



Merle J. "Butch" Sterling

July 15, 1943 - November 24, 2020

Merle J. "Butch" Sterling, age 77, of Humboldt passed away on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at the Allen County Regional Hospital. Merle was born on July 15, 1943 in Chanute, KS the son of Alvin J. and Edna L. (Coover) Sterling,

Merle was a graduate of Humboldt High School class of 1961. He was also a member of the Humboldt United Methodist Church, served on the Humboldt School Board for more than 20 years, the Allen County Fair Board, and the Young Farmer's Association. Merle drove the school bus for many years when he was younger. He then drove a crude oil transport for more than 20 years before returning to drive a school bus until his retirement.

On November 15, 1970 Merle married Julia Belle Dorris in Humboldt, and she survives at their home. They began their lives working together on their farm raising hogs, cattle and crops, but most importantly, raising their family.

Including his wife Julia, Merle is survived by:

3 Children:

Jarred Sterling of Ottawa, KS

Layne Sterling and wife Alicia of Humboldt, KS

Kendra Weatherman and husband Steven of Colony, KS

Sister:

Jill Beck of Sioux City, IA

8 Grandchildren: Brock and Allison Weatherman, Morgan, Mason, Mylan and Mathis Sterling and Logan and Carter Sterling.

Merle was preceded in death by his parents and step father Robert R. Redfield.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 10:00 am at Countryside Funeral Home in Chanute. Visitation will be held Monday, November 30, 2020 from 5-7 pm at the funeral home. Memorials have been suggested to either the HHS Alumni Association or to the Allen Co. Fair Board Association and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com Funeral Services entrusted to: Countryside Funeral Home 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS 66720

Cemetery Details

Mount Hope Cemetery

1282 Hawaii Rd.
Humboldt, KS

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

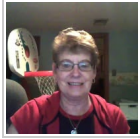
Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
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Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Dear Julia and family,
I saw Mr. Brucel earlier today and as we were talking about Humboldt and he mentioned that Merle had passed. So sorry for your loss. John (class of 61 and I (Sherry class of 63 share a lot of memories growing up in Humboldt and HHS. He was a great guy and will be missed.
Sending prayers as I know you are still adjusting.
With deepest sympathy.
John and Sherry (Long) Crane

Sherry Crane - May 26, 2021 at 04:06 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss, I enjoyed getting to know Merle when we were both bus drivers for Humboldt. My favorite memory is when I said "I sure wish whoever owns that field would get that wheat cut, it's hard for me to see around the corner if anyone is coming" and Jack Ellis and Carrol Baker both leaned over and told Merle "she sure wishes you would get that field cut", I had no idea it was his, he just laughed and said he would get right on it. He was a great guy and will be missed. You all are in my prayers.

Mitzi Farran - December 01, 2020 at 11:22 AM

JF

“ Jaci and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Merle J. "Butch" Sterling.



Jaci and Family - November 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Merle J. "Butch" Sterling.*



November 29, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merle J. "Butch" Sterling.*



November 29, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Always appreciated his contribution to USD 258 as a school board member and a bus driver. Sympathy and prayers to the family!!*



Ruth Knapp - November 27, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Merle J. "Butch" Sterling.*



November 27, 2020 at 03:04 PM