



Charlotte L. Messer

August 13, 1940 - May 8, 2019

Charlotte L. Messer, 78, of Oskaloosa, died Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at MHP Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa. She was born August 13, 1940, at her parents farm house north of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Paul Errol and Edith Ridenger Gray. She graduated from Hillsboro High School with the class of 1958. On April 7, 1961 she was united in marriage to Robert Messer in Burlington, Iowa. To this union, two children were born, Chris and Michael. Charlotte and Robert shared 27 years of marriage together before his passing in 1988.

Charlotte was a homemaker for most of her working life until she took a job working for Marv Smiths Signs in Oskaloosa. She later drove a bus for Oskaloosa Community Schools from 1988 until retiring in 2010. She enjoyed watching sports, Iowa Hawkeye football games, fishing, mushroom hunting, being outdoors, and spending time with her friends. Above all, her real joy in life was spending time with her family.

Her family includes her two sons, Chris Messer of Urbandale, Iowa and Michael (Dawn) Messer of Conway, Arkansas; three grandchildren, Jacob (Telisa) Messer, Paige Messer and Abigail Messer; five great grandchildren, Gracie, Bentley, Quinn, Kohen Messer and Khaleesi Brewer and a sister, Shirley Thornton.

In addition to her husband Robert, Charlotte was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Edith.

As was Charlotte's wish, her body will be cremated and a private graveside service will be held at the Grant Cemetery in Rome, Iowa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the MHP Serenity Hospice House.

Comments



“ so sorry for your loss. our favorite memory to share was of her and Shirley carrying me in a corn basket. she will be missed.

Nancy Gray Krogmeier - May 10, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ Happy to see the photo of young Charlotte – she was so cute! We are fortunate to have so many wonderful memories of adventures with Charlotte – mushroom hunting on “our hill” and crappie fishing every season for 30 years. She often out-fished us with her white pole, pulling in those 16 inchers. We could count on her rhubarb pie every spring and oh, those great tenderloins! She’d load up taco soup, & Dutch letters for our camping trips and of course, nachos for our daily happy hour. So fun to be with her, there was always something to talk and laugh about – the latest adventures she had with “the Girls” Char and Rosemary, the raccoon that stole her Subway sandwich, the recital night Abigail dedicated a dance to her, our nightly deer rides, oh, so many good times. Thank you, Charlotte, it’s been GREAT! Ron and Gwen

Ron Gwen Laird - May 10, 2019 at 01:11 PM



“ Chris & Mike, My heart is so sad, loved her dearly. As you know when you boys were all in high school we three girls had so much fun, going to games and all the other things we did. Such great memories that I will.always have. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Martha Veerman - May 09, 2019 at 04:50 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady and fun to be around. We football mothers of "79" enjoyed each other. Shirley Broerman

Shirley Broerman - May 09, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ She was wonderful to work with as a fellow bus driver. She had such a contagious laugh. Even after she retired, I would stop and visit her at her new home. She was always welcoming with a smile that was warm. She was a very kind and generous friend. So sorry for you loss. She will be missed by those who were lucky enough to get to know her.

Kelly Simmons - May 09, 2019 at 09:50 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Charlotte L. Messer.



May 09, 2019 at 08:36 AM



“ Charlotte was such an awesome lady! She was the bus driver for many of my Special Needs students. She was so patient, understanding, and fair. She earned respect! Thoughts and prayers to her family in their loss! She touched many lives and will be missed by many! I'm thankful to have known Charlotte! Judy



Judy Lewis - May 09, 2019 at 12:56 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Charlotte was my sons first bus driver. So patient with the special needs kiddos. We will always remember her kindness.

Julie Knox - May 08, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ Many thoughts and prayers to our longtime family friend Mike and the rest of the Messer family.



Amy - May 08, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ So sorry to read this she was a great lady to work with. We had a few good times at work and away, she will be missed. My sympathies to all family.

CaRita Pierson - May 08, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Sorry to hear the news...grew up with Mike and around his house as a kid 30+ years ago...still remember her laugh like it was yesterday and what wasn't to laugh about with Mike and his friends! She will be remembered fondly by all of those who knew her.

Jim Dundon - May 08, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ Charlotte was such a very awesome lady!! She was the bus driver for many of my Special Needs students. She was soo patient, fair, and understanding with these kiddos! She touched soo many lives in such positive ways! Thank you, Dear Charlotte! Thoughts and prayers are with your family in their loss! I'm thankful that you were a part of my life! Judy

Judy Lewis - May 09, 2019 at 12:48 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Charlotte was a good friend and she will be missed. We became acquainted with her when Marion was driving a school bus in Oskaloosa. A gentle heart and a lady with much determination.

Marion & Dorothy Vos

Dorothy & Marion Vos - May 09, 2019 at 07:38 PM



“ I am so sad to read his, Charlotte was a great lady. thoughts and prayer to the boys.
Marty Burke

Marty Burke - May 08, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ Chris, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. My sincere condolences. Hugs

Amber - May 10, 2019 at 08:56 AM