



Charles "Jake" Eugene Jacobs

July 8, 1932 - September 15, 2021

Charles "Jake" Eugene Jacobs, age 89, of Albia, IA, passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Jake was born on July 8, 1932, at home on the family farm in Wapello County to Charles Wilson and Norvella Blanche (Apley) Jacobs. He grew up attending Jack Oak Country School and later Albia High School, graduating with the Class of 1950. On June 26, 1955, he was united in marriage to Betty Arlene Bates at Otterbine United Methodist Church in Albia and to this union, 3 children were born, Sheila, Mark, and John. Jake and Arlene shared 66 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Jake worked at Morrell's in Ottumwa, quit to farm with his parents before serving his country in the United States Army from October of 1952-October of 1954. Jake was stationed in Fort Bliss in southwestern Texas where he tested radar equipment. Upon returning home from the service, Jake went to work on the Mohr Ranch near Blakesburg and also worked for the Mohr's around South New Haven. In 1959, he went to work for Henderson Implement in Albia as a mechanic where he worked for 22 years. Throughout the years, Jake and Arlene also managed their own farm.

In his younger years, Jake was very active in 4-H and FFA and continued this into his adult life by serving as a 4-H leader for 18 years and being an active

alumni member with the FFA. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia, Monroe County Cattlemen's Association, and the American Legion. Jake served as Treasurer and Member at Large for Farm Bureau as well as serving on the boards for Rathbun Regional Water, REC, the cemetery board, and Monroe County Extension Council. His dedication and hard work paid off with many awards, such as the Monroe County Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year Award, the Monroe County and Iowa 4-H Award, and was featured in the Albia Union Republican celebrating Monroe County's oldest farmers.

Jake enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and cutting wood. He and Arlene enjoyed square dancing and were members of the Lads and Lassies Square Dance Club. They also enjoyed Hee Haw Shows, where he and Arlene participated in skits and Arlene yodeled. He was very social and never knew a stranger. Above all else, Jake loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jake is survived by his wife, Arlene; his children, Sheila Sample and Mark Jacobs of Albia and John (Selena) Jacobs of Ottumwa; his grandchildren, Guy Jr. (Tara) Sample and Amy (Travis) Kaster of Albia and Sam, Elijah and Gabe Jacobs of Ottumwa; his great grandchildren, Trey, Guy III, and Gus Sample and Olivia and Josiah Kaster; and a sister, Helen Cook of Oskaloosa. Jake is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends.

Jake is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Norvella; a son-in-law, Guy Sample; and 2 brothers-in-law, Don Cook and Don Spurgin.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Jake's family present to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 18, 2021, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Roger Henry officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose will follow services at the Blakesburg Cemetery in Blakesburg, IA.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Trinity United Methodist Church or the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Cemetery Details

Blakesburg Cemetery

Blakesburg, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles "Jake" Eugene Jacobs*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Charles "Jake" Eugene Jacobs*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of Jake's passing. My condolences to you, he was a joy to me, and always seemed to enjoy family gatherings! I will miss him.*
Regards, Glen Miller

Glen Miller - September 23, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ *Sheila and family, so sorry for your loss. My thought and prayers are with you.*



lea weldon - September 18, 2021 at 03:37 PM

LS

“ Rest in peace, Uncle Jake. Until we meet again.
As a child, I loved spending time with Uncle Jake and Aunt Arlene. It was a joyful home.
One of the games we played was Backward running races. Of course, Jake would win, unless he let us beat him. I don't run backwards any more, but am still able to walk backwards fairly well.
An acquired skill taught to me by my Uncle Jake.

Linda Spears - September 18, 2021 at 01:12 PM

ES

“ So sorry for your loss Arlene ! Neighbors for 40 years ! He will be missed ! Prayer for your family ! RIP Jake ! ❤️

Evelyn Sharpe - September 18, 2021 at 09:22 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Charles "Jake" Eugene Jacobs.



September 17, 2021 at 10:34 AM

EW

“ Sorry to hear of jakes passing he was a good guy and a good neighbor when we were very young jake and my brother Fred were good buddies as young boys used to go hunting with their beebe guns hope Arlene is doing alright I know this is a tough time for her and the family jake will be missed by many people. Take care you are all in my thoughts and prayers Rest In Peace jake. Eva may Sandeen Wallace

eva wallace - September 16, 2021 at 11:05 PM

LE

All my best to you Arlene and family. My heart aches for you as you say farewell to your loving husband. May our dear Lord surround you with His peace. Sending love prayers and sympathy. Lana Kaldenberg Eells

Lana Kaldenberg Eells - September 17, 2021 at 04:43 AM

DC

“ *Arlene our prayers are with you. Please know we are thinking of you. Please let us know if we can do anything.*
Love Richard and Debbie

Debbie coop - September 16, 2021 at 09:32 PM

JA

“ *Jan Allison lit a candle in memory of Charles "Jake" Eugene Jacobs*



Jan Allison - September 16, 2021 at 08:14 PM

KH

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Sheila and her family. He was a kind and special man!*

Kathleen McDonald Hull - September 16, 2021 at 07:34 PM

MH

“ *Arlene, I was so sorry to hear that Jake had passed. God gained an angel and Keith will be visiting with an old family friend. God be with you and the kids. 💕*

Marcia Henderson - September 16, 2021 at 07:18 PM

LS

Sheila, my sympathy for the loss of your father. You are in my thoughts and prayers. -Laura See

Laura See - September 16, 2021 at 08:30 PM

GS

“ *So sorry for your family's loss. Gina Eddy Stauffer*



Gina Stauffer - September 16, 2021 at 05:39 PM