



Ivan Eugene Wray

March 4, 1937 - December 17, 2020

Ivan Eugene Wray, age 83, of Moravia, passed away on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at MercyOne Medical Center in Centerville, Iowa, surrounded by his loved ones.

Ivan was born on March 4, 1937, to Harry and Mildred (Stevens) Wray in Livingston, Iowa. He grew up and attended school in Centerville. On February 25, 1956, he was united in marriage to Gail Mae Tharp. Ivan and Gail shared 48 years of marriage prior to her passing away on June 4, 2004. Ivan then married Cynthnia (Black) Owens on January 15, 2005.

Ivan worked at Curwood-Bemis. He was a very hard worker and farmed for many years, which was his passion. He was very social with an ornery side. He enjoyed drinking coffee at McDonalds with his friends and loved to ride around on his golf cart. He loved his family and cherished the time spent with them, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Ivan is survived by his wife, Cindy of Moravia; 6 children, Charlotte Wray of Centerville, Carla Cormeny of Moravia, Cheryl (Pritesh) Wray of Springfield, MO, Carol (Drew Streets) Rollman of Melrose, Chris Wray of Branson, MO, and Chad (Roni) Wray of Belton, MO; 10 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 6 great-great grandchildren; a sister, Maebeth Natzke; 4 sisters-in-law, Ruth Davis, Ethel Houser, Margaret Stottlemire, and Sharon (Jim) Burns; and a brother-in-law, Paul (Helen) Tharp.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Mildred; his first wife, Gail Mae; a sister, Donna Marie in infancy; 2 sons-in-law, Larry "Tiny" Cormeny and Jim Rollman; his parents-in-law, Burdette and Maxine Tharp; a brother-in-law, Gale Natzke; and 3 sisters-in-law, Mable Ellison, Betty Cabbage, and Grace Jackson.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ivan's family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Travis Decker officiating. Burial will follow services in Jerome Cemetery in rural Appanoose County. Due to the most recent proclamation and enhanced public health measures for the state of Iowa, masks will be mandatory for all those in attendance over the age of 2.

A memorial has been established to the National Kidney Foundation.

Cemetery

Jerome Cemetery

Appanoose County, IA,

Events

DEC 22 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave., West Albia, IA, US, 52531

DEC 23 **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ivan Eugene Wray.



December 22, 2020 at 08:55 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God's comforting arms and your memories help you all during this time.



John/Glenda Garrison - December 20, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ May happy memories carry you through this sorrowful time. You're in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers.

Mark and Thelma Smothers - December 20, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ Love, Joe and Beth Cormeny purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Ivan Eugene Wray.



Love, Joe and Beth Cormeny - December 19, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ I worked with Ivan at Viskase in Centerville. Quite a guy! A very nice one who made working with him fun. He certainly will be missed by all who knew him.



Patti Slavin Richmond - December 18, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ Paul & Helen Tharp, daughter, Paula & son, Jim purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ivan Eugene Wray.



Paul & Helen Tharp, daughter, Paula & son, Jim - December 18, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ I’ve know Ivan since he was a teenager, dating my sister, Gail. I’ll share two stories. The first shows Ivan’s “ornery” side & the other shows, I think, Ivan’s ability to put whatever effort it took into accomplishing a task.

When my sister Sharon married Jim Burns, the ceremony was held at our neighborhood church known simply as North Bend Church. One of the people who dropped by after the ceremony was Dickie Dykes. Dickie left the church with someone & left his ‘56 Chevy behind with the keys in it. When Ivan discovered Dickie’s car with the keys in it, he told me to drive his car & to follow him. He drove Dickie’s beautiful ‘56 Chevy about two miles away from the church, down a very rural country road. And, we left it there, sitting alongside the road, with the keys in it. I can still remember Ivan’s laughter! Ornery? You bet!

My 2nd story happened while Ivan & my sister, Gail, were dating. As I recall, we had one of those southern IA ice storms & the roads were treacherous. Did that stop Ivan from visiting my sister? Nope! Ivan ice skated down the frozen Chariton river from where he lived with his parents to the west edge of our farm (about 5 miles), then walked the half mile or so to our house. When it was time to leave, he went back down to the river, put on his skates & skated home.

Ivan will be missed. The world was a better place with him in it!

Paul Tharp - December 18, 2020 at 05:51 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Ivan Eugene Wray.



December 18, 2020 at 05:48 PM