



James Theodore Colschen

November 10, 1946 - August 23, 2023

James Theodore “Ted” Colschen, age 76, of Albia, IA, went home to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Oakwood Specialty Care in Albia.

Ted was born on November 10, 1946, in Muscatine, IA, to James William and Betty Mae (Frye) Colschen. He grew up attending school and graduated from the Muscatine High School with the class of 1964. On October 16, 1965, he was united in marriage to Cathy Lee Brunson at the Church of Christ in Davenport, IA and to this union, 2 daughters, Catrese and Michelle, were born. Ted and Cathy were blessed with 57 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Ted was a Marine Corps combat veteran of Vietnam earning a Purple Heart and Commendation for “Meritorious Achievement.” He was a member of the 3rd Marine Recon Association (USMC), the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans.

Ted owned and operated Standard Oil in Muscatine and later Colschen Goodyear Tire. He was contacted by Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatine where he became camp director for 27 years. He was extremely talented at construction and had a passion for building. He helped rebuild the camp and helped build his home. Ted was a man of strong faith. He loved his family

deeply and cherished the time spent with them, especially his grandchildren.

Ted leaves behind his wife and best friend, Cathy; 2 daughters, Catrese (Trevor) Barlow of Albia and Michelle (Mike) Fournier of Crestview, FL; 7 grandchildren, Nadia, Colin (Shay White), Ariana, Sasha, and Skylar Barlow, and Alex and Michael Fournier.

Ted was preceded in death by his parents, James and Betty; 2 sisters; and a brother.

A Celebration of Life Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Ted's family present to greet family and friends. A time of sharing will be held at 6:30 p.m. followed by military honors provided by the American Legion of Alba, Lovilia, and Melrose. Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Muscatine.

A memorial has been established to Spring Valley Bible Camp in Muscatine, IA, and can be sent to the family c/o Tharp Funeral Home at 116 Benton Ave. West, Albia, IA 52531.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Visitation

AUG **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home
116 Benton Ave.
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<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

Time of Remembrance

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Cathy, I was saddened to hear of your husband's passing. A man of great character w/you by his side taken too soon. May God be w/you and your family during this difficult time. Thank you for supporting our Food Pantry in Albia. You were such a blessing to us. Sharon Cunningham

Sharon Cunningham - September 18, 2023 at 10:35 AM

CP

“ Cathy and family, I'm sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He will be deeply missed. Ted was a huge presence at Calvary in Muscatine and Spring Valley Bible Camp. My sincere sympathy.

Cheryl Petersen - September 15, 2023 at 12:06 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Cathy and the family. Many, many amazing memories working with Ted at Spring Valley Bible Camp. What a wonderful ministry bringing so many to Christ. (especially young lives). Many blessings.
Tom and Teresa Randleman

Tom and Teresa Randleman - August 29, 2023 at 09:41 AM

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“ Cathy and family , I am so sorry for your loss . Ted was such a great guy. Love Becky Ernst

Rebecca Ernst - August 28, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of James Theodore Colschen.



August 27, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Theodore Colschen.

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Theodore Colschen.



August 26, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James Theodore Colschen.

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“ Maria Philbrick (Brunson) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of James Theodore Colschen.



Maria Philbrick (Brunson) - August 26, 2023 at 10:39 AM

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“ *Maria Philbrick (Brunson) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Theodore Colschen.*

Maria Philbrick (Brunson) - August 26, 2023 at 10:39 AM