



Gary Chaplin Sr.

August 16, 1940 - August 24, 2020

Gary Chaplin Sr., 80, of Iowa Falls, passed away Monday, August 24, 2020 at his home. A visitation will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Woodley Funeral Home. Following visitation he will be laid to rest with a graveside service at the Northlawn Memory Gardens. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Gary and his family. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the family.

Gary Lee Chaplin was born August 16, 1940 to Leon and Francis (Earler) Chaplin in Iowa Falls, Iowa. He attended country schools and graduated from Iowa Falls High School. On July 14, 1957 Gary married JoAnn Swires at his parent's home in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Gary started his own trucking company called Gary Chaplin Trucking. He worked hard every day but especially loved visiting with his customers or anyone that stopped by. If Gary was not busy with the trucking business, he was farming. He loved spending time with his family and was an avid coin collector.

Gary Chaplin is survived by his wife, JoAnn Chaplin of Iowa Falls, Iowa; children, Gary (DeeAnn) Chaplin Jr. of Ackley, Iowa, Wendy (David) Smalley of Rockford, Illinois, Alan Chaplin of Ackley, Iowa and Julia Chaplin of Grundy Center, Iowa; eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Francis Chaplin; brothers, David

and Robert Chaplin; a son, Bruce Chaplin and two grandchildren, Michael Johns and Amanda Smalley.

Cemetery Details

Northlawn Memory Gardens

Iowa Falls, IA 50126

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls - Woodley Funeral Home
516 S. Oak Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-7700

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *I remember. I also remember Bruce Chaplin.*

Mary Jo

Mary Rameyer - October 23, 2025 at 06:49 AM

CB

“ *Craig & Judith Brown lit a candle in memory of Gary Chaplin Sr.*



Craig & Judith Brown - August 30, 2020 at 07:01 AM

CB

Jo and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very sad time. God Bless.

Sincerely, Craig and Judith Brown

Craig and Judith Brown - August 30, 2020 at 07:09 AM



“ A great man and my long time friend who you could always count on if you needed him, he stood up with me at my wedding, helped me move a couple times, and much much more, one of the little things I always remember about him is If you were playing 500 there was never an argument over the score, the bid, the suit or who delt because he always had the record and when eating supper he would always chew his food, he said 100 times before swallowing and always kept his plate scraped clean and orderly while doing so and he would always chuckle when I would point that out to him and say if everyone would do that there would be lots less stomach problems. He was a great man and my great friend and Im gonna miss him.

Rob Bridges - August 28, 2020 at 02:54 PM

DN

“ I have known Gary since grade school, we have always been friends and had good visits whenever we would see each other, will miss him. May the lord bless and keep Jo and her family in his loving care. Dennis Neubauer

dennis neubauer - August 27, 2020 at 03:15 PM

KT

Have known Gary and JoAnn many years. Sorry for your loss. Prayers for his family!!!

Karen (Zoske) Touch - September 27, 2020 at 09:51 AM

MB

“ Gary delivered rock to build railroad tracks for 20 years. Places nobody else would go. I'll miss him. Thanks, Mark Blong

Mark Blong - August 26, 2020 at 03:07 PM

KC

“ *Chaplin family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Kenneth & Peggy Costello - August 26, 2020 at 02:52 PM

CH

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Gray's family. He will be missed by many!
Rex and Cathy ltes Heard*



Cathy Heard - August 26, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JK

“ *I knew Gary and his wife for many years,he was a very nice person,i always enjoyed chatting with him.*

jim kiroff - August 26, 2020 at 09:09 AM

KR

“ *I worked with Gary for the past 6 years here at Martin Marietta and talked with him almost everyday so i will miss him so much! He was very dedicated, caring man and always seem to know where i was sending him too and would give me guidance. I got to know JoAnn too as we both quilt and we would talk patterns and fabric. My deepest sympathy goes out to JoAnn and the family!
Karen Ries*



karen ries - August 26, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Chaplin Sr..*



August 25, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ *I was friends many years. Great kids too. Feel sad for the family. Gary hauled gravel up to school bus lot. Mark always said Gary was the best gravel spreader EVER. You are all in my thoughts are with you all*

dee johnson - August 25, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ *Encouragement for Gary's families & friends in his lifetime of memory.*



Mike Ites - August 25, 2020 at 06:38 PM



I knew Gary and his wife for many years a very nice guy, I always enjoyed chatting with him.

jim kiroff - August 26, 2020 at 08:48 AM

AB

“ This was the very last time I saw Aunt Jo and Uncle Gary. This was their first time meeting my son. I'm in shock that uncle Gary is gone. I have good memories of them both.



Amber Bahr - August 25, 2020 at 06:36 PM

MP

“ Big Hugs and Prayers of strength to help get you and your family through this most difficult time.



Marci Phillips - August 25, 2020 at 04:05 PM

WD

“ I can't believe my Favorite Uncle is gone. When I was a kid & stayed with Uncle Gary & Aunt Jo, he use to tease me while I was holding baby kittens, saying "Don't choke the cats and kittens now" then he'd laugh at me. Even hough I had a Dad I loved fiercely, I loved Uncle Gary like a 2nd Dad & will miss him terribly.



William & Lisa Dauchenbaugh - August 25, 2020 at 01:24 PM

BI

“ Bud & Sharon Ites lit a candle in memory of Gary Chaplin Sr.



Bud & Sharon Ites - August 25, 2020 at 01:12 PM

LK

“ Lori Kadner lit a candle in memory of Gary Chaplin Sr.



Lori Kadner - August 25, 2020 at 12:11 PM

JK

“ Jessica Roger Kurth lit a candle in memory of Gary Chaplin Sr.



Jessica Roger Kurth - August 25, 2020 at 09:05 AM

TB

“ Todd And Mary Blohm lit a candle in memory of Gary Chaplin Sr.



Todd and Mary Blohm - August 24, 2020 at 10:06 PM