nice living across the street and walk over and chat when we were doing yard work,we talked about weather sports just about any thing will miss seeing you as well. Rest in peace my friend.*



Howard lamb - November 23, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ *I met Ike when I was 14 years old and working at Hardee's. He was always teasing me and laughing with me. This friendship grew over the years and I am blessed to have called him my friend. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, and most especially with Sue at this difficult time.*

Patti Hernandez - November 23, 2020 at 11:54 AM

LD

“ *Sue, John and Russell,*

So sorry to hear of Ike's passing, he will be missed by all who knew him. As a friend and working companion. I will always remember the goodtimes.

Larry Danels

Larry Danels - November 22, 2020 at 03:04 PM

DC

I just found out about Ike's passing. He and I hunted pheasants over many years. He was just a great guy. I will miss him. My very best to Sue and the family. Doug Patton

Doug Patton avon colorado - October 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM

TG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He always always had time to sit and chat about anything and everything. Prayers of peace to all of you.

Theresa &John Grahek - November 22, 2020 at 10:42 AM

KB

“ I met Ike when I was 18 years old at KFC in Centerville. I worked there while in college at IHCC. He was our district manager. When the word got out Ike was coming, we made sure the place wears spotless, as it was anyway, great team! Little did I know, when I moved to Oskaloosa in 2006 Ike was my backyard neighbor. Small world! I'm glad we reconnected and shared our love of hostas and gardening. My condolences to Sue, and his family!

Kerri Boender - November 21, 2020 at 07:11 PM

MB

“ Ike was always in our lives. He and my parents were close and Ike was a good friend to so many. I loved it when he called me and we talked family history as he was well versed on so much of the previous generations. Fly high Ike.....mona

Mona Bond - November 21, 2020 at 07:00 PM

SL

“ *Ike was one of a kind! He was a kind d soul who loved his family. My last memory of Ike is out spotting the albino deer. That day will always hold a special place in my heart. He will be missed by all who were blessed to know him!*

Susan Leedom - November 21, 2020 at 09:25 AM

TS

“ *Always a kind man. His laughter and sense of humor will be greatly missed!*

Tammy Sparks - November 21, 2020 at 02:44 AM

LI

“ *Sue, John & Russell,
What a great man Ike was. He had the ability to encourage you to be more than you thought you could be in supportive way. Hidden within his many stories was a quiet wisdom. I will miss running into him and catching up.
All the best,
Lisa Tucker*

Lisa - November 20, 2020 at 11:04 PM

DG

“ Uncle Ike will be greatly missed. A man who had a soft voice that used kind words of wisdom to meet the needs of his friends. Ike had a great sense of humor that he used to keep people smiling and laughing. Ike had three characteristics about him that were used often, quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger.

I saw something in Ike when he was a teenager that never left him his entire life. Ike was a caring, loving, giving person. Ike never spoke ill of anyone. Ike liked to share stories and knowledge he had on many subjects. The last story shared was October 30th. The last time I talked with Ike by phone. We talked about the building of Hoover Dam which is located on the border of Arizona and Nevada. This Dam was originally called Boulder Dam. Name changed to Hoover Dam in 1947.

I believe Heavens doors opened wide when Ike took his last breath here on earth. Ike was ushered into the presence of almighty God. There before him standing on the streets of gold was some of the great fisherman. There was Andrew, his brother Peter, James and John sons of Zebedee. These men were the Apostles of Jesus Christ. Each will be waiting to hear of the many fishing stories Ike will have to share.

May God hold Sue, John, Russell and all of the family members in the palm of his hand during this time of grief.

Dean & Gloria Glendening

Dean Glendening - November 20, 2020 at 10:11 PM

KK

Well said, Dean 💕

kat kalbach - November 24, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DA

“ Don and I were saddened to hear of Ike’s passing. A year or so ago I discovered a puppy locked in a hot vehicle at Fareway. I was beside myself until Ike happened along and in his usual calm way, handled the situation. Thoughts and prayers to Sue and family

Donna Arendt - November 20, 2020 at 09:03 PM

JS

John and I were privileged to know Ike and call him friend. He had a wealth of knowledge about so many things and his fish fries were legend! We will miss him. Rest In Peace, Ike. Our sympathies to Sue and the rest of his family.

John and Joyce Stam - November 20, 2020 at 10:03 PM

TL

“ Dear Johnnie and Russell,

I am so sorry to hear of Ike's death. He was such an amazing person.

Within this past year, I was home picking up a pizza for Mom and Dad. While I was waiting in the car, the passenger's side door flew open and into the car popped your dad! I hadn't seen him in ages. We had a great little visit. I'm so grateful for those moments in that parking lot.

I have so many wonderful memories of Ike and your family. I'm so glad to have known him and his caring ways. My deepest sympathies and heartfelt thoughts of comfort are with you all.

*With Fond Memories,
Trisha Lenarz-Garmoe*

Trisha Lenarz-Garmoe - November 20, 2020 at 09:00 PM

BF

“ have known Ike since early grade school years. Him and Paul played baseball for several years. such a likeable person and will miss seeing his smile and chats. the world has lost a great person and heaven gained one.
love and prayers to family and friends.

Beverly Floden - November 20, 2020 at 06:54 PM

DR

*Ike was one of. A kind. If he was your friend you were blessed. I will miss him at class reunions
He was fun to know*

Dena Roorda - November 21, 2020 at 12:55 PM

BN

“ *Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Ike Groves*



Becky Netten - November 20, 2020 at 06:48 PM

JW

“ *Our thoughts and condolences go out to Ikes Family! Ike was my lifelong friend and hunting and fishing buddie. loved his friendly smile and fantastic sense of humor. Going to miss him for sure!!!*


Jimmie Woodard - November 20, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CO

“ So sorry Sue and family!!! Ted and I send our sympathy . Memories of Ike, what a great friendly caring guy!! Stay strong , you were so caring and good to be a part of his life!! Sympathy and love. Connie and Ted Overbergen.

Connie Overbergen - November 20, 2020 at 06:44 PM

MS

“ Love and prayers Sue and Iles siblings. He was a kind friendly man.


Mary Sandholdtc - November 20, 2020 at 06:24 PM

LW

“ Ike was a loving and caring man who was such a great family member and friend to so many. He enriched the lives of many by being a listening ear, providing helpful advice, taxi service, whatever was needed. Ike was so kind and helpful (and patient) with my mother in her later years. I enjoyed many conversations with Ike sharing hunting stories, catching up on his fishing successes and talking family ancestry.

Sue, John, Russell and families please know we share your loss and will miss him greatly.

Deb and Larry White

Larry White - November 20, 2020 at 05:35 PM

JE

“ *Ike was a wonderful neighbor and a very caring person. He would do anything to help you. And never knew a stranger that diidn`t become a friend. He will be greatly missed.*



Joyce Estal) - November 20, 2020 at 05:15 PM