

Gary Wolken, 67

Sept. 1, 1943 - Jan. 7, 2011

EARLHAM — Gary L. Wolken was born the son of Nick J. and Hildann B. (Weihs) Wolken on September 1, 1943 and died in hospice at the Kavanagh House on 56th St. in Des Moines on January 7, 2011 at the age of 67 years, 4 months and 6 days. Gary was educated in the Elk Horn schools, graduating in 1962.

Gary and Doris Hall were married on June 12, 1965 in Harlan. This union was blessed with two sons: Trent and Tyler. Gary worked for most of his life in the agriculture business, working for Tractor Supply Co., Central Tractor, and K Tool Co,



to name a few. In doing so he and Doris moved numerous times as Gary was promoted and lived in various cities in the Midwest. Gary served a tour of duty in the Iowa National Guard, being honorably discharged in 1970. Gary loved spending time on his acreage, walking in the timber, cutting wood, and mowing grass. Gary was an avid Cyclone fan and attended numerous home basketball games. Gary loved teasing his sisters, daughter-in-law Jill and her sisters. Gary loved to play cards with family and friends. He was a member of the Peace Lutheran Church and a former church council member. He was a member of the De Soto Lions Club, umpired baseball and softball games and was a little league coach. He enjoyed collecting John Deere toy tractors and playing with his grandchildren.

Gary leaves the following family to celebrate his life: wife Doris of Earlham, son Trent and wife Jill of Earlham, grandchildren Taylor and Klayton; mother Hildann Wolken; sisters: Linda Olson (Fred), Nancy Schmitz (Larry), Pat Schomers (Jerry), Jill Blackford (John) and brothers: Dan (Vicky), Dave (Amy) and Chuck (Ann); sisters-in-laws Evelyn Sager and Deloris Claussen; many nieces and nephews and friends. Gary was preceded in death by his father Nick Wolken and son Tyler Wolken.

Memorial services were held January 13, 2011, at the Peace Lutheran Church, rural Adel, with Pastor Drew Gangle officiating. Private interment of the remains was held at a later date in the Walnut Cemetery.

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