



Allen Charles Iversen

September 5, 1949 - February 7, 2022

Allen Charles "Butch" Iversen was born on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 1949 to Emil J. and Evelyn J. (Peterson) Iversen, at the hospital in Carroll, Iowa. He was the second son, taken home to Albion, Iowa to meet his big brother, Emil Jr.

Shortly after, the family moved to Paradise Township of Crawford County, Iowa to become farmers. On August 15, 1950 - 11 months later - the family was joined by John Lewis - it was then the three brothers received their early education.

Allen started his formal education at Paradise Country School. Times were changing, and the three brothers transferred to Arion City School, town population 108. 4 more siblings joined the family through 1953-1958. Emily, Steven, Robert, and Susan. Times were hard, mom and dad had a farm sale and moved to Schleswig, Iowa where dad became a farmhand. In November 1958, all of the Iversen children were baptized at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Ricketts, Iowa. Allen "Butch" was going to school on one of the first big yellow school buses in Schleswig until spring of 1961. The family then made the move to Ida Grove, Iowa.

They lived in the big square house North of the Ida County Fair Grounds for about five years before buying the family home on 2nd Street in Ida Grove. It was in the years of 1967-68 that Butch left high school and went to work for the city of Ida Grove. In May 1968, Butch was drafted to the United States Army 198th infantry. He received his basic training in Fort Lewis, Washington.

He flew to Vietnam on his 20th birthday. He served his country as a mortar gunner. His year on tour was just about over with only 10 days remaining when he was tragically wounded on August 21, 1970. Butch was flown home on his 21st birthday to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Colorado. He was treated in the hospital for 2 years before his final discharge.

Coming home, he started a job as an owner-operator of the A&J 66 Station with his Uncle John Iversen in Ida Grove. During his busy days he found time to date and marry Jodean Rupert, the mother of his three children, Katie, Jason, and Joseph. Butch and Jodean eventually parted ways, and for a number of years, Butch would come home and spend the summers in Ida Grove with his children. In 1982 he decided to follow his older brother Emil jr to Grenada, California where his children continued to visit every summer. As the kids got older, the two boys moved to California to be with their Dad.

Butch volunteered his time helping at L&M Rentals for Leo and Marcia Miller. He helped his sons, as well as many high school boys, learn the basics of life, and he was a friend and father-figure to many. He was entrusted with a key at the Black Bear Diner as the official coffee maker and was always there waiting to get his 1st of many cups of coffee through years.

In his later years, Butch became a staple of 3 J's and was often referred to as the "Mayor" of Grenada. He could be found at home in Grenada, keeping an eye on the neighborhood. He had a special bond with his neighbor, Gary, which included greeting each other every morning with a simple wave out the window. It's easy to say they had each other's schedule down to a "T." Butch enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. His grandchildren were his pride and joy, and there will always be a special place in his heart as well as theirs for each other. Butch was a powerful role model to his family; his positive attitude and orneriness will be greatly missed. Nobody was a stranger to Butch. He could be found chatting, flirting, and teasing with many.

During his short but courageous battle with cancer he was surrounded by his children, loved ones, his "#5" brother, Steve, and his niece "Stephie."

He completed his earthly journey February 7.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Evelyn, brother Robert, sister Susan, brother-in-law Dick Hoagland, sister-in-law Vicki Iversen, son-in-law Terry DeBuhr, and a nephew Chad Iversen.

Butch is survived by his children, Katie (Mark) Jackson, Jason (Kim) Iversen, and Joseph (Suzanne) Iversen; grandchildren: Cassandra, Nathaniel, Kirsten of Oklahoma, Ashley, Ethan, Wes, Luke, Mckenzie of California; great grandchildren Aliyah, Valerie, Aiden, Olivia (on the way), of Oklahoma; brothers Emil (Jimi) of Grenada, California, John (Karen) of Little Sioux, Iowa, Steven of Ida Grove, Iowa; sister, Emily Jo Hoagland of Ida Grove, Iowa many nieces, nephews, and extended cousins and friends.

A memorial service with military honors will be held for Butch on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Grenada Berean Church, 512 6th Street, Grenada. Girdner Funeral Chapel is assisting the family.

Tribute Wall

LF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I didn't know Butch but I did see him everytime I stopped at 3J's for gas.

