



## Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon

September 5, 1943 - January 1, 2021

Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon, age 77, of Albia, passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021, at his home in Albia, IA, surrounded by his family and under the care of EveryStep Hospice.

Butch was born on September 5, 1943, to Francis William and Dorothy Marie (Dunbar) Mahon at Mercy Hospital in Des Moines, IA. Butch grew up attending school in Des Moines and graduated from Tech High School. He later attended St. Cloud State University in Minnesota where he studied Computer Science. In 1967, he was united in marriage to Susan Hook and to this union 2 children were born, Gerald and Tonya. Butch and Susan later divorced. On April 2, 1994, Butch married Linda Davis at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA.

Butch served his country in the United States Army. He was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam era serving with the military police. Following his time in the service, he was an intracontinental electrical lineman installing high wires through the mountains and other dangerous areas, often hanging out of a helicopter to complete the job. An unfortunate injury cut his lineman career short and Butch later operated heavy equipment doing general construction as well as rebuilding roads.

Butch was a member of the IBEW Union 55 of Des Moines. He enjoyed being

outdoors, especially mushroom hunting. He was a jack of all trades. He was a skilled carpenter who loved to make furniture. He was a talented mechanic working on anything from tractors to cars. He was a good cook, known for his ham and beans and his pickles. Farming was his passion, including row crops and raising Hereford cattle. Butch was very generous and always willing to help his family and friends. He was a mentor to all and often said, "If a job is worth doing, it is worth doing right." Above all else, Butch cherished the time spent with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Butch is survived by his wife, Linda Mahon; a son, Gerald Mahon; 4 stepchildren, Katie (Steve) Seifert, Greg (Ashly) Davis, Brad (Sarah) Davis, and Scott (Ashlee) Davis; 11 grandchildren, Tayla, Faye, Joselyn, Stella, Emma, Scarlett, Noah, Aubrey, Elle, Gunner, and Gray; a special nephew that he raised, Wesley (Sandra) Lowman; a brother, Dan Mahon; 2 sisters, Kathleen Lowman and Frances Sargent; and a foster son, Kody Merrival. Butch is also survived by several other special nieces and nephews, cousins and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Dorothy Mahon; a daughter, Tonya; and a brother, Richard Mahon.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Butch's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Father Mark Yates, C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at Oak View Cemetery in Albia. Due to the most recent proclamation and enhanced public health measures for the state of Iowa, masks will be mandatory for those in attendance over the age of 2 for

both visitation and the funeral service. The service will be livestreamed on the Tharp Funeral Home Facebook page. The link to the livestream is <https://fb.watch/2QIJBEM9Ut/>

A memorial has been established to the International Foundation for CDKL5 Research in honor of his granddaughter, Emma Lowman.

# Cemetery Details

**Oak View Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

### Funeral Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *My Butchie: Leaving was inevitable, we spoke of this and how I would miss you when you passed on. I could depend on you even far away. I am thankful for my big brother, who was always there with guidance, advice, a loving conversation, and comfort to my heart. I am thankful for Linda and her unconditional love for you. I will miss hearing your voice, your snickering laugh (like Wild Coyote in Road Runner). Driving down the country roads, going to the Big Rock, just being together. Most importantly, for the time before your last hours when we were together in the living room, listening to your favorite songs, seeing your smile for the last time. I am thankful to God, giving us such sweet closure and comfort and you a peaceful passing. There is a part of you in all of us. Rest In Peace my Big Brother, "until we meet again." You loving sister, Frances*

*Sent from my iPhone*

Frances Sargent - January 17, 2021 at 11:20 AM

AJ

“ Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.

*What a wonderful guy! We love you!*

*Austin Zwicki*

*Julie McGee*

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**Austin and Julie** - January 09, 2021 at 01:30 PM

SC

“ Sorry to hear this sad news of Butch's passing. My condolences to his family.

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**Sue Corcoran** - January 07, 2021 at 08:26 PM

JM

“ Sending sincere condolences for a dear cousin. I will cherish the many memories I have of your family farm and my visit with family in Montana & Canada

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**Judi Manning Mireles** - January 05, 2021 at 10:51 AM

KN

“ Dwight and I were so sorry to learn of Burdette's passing. He was a very caring, loving, hard working and never give up guy. Time with him was always special. Our thoughts and prayers are with all family and friends. We will not be at the services but plan to see everyone when times are safer. Love to all.

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**Karen Neff** - January 04, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon.*



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January 04, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ *My deepest condolences to your family. Kathleen is a dear, dear friend, and my heart goes out to all of you in this time of sorrow.*

*Sending thoughts of peace and comfort to you all,*

*Janie Bennett*

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**Janie Bennett** - January 03, 2021 at 11:13 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon.*



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January 03, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Burdette "Butch" Francis Mahon.*



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January 02, 2021 at 02:53 PM