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## Gerald A. Klostermann

Gerald A. "Jerry" Klostermann, 80, of Cedar Falls and formerly of Tripoli, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday, September 18, 2017, at his home in Cedar Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, September 22, 2017, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly with Rev. David Ambrosy and Rev. Ken Stecher concelebrating. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Rettig Funeral Home in Tripoli where the Rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. Visitation will also be for one hour preceding services at the church on Friday. Committal services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday with military rites conducted by Brandenburg-Krueger Post #4013, V.F.W. of Tripoli at Mt. Olivet (Pinhook) Cemetery of rural Sumner.

Gerald Alphonse, son of Alphonse and Alvina (Pape) Klostermann was born March 8, 1937, in New Vienna, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Faith. He received his education in the New Vienna Schools and along with his wife would later receive his G.E.D. Jerry enlisted in the United States Army in 1956 and was stationed in Germany before being honorably discharged in 1959. On February 18, 1963, he was united in marriage with Janet Esser at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Guttenberg. The couple would move to the Tripoli area in the mid 1960's. Jerry started working for People's Natural Gas in August of 1960 and worked there until retiring in March of 1999. He was a long time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Waverly where he was very active and served as a volunteer firefighter for the Tripoli Fire Department from 1969-2001. Jerry enjoyed traveling, going to Arizona and Las Vegas, Nevada to see family, going to the casino, the annual Labor Day picnics with his sisters, gardening, but most of all Jerry enjoyed spending time with his family.

Jerry is survived four daughters, Lisa (Chad Page) Klostermann of Kellogg, Iowa, Lori (Todd) Gipple of Blue Grass, Iowa, Judy (Michael) Vauthier of Denver, Iowa, and Linda (Dan/ "Spanky") Burgart of Tripoli; nine grandchildren, Gerald Weepie, Rebecca (Cody) Wilson, Spencer, Tyler, Joshua, and Conner Vauthier, Amber (Ben) Osborn, and Tim and Troy Gipple; three sisters, Norma Jean Venteicher of Edgewood, Delores Neuhaus, and Marian Klostermann both of New Vienna, Iowa; three sisters-in-law, Rachel Cline, Martha Montague both of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Vicki (Jim) Stoffel of Norwalk, Iowa; and one brother-in-law, Matt Esser of Guttenberg.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Janet who died on June 15, 2014; two sisters-in-law, Perry McGeough and Connie Esser; and two brothers-in-law, Bernie Neuhaus and Paul Venteicher.

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**Pat and Carol Snyder on September 21, 2017 at 2:08 PM said:**

Lisa, Lori, Judy and Linda, and all your families,

We are sorry to hear of your dad's death, and we extend our sincere sympathy to you all. Jerry was a great co-worker, always kind and helpful, a lot of fun, and we have good memories of those days working together. We are unable to attend the services, but know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Your memories of all the good times will give you strength in your loss.

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**Brad & Kim Bunce** on **September 21, 2017** at 7:17 AM said:

Our deepest sympathies to the family.

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**Beth and Bruce Bunger** on **September 20, 2017** at 10:49 AM said:

Janet and family; we extend our deepest sympathy on Jerry's passing. We are grateful for the kindness, friendship and good deeds you and Jerry showered on my parents, Ray and Mavis Bunger. You both made theirs and others lives richer having known you. Thank you.

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**Sandy Jaschen** on **September 19, 2017** at 12:59 PM said:

We are so sorry to hear about Jerry. We are sad to know he is gone. We were lucky to have seen him in, I believe June. We always had a lot to visit about since we have known him for so many years. We had a lot of fun times with both he and Jan with the Gas Company.

Many memories will remain in our hearts. He loved his girls very much, as well as all the others in his family.

Dave and Sandy Jaschen

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