



Merle Verlin Whipple

July 2, 1936 - June 23, 2016

Merle Verlin Whipple, 79, of Geneva, passed away Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Grand Jivante in Ackley. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Geneva United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 2-4 pm Sunday, June 26 at the Woodley Funeral Home in Iowa Falls. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Merle and his family. 641-648-7700.

Merle Verlin Whipple was born on July 2, 1936 to Gerald and Vera (Davis) Whipple in rural Dows, Iowa. He attended Franklin – Hardin rural schools. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1956 and was stationed in Korea. On September 7, 1957 Merle was united in marriage to Mary Ann Meyer in Bradford, Iowa. Merle was a self-employed truck driver for most of his life and he also worked at O’Rielly’s delivering parts.

Merle enjoyed his family immensely. To them, he will be remembered as fun loving, loyal and supportive. He loved doing activities with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He especially loved his dog Lacey who went everywhere with him. He had fun watching NASCAR races, baseball games and old detective shows on TV.

Merle is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Mary Ann Whipple of Geneva, Iowa; children, Marcia Whipple of Geneva, Iowa, Marilyn (Danne) Knoll of

Hampton, Iowa, Mickie (Brian) Shumaker of Iowa Falls, Iowa, Mark (Lisa) Whipple of Geneva, Iowa and Mary Jane Neff of Sheffield, Iowa; grandchildren: Jessie Dencklau, Wendy (Cory) Miller, Tony (Sarah) Knoll, Tori (Calvin) Schoenfeld, Ty (Paula) Mennenga, Ashley (Ben) Wilson, J.T. Neff, and Austin Neff; ten great grandchildren; two brothers, Verle (Norma) Whipple of Dows, Iowa and Wilber (Doris) Whipple of Hampton, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lanora (Sis) Conrad and three brothers: Lorenzo (Bud) Whipple, Virgil Whipple and Roscoe Whipple.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Service

JUN **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Geneva United Methodist Church
603 Front Street
Geneva, IA 50633

Tribute Wall

MR

“ *Mary Rameyer*

Mary Rameyer - November 26, 2025 at 07:39 AM



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Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - June 25, 2016 at 07:50 PM

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Dr. Leonard and Shirley Koenen - June 25, 2016 at 03:15 PM

SK

Merle and I spent many happy days together. I'm sorry to hear that God called him home, but I know he is at peace and his days of pain are filled with joy and perfect love.

Shirley Koenen - June 25, 2016 at 03:28 PM

RC

“ *Sorry to hear of you and your family's loss Mark.*

Rick Cobie - June 24, 2016 at 04:46 PM

DA

“ *Dawn Arneson lit a candle in memory of Merle Verlin Whipple*



Dawn Arneson - June 24, 2016 at 02:41 PM