Lesley Falcone - April 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ My heart breaks for my family who are grieving the loss of such an important person in their lives. Katie, Jason, and Joey, I will always remember your father as a joyful man who loved to tease people and make them smile. I know you and your children each had a special relationship with him. As someone who knows how it feels to lose a parent, I understand all too well the absolute gut-wrenching, life-altering feeling you must be experiencing right now. My heart and prayers are with you. I dearly love each of you from the bottom of my heart!

Kayla Allison - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My Mom Ruth Quandt always said Butch was a favorite nephew of hers! She took care of him when he was a baby and he peed on her!!! That was always a joke between her and Butch!! They would laugh everytime they talked about it!!! RIP Butch!! I sure hope you and Mom are having another laugh about in heaven!!

Denise Heinrichs - February 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My heart goes out to Butch's family, he was such a special person and my thoughts are with all of you. It was almost 36 years ago that Steve and I sold our home to him. He will be missed by so many friends. Take good care of each other. I am so thankful I got to talk to Butch and Jason a few weeks ago.

Marietta Laws - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Got so many great memories of this great man. You're going to be greatly missed by so many friends and your family Butch, Sending hugs, prayers, and love to all the family and friends at this very difficult time. RIP Butch until we meet again. George and you will be talking each others ear off and watching over us.

Ruth Hurd - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Butch was a great man and incredible friend to my family. Gruff on the outside and a big soft teddy bear on the inside. We're all so saddened by his passing, and his family is in our thoughts and prayers. He sure loved his children and grandchildren. Love you my friend...Brad

Brad Miller - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Many, many wonderful memories with this special guy!! 💖 Sending so much love to his family and friends!

Bee Jae Foy - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ RIP BUTCH you will be greatly missed 😭

Melissa Wishart - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Rest in peace he's a darn good man

Scott Towne - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the family during this Difficult time. Butch and I go back many years. We drank many Beers together at the Ida Grove Bowling alley. He was a GREAT FRIEND and will be missed by many!! GOD K LOVE YOU BUTCH! R.I.P BUDDY! 🙏🙏😭😭💕💕☐☐

Marge (Quandt) Miller - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Rest In Peace Butch! You were a good friend and neighbor. Prayers and hugs to his family.

Elizabeth Stewart - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ RIP. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers with the family and friends. ❤️

Janae Scruggs - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ RIP. My thoughts are with all of the family, he was such a great guy. Take good care of each other, he will be missed by so many people.

Marietta Laws - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LA

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Leticia Lopez Ausbern - February 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ RIP. So very sorry for your loss. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Kristen Naylor - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Prayers to the family

Mary Blackwell - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our hero 😇

Kimberly Casci Heilmann - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Oh no ! What a fun - give you a hard time kinda guy ! Always chatted it up with him at 3-Js filling my UPS truck ! Hugs to all the people close to him ❤️

Susan N Greg Todd - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ RIP Butch!!! Will miss his fun!! The grands will miss him at Halloween!!❤️

Donna Kleaver Thompson - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ RIP Butch. Thank you for your service and for always giving me a hard time when we saw each other. I'll miss seeing you around.

Cody Peters - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ *Rest in peace dad*

Jason Iversen - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

Jd

“ *Rest In Peace Butch,*

John Dawson - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

Tl

“ *Rest In Peace, Butch. You are missed*

Tracy Louie - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

Dt

“ *I'm so sorry, rest in peace*

Dana True - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

Gc

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. He always made me smile when I saw him at 3Js. He will be greatly missed.*

GingerLee Charles - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

Dd

“ *Butch had a smile for everyone. Condolences to his family and friends.*

Darla d'Agay - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Aw man, I really enjoyed this man. He would sit outside the gas station in Grenada and wave as I rode by on my bicycle. Then we'd talk about that and his next trip when he came into Raleys. The Grenada ride will never be the same knowing he won't be there, but I'm sure I will forever look to see.

Deni Duncan - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Girdner Funeral Chapel

A Memorial Tree was planted for "Butch" Iversen - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ Oh My... I knew Butch forever... Such a good guy and what a roll model. His children can sure be proud of their Dad... RIP Butch...
Mareta Schau Vermeys

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JC

“ God bless you butch Rest In Peace

John Clayton - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ God bless

Elieene Jones - February 09, 2022 at 12:00 AM