



Larry Dean Chidester

October 16, 1946 - May 25, 2018

Larry Dean “Chet” Chidester, age 71, of Albia, passed away on May 25, 2018, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, surrounded by his loved ones.

Larry was born on October 16, 1946, in Albia, IA, to Basil and LaVonne (DeWitt) Chidester. He grew up and attended school in Albia, graduating with the Class of 1964. In March of 1966, he married Sharon Gay at the EUB Church in Albia and to this union, 2 children were born, Stacy and Lori. Larry and Sharon later divorced and on June 16, 1979, he married Twila Jones at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia. To this union, a son, Larry was born.

Larry was a long-time farmer, raising cattle, crops, and hay, while also maintaining several other jobs over the years. Larry worked for Brooks and then Maloney Door Factory before serving his country in the United States Army. Upon returning from the service, Larry worked at several places, including Chamberlains in Albia, Oskaloosa Foods where he worked on the egg farm, AYM in Albia, and Hawkeye Molding before retiring from Iowa Aluminum.

Larry was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the American Legion Howard Cessna Post #136, both in Albia. He enjoyed being outdoors, doing things such as hunting, trapshooting, and helping his son, Larry, farm.

He enjoyed collecting guns, watching television, and taking trips to Kansas. Above all, he loved spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.

Larry is survived by his wife, Twila; his children, Stacy (Heidi) Chidester, Lori (Mark) Watson, and Larry (Shea) Chidester; and several grandchildren. Larry is also survived by several cousins and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Basil and LaVonne; a granddaughter, Laura Chidester; his grandparents, W.G. and Sarah Chidester and William and Inez DeWitt; and a cousin, Jerry Johnson.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home with Larry's family present from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 31, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Pastor Richard Grimes officiating. Burial with military rites provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose, and Lovilia, will follow services at East Bethel Cemetery in Monroe County, Iowa.

A memorial has been established to the Welcome Home Soldier Memorial.

Cemetery Details

East Bethel Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

MAY 31. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Dean Chidester*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Larry Dean Chidester*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Chidester.*




May 30, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ *Lori Adams lit a candle in memory of Larry Dean Chidester*



Lori Adams - May 28, 2018 at 09:33 PM


Chelsea
Jones

“ *Uncle Larry you will be missed very dearly...*



Chelsea Jones - May 28, 2018 at 07:50 PM

JO

“ *Our condolences to Twila and family in learning of Larry's passing. We wish you healing and comfort during this time. - Caitlin and Collin Jones - Phoenix, AZ*

Jones - May 28, 2018 at 07:00 PM

LC

“ *I am so sorry to read of Larry,s passing, we worked together for several years at AYM, he was a good, honest, hard working man who loved his family. My sympathy to all.
Lisa Cornelison*

Lisa Cornelison - May 28, 2018 at 04:42 PM


Tracey
Matt

“ *So sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Tracey Matt - May 28, 2018 at 09:47 AM

MC

“ *Sorry to hear of Larrys passing. He was a friend, classmate and veteran brother. RIP my friend.*



MAX COX - May 27, 2018 at 08:56 AM

TS

“ Thomas Shovlain lit a candle in memory of
Larry Dean Chidester



Thomas Shovlain - May 27, 2018 at 08:50 AM

JT

So sorry to hear that Larry passed away. My parents were neighbors to Basil and LaVonne. As a young kid I remember Larry coming over to see Dad and showing off his pretty blue Pontiac GTO. Years later my Mother and I saw him at the Dairy Queen south of town in Albia. We had a nice visit and I told him how much I loved his GTO. Never knew it would be the last time we would see him. We are so sorry for your loss. Larry was always a good person even as a kid. Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers for family at this time.

Joyce Templer - June 01, 2018 at 02:05 AM