



Jerry Lee Nichol

January 30, 1938 - July 19, 2020

Jerry Lee Nichol, age 82, of Knoxville, Iowa, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2020 at home, surrounded by his family.

Jerry was born January 30, 1938 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Walter and Gladys (Donaldson) Nichol. He grew up in a farming family in central Iowa. Jerry attended Collins High School in Collins, Iowa and graduated with the class of 1956. Jerry was always proud of his time playing baseball and was particularly proud of his 1956 Collins High School team that he was the catcher for. This little school with an enrollment of 62 beat the top ranked East Des Moines School 1-0 at sub-state, allowing them to go on to the state tournament.

Jerry was united in marriage to Deloris (Lori) Watt in 1956. They were blessed with one daughter, Pamela, born in 1957. Lori died of cancer in 1958. Jerry met Patty Bogue in 1959 and they married the same year. They were blessed with three children, Julie, Jennifer, and Andrew. Jerry and Patty just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last October.

Jerry and Patty lived a few years in Kansas City before returning to Iowa in 1974, where they settled and have lived in the rural Knoxville area ever since. Jerry was employed at 3M, Hormel, and Diamond Animal Health in the 46 years since returning to Iowa.

The thing Jerry did best all of his life was to work hard and make whatever sacrifice necessary to take care of his family. He could fix or build anything, although not always the fastest at doing so. He had his own side business rebuilding wrecked cars for many years. Jerry loved animals and they always loved him (except mules). He always said "animals are the best judge of people". He hunted when he was younger and through this taught his son many lessons about how to approach life and being responsible.

Jerry's wishes were to be cremated. There will be no services due to the COVID 19 situation.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patty Nichol; children, Julie Minnihan, Andrew Nichol (Ji), sisters-in-law, Peg Bartling, Carole Nichol (the late Walter Dale), and Midge Thornton (David); also many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Gladys Nichol; first wife, Lori Nichol; children, Pam Nichol and Jennifer Nichol; one grandchild, Joel Minnihan; an infant sister,

Beverly; two brothers, Walter Dale Nichol and Jim Nichol (Barb); son-in-law, Terry Minnihan and sister-in-law, Betty Partridge.

Winfield Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Cemetery

Graceland Cemetery

102 N. Willetts Drive

Knoxville, IA, 50138

Comments



“ Patty, Julie, Andy, I'm so sorry to hear about Jerry. I'm so grateful to have come to many Sunday dinners and been able to meet him.

Andrea Levine - July 23 at 10:37 AM



“ Anthony & Maxine Toigo lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Nichol



Anthony & Maxine Toigo - July 23 at 09:04 AM



“ The comment about the mules triggered a memory of a story Jerry told me many years ago at 3M. All I remember is that after a long ride down a steep hill, the mule ejected Jerry in a less than ceremonious manner. He could not walk and his ankle was swollen so bad, he said he had to borrow a tennis shoe from Jennifer. And that danged mule, "just walked off and started eatin' grass." I always enjoyed visiting with him during his time at 3M. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Dennis Goad Sr. - July 22 at 07:34 PM



“ Carolan Charlie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Jerry Lee Nichol



Carolan Charlie Brooks - July 22 at 04:02 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Jerry's family. Although we had never met Jerry, we do know Andy and Patti. Andy, you look like your father! God Bless.

Carolan - July 22 at 04:09 PM



“ From, The Traffic Team at Norca purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jerry Lee Nichol.



From, The Traffic Team at Norca - July 22 at 12:39 PM



“ Sorry to see Jerry has left us. He was a wonderful employee for us at Hormel. Very professional and always did the right thing. He will be missed by many. Conrad Nelson

conrad nelson - July 22 at 08:40 AM



“ Extremely nice man! Thoughts and prayers to the family!

Julie Albert - July 21 at 11:49 AM