



Albert R. Sample

October 16, 1930 - August 25, 2019

Albert R. Sample, age 88, of Centerville, formerly of Albia, passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2019, at Golden Age Care Center in Centerville, Iowa.

Albert was born on October 16, 1930, at home in Davis County to Roy and Clara (Orman) Sample. He grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating from the Albia High School with the Class of 1948. He later attended trade school for 6 months to become a barber. Albert served his country in the United States Army stationed in Germany as a cook during the Korean War.

Albert was a jack of all trades and worked many jobs during his lifetime. He worked at Downs Funeral Home in Albia for many years before joining the circus. While with the circus, he had Samson the Wrestling Bear who wrestled different all-star wrestlers such as Harley Race. He traveled all over with the circus, also assisting with the rides. He later scrapped metal, as well as running a gas station and a restaurant.

Albert enjoyed being outdoors and loved to hunt, fish, and trap. He was a very talented musician who could play anything. His love of music allowed him to meet celebrities including Shep Woolley and Loretta Lynn. Albert was very social, loved a good cup of coffee, and never knew a stranger.

Albert is survived by a sister, Opal (Kenny) Huber; a daughter, Linda; a stepson, Donny; and a stepdaughter, Betty. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Clara; 4 brothers, Wayne and Glen Sample and 2 in infancy; a sister, Mary Prose; and a stepson, Johnny.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2019, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Albert's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 30, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Lynda Carlson officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at Selection Cemetery in Monroe County.

An open memorial has been established to the family.

Events

AUG **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Tharp Funeral Home

116 Benton Ave., West Albia, IA, US, 52531

AUG **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ We Loved spending time with Uncle Albert, as kids he would take us fishing and chase us around with his teeth out and we all laughed and had a great time. He could also play the piano Loved to listen to him in church.
With fondest memories Sherry Prose Pitts

Sherry Pitts - August 28 at 06:43 PM



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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Albert R. Sample.



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