



## Ernest LeRoy Willms

July 13, 1935 - February 18, 2021

Ernest LeRoy Willms, 85, of Hampton, Iowa, passed away Thursday, February 18, 2021, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice in Mason City, Iowa. He was born July 13, 1935, in Bradford, to John L. and Tena (Karsjens) Willms. Ernie attended schools in Bradford. He was united in marriage to Charlene Lursen on May 6, 1956, in Hampton. Ernie owned and operated a garbage service and worked as a machinist at Hampton Hydraulics and Seabee Corporation in Hampton. He served in the National Guard for nine years. Ernie was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hampton, Hampton Senior Center, and was a former member of the Hampton Lions Club. He enjoyed participating in bowling leagues, playing bingo, tractor rides, camping, and having coffee with all his friends at Hardee's. Ernie was very handy; he could fix almost anything. Ernie loved his family dearly and is survived by his wife Charlene Willms of Hampton, son Charlie Willms of Bondurant, son Mike (Julie) Willms of Clear Lake, granddaughter Letha (Brandon) Patterson, grandson Joe Willms, granddaughter Ashley (Steve) Scarrow, granddaughter Emily (Jackson) Abbas, grandson Kyle Willms (fiancé Marissa Olk), great-grandchildren Lucas and Jacob Patterson and William and Tate Scarrow, sister Shirley (Bill) Sanders, sister-in-law Arlene Willms and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, three sisters, daughter-in-law Cindy and grandson Douglas. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, February 22, 2021, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hampton, with burial in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Iowa Falls.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, February 21, 2021 at Sietsema Vogel Funeral Home in Hampton. Those attending Ernie's visitation and service are encouraged to wear a mask.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest LeRoy Willms*

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**Kevin Patterson** - March 10, 2021 at 09:00 AM