



John Richard "Homer" Diercks

July 8, 1964 - March 23, 2026

John Richard "Homer" Diercks, age 61, of Albia, IA, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, March 23, 2026, at his home.

Homer was born on July 8, 1964, in Rock Island, IL, to Ralph "Jake" and Sandra (Thompson) Diercks. He grew up in Iowa and graduated from Dowling High School in West Des Moines, IA, before proudly serving his country in the United States Navy.

Homer dedicated his working career to being an over the road truck driver. He drove for Ben Shinn Trucking Inc. for many years and delivered steel for KMA Steel. He enjoyed being outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. He had a great sense of humor and brought laughter everywhere he went. He truly never knew a stranger. He loved his cat, Sammy. Above all else, he loved his family deeply and cherished the time spent with them.

Homer is survived by his father, Jake Diercks; his mother, Sandra Diercks; 3 sisters, Beth (Tim) Welch, Ann (Jason) Goemaat, and Sara Woolley; and 2 stepsisters, Madeline Boblett and Linda (Carl) Marks. Homer is also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his stepmother, Lois Diercks and his grandparents.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Homer's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with James Vrba officiating. Military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose, and Lovilia, will be held immediately following services at the funeral home. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Monument in Albia.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 29. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Military Honors

MAR 29. 2:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Williamson Volunteer Fire Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Richard "Homer" Diercks.

Williamson Volunteer Fire Department - March 26 at 04:05 PM

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“ Rest in peace, Homer.
You will be missed. 🙏🏻



Cheryl - March 26 at 11:00 AM