



## Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt

May 24, 1943 - July 9, 2019

Albert "Bud" Witt, age 76, of Tracy, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at his home in Tracy, Iowa. Bud was born on Monday, May 24, 1943, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Michael Albert and Roberta Ellen (Bogard) Witt. He attended school in Oskaloosa. He was united in marriage to Joyce Stocker on September 15, 1961. To this union four children were born, Debbie, Shari, Kevin and Bryon. They later divorced. In 1970 he was united in marriage to Caroline Ladely. To this union three children were born, Carla, Teresa and Tony. They shared over 45 years of marriage together until Caroline passed away in 2016.

Early in Bud's life he worked with his father unloading lumber out of train cars. He later took a job as a welder at Carter's Steel in Oskaloosa. Bud worked for several coal mines in Missouri before returning to Tracy, Iowa where he continued to work in coal mines around southeast Iowa. He later began working with his brother at Witt Auto Salvage in Eddyville until retiring. Bud enjoyed woodworking, building race cars and trailers, riding 4-wheelers, raising his parrots, and working in the yard. He was a very talented handyman and wasn't afraid of hard work.

His family includes six children, Shari (Frank) Riner of Carthage, Missouri, Kevin (Paula) Hershey of Carthage, Missouri, Bryon (Connie) Hershey of Oskaloosa, Carla Ladely (Burke Ruby) of Ottumwa, Teresa Bunnell of Oskaloosa, and Tony (Missy) Witt of Oskaloosa; 22 grandchildren; many great grandchildren; his brothers, Mark (Nancy) Witt of Eddyville and Leon (Liz) Witt of California; a sister, Sue Brown of Utah; several nieces and nephews, his best friend, Bill Myers and his pet bird, Carol.

In addition to his wife Caroline, Bud was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, Debbie Witt; a grandson, C.J. Cortez; his brothers, Ken Bogard, Larry Witt, Jerry Witt, Roger Witt, Norman Witt and Paul Witt; his sisters, Hattie Leshner, Patricia Hampton and Doris Hampton and a nephew, Tony Atchison.

Visitation will be held on Friday, July 12, 2019 at the Bates Funeral Chapel beginning after 12 noon with the family being present from 5:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. to greet friends and

relatives. As was Bud's wish, his body will be cremated following the visitation and a private family burial will be held at a later date. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Albert "Bud" Witt Memorial Fund.

# Events

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**JUL** **Visitation - Open** 12:00PM - 05:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

# Comments

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“ I met Caroline, & Bud Witt 2014 I had just got my first parrot. I'm a huge animal lover. I spoke with Bud over the phone and he'd directed me how to get to their home in Tracy.

I needed help getting my Harley birds nails trimmed. They welcomed me into their home and I was in absolute Awh!!!

It was like I'd walked through a portal into this magic world. They shared the same love of animals as myself. First time I'd ever talked to them, & it felt like family! I always called Bud , Dad! Him & Caroline will forever and always hold a special place in my heart. Being genuine good hearted souled People, they didn't know me or anything about me. They had no idea how much I truly needed to feel like I had a family and considered me as part of theirs. Forever Thankful! May you both be reunited & shine on us you've left with such a positive impact on. Love you so much for making a dream possible, and for allowing me to be a part of your wonderful family.

Mary Pope - July 13, 2019 at 07:45 PM

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“ 129 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - July 12, 2019 at 01:43 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt.



July 11, 2019 at 09:45 AM

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“ Mercy Nutritional Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt.



Mercy Nutritional Team - July 11, 2019 at 09:10 AM

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“ Sending love and prayers.



Jennifer (Witt) Vogt - July 10, 2019 at 10:21 PM

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“ You'll always be in my heart,love you. You will be missed dearly by all who love you. My prayers and sympathy to the rest of the family. Love to you all.

Brenda Evans - July 10, 2019 at 05:35 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt.



July 10, 2019 at 05:30 PM

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“ Iowa Wood Preservers purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt.



Iowa Wood Preservers - July 10, 2019 at 05:12 PM

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“ Dad , I couldn't have asked for a better father! You were always there for me no matter what and I Love and miss you already! R.I.P and soar like an eagle!



Teresa Bunnell - July 10, 2019 at 03:20 AM

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“ Love you uncle Bud. I hate to hear this sad news. Now you are dancing in the sky with your beautiful wife as you reunite with all of your family in heaven. Prayers to all the family.



Brittany Zeman - July 09, 2019 at 10:06 PM

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“ Rest In Peace uncle Bud you will be truly missed by us all....my thought and prayers are with our family during this time much love to all.



**Trish longoria** - July 09, 2019 at 09:45 PM

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“ Love you to the moon and back



**katy brown** - July 09, 2019 at 08:38 PM

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“ Will always hold a special place in my heart. Love and Miss you Uncle Bud. Prayers and hugs to all the family.



**Sheila Perry** - July 09, 2019 at 08:35 PM

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“ Tracey Van Maanen lit a candle in memory of Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt



**Tracey Van Maanen** - July 09, 2019 at 08:26 PM

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“ Kimberly Pipes lit a candle in memory of Albert "Bud" DeWayne Witt



**Kimberly Pipes** - July 09, 2019 at 07:21 PM

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“ Bud was always quick with a smile and a warm hug. Very kind and ornery man .  
So sorry for his family and loved ones.

**Dorothy Garrison** - July 09, 2019 at 06:17 PM

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“ Sorry for your loss Carla, Teresa and family

**Jodi Smith** - July 09, 2019 at 05:44 PM