



Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr.

September 13, 1954 - March 21, 2022

Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman, Sr., age 67, of Albia, Iowa, passed away on Monday, March 21, 2022, at his home.

Les was born on September 13, 1954, to Francis Allen Jr. and Dalene (Gardner) Bateman at the hospital in Oskaloosa, IA. Les grew up and attended school in Cedar Rapids and later in Albia, graduating from Albia High School with the Class of 1972. On November 4, 1972, he was united in marriage to Rita Kay Lowe at the Salem Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids and to this union, 3 children were born, Debbie, Les Jr. and Julie. Les and Rita shared 32 years of marriage prior to Rita's passing on July 10, 2005.

Les worked at Wilsons, a meat packing plant which later became Farmstead, from 1972 until they closed in 1990. He then went to work at Payless Cashways as a delivery driver. Lastly, Les worked for the street department in Cedar Rapids until his retirement in 2013.

Les was a member of Salem Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. He loved being outdoors, gardening, riding around in his Gator on the pasture paths he mowed, especially with his cousin Annie, hunting, fishing and horseback riding. While living in Palo, he dug out a pond on his land that he raised koi fish in. He went to auctions and collected toy trains, which he set up not only in his home, but also around his koi pond. Les was a great cook, known for his

goulash, homemade pizza, hot sauced chicken hearts, and his secret ingredient, sugar. He loved his dogs, especially his labs, Jack, Lady, Lacey, Libby, Marley, and Rose. He loved to tease and had a great sense of humor but above all, Les's family was everything to him and he cherished all of the time spent with them.

Les is survived by his children, Debbie Sullivan, Les Bateman Jr., and Julie (Kevin) Klawiter; 9 grandchildren, Molly, Preston, Chloe, Parker, Korbin, Madison, Maci, Brock, and Lily; 2 great grandchildren, Liam and Hayden; his mother, Dalene; and his sister, Lorie Bateman. Les is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Rita; his father, Francis; as well as other family members.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Les's family present throughout the day and evening to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 31, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia with Deb Black officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

An open memorial has been established for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Sending my deepest Sympathy to Les' family, children, mother Dalene , sister Lorie & Cousin Annie you are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. I have heard several stories working side by side with Annie these past few years. I know he was a special man and so loved and he will be greatly missed by all. Prayers & mercies for comfort.*

Tami Sawyer - March 30, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



March 30, 2022 at 01:17 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



March 29, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



March 29, 2022 at 10:17 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



March 28, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Les! Worked with him at the city his entire career there. His sense of humor was off the hook! He was a great worker and a friend to everyone! Our thoughts and prayers are with your family!*

Tracy - March 27, 2022 at 08:22 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



March 26, 2022 at 10:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



March 26, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ *Worked with Les, His Entire time at the Streets Dept until My Retirement in 2008.
Was at His Home numerous times while He was Building Rita's Dream Home!
Even from Outside Their Circle, Her Loss was Devastating - As She had a Radiant Personality - So Glad to have Called Them Friends.
If You could Make Each person on the Planet, With the Personality of Them TWO, The World would be So Much Better! - Loved His Trains - Will Miss You Les!!*

*Dan
Down South*

Dan - March 26, 2022 at 08:11 PM

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“ *Connie Heisler-Eggers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leslie "Les" Allen Bateman Sr..*



Connie Heisler-Eggers - March 26, 2022 at 05:44 PM

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“ *I am so heartbroken over this news. I cared deeply for Les. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Wish I could be there for you.*

Wanna Shaw - March 24, 2022 at 10:10 PM

VS

“ *So sorry to hear this!! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Valerie Selby Small - March 24, 2022 at 10:00 PM