



## Virgil Lee Homer

August 21, 1935 - June 29, 2024

Virgil Homer, 88, of Aredale, passed away Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Eldora Specialty Care Center in Eldora. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Virgil and his family.

Born on August 21, 1935, in Evanston, WY, he was a beloved figure in his community, known for his generous and fun-loving cowboy spirit.

Virgil proudly served in the Army, where he embraced the camaraderie and discipline that shaped his later years. After his military service, he found his calling as a truck driver for many years, as well as helping his wife, Helen, run and manage "Grandma's" in Aredale where he was a familiar and friendly face to all who passed through the doors.

Beyond his career, Virgil was a man of many interests and always kept his life filled with joy. He enjoyed many years raising and riding horses with his family and friends. In his later years, he loved trail riding and cruising around in his Roxor, often with a good friend by his side. He was a master storyteller, whose tales could captivate any audience and was often found surrounded by friends and family, sharing laughs, good times, and a cold one. No matter who had gathered around at the end of the night, he would always say "They are all good people."

He is survived by his children, Scott (Karan) Homer and Matt (Deb) Homer; grandchildren Jesse Homer, Michele (Rob) Schmidt, Lora (Travis) Lumley, and William Homer; great-grandchildren Cecelia and Harrison Schmidt; siblings Dora Oitzman and Mike Creeden; and many nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Virgil was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, his parents, Virgil and Reba, and his brother, Tom.

A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at New Hope United Methodist Church in Aredale. Visitation will take place the same day at the church from 9:00 a.m. until service time. Following the service, Virgil will be laid to rest at the Dumont Cemetery. His life and legacy will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, as a man who was truly a friend to everyone.

# Cemetery Details

## Dumont Cemetery

N Elm Street  
Dumont, IA 50625

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

New Hope United Methodist Church - Aredale Center  
218 E Main Street  
Aredale, IA 50605

## Funeral service

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

New Hope United Methodist Church - Aredale Center  
218 E Main Street  
Aredale, IA 50605

# Tribute Wall

KT

“ Keith Tarr purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Virgil Lee Homer.



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**Keith Tarr** - July 11, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“ Keith Tarr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Virgil Lee Homer.

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**Keith Tarr** - July 11, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“ Tim Oitzman and family purchased the *Magnificent Life Spray* for the family of Virgil Lee Homer.



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**Tim Oitzman and family** - July 09, 2024 at 09:07 AM

LS

“ Linda M. Spear purchased the *Fiery Lily and Rose* for the family of Virgil Lee Homer.



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**Linda M. Spear** - July 09, 2024 at 08:07 AM

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PW

“ Paula Oehlert Wood lit a candle in memory of Virgil Lee Homer



Paula Oehlert Wood - July 08, 2024 at 09:55 PM

PW

Sorry for your loss, Scott, Matt and the rest of your family.

Paula Oehlert Wood - July 08, 2024 at 09:58 PM

TW

My thoughts and prayers for comfort are with Virgil's immediate and extended family. So very sorry for your loss.

Toni Wilkinson - July 09, 2024 at 03:46 PM

AH

“ My favorite memory is how much Virgil helped - and enjoyed hosting - Harry's 80th birthday party. My sympathies to Scott and Matt and families.

Avis Handorf - July 08, 2024 at 06:28 PM

GB

“ We all have many fond memories of Virgil and will always remember one of his famous quotes “If you’re going to have fun, have fun”. Thinking of Virgie can’t help but bring a smile to your face, and that says a lot about a man. The Bills family.

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**Gary Bills** - July 06, 2024 at 08:34 AM

KD

“ Virgil was a giver. He looked out for everyone. I loved him so much.

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**Kim Doran** - June 30, 2024 at 08:20 PM