



B.H. Junior "Bugs" Davis

June 14, 1935 - December 26, 2022

B. H. Junior "Bugs" Davis, age 87, passed away in Iowa City on December 26, 2022. He was born on July 14, 1935, in Ollie, Iowa, the son of Bret Hart and Treva Kit (Stull) Davis. He graduated from Ollie High School with the Class of 1953. Junior met the love of his life, Carol Mae Leyden, and married her on February 20, 1957. They were blessed with 65 years of marriage.

They traveled all over Iowa while Junior ran heavy equipment during road construction. One of his greatest joys was helping on the construction of Red Rock Dam. In order to spend more time with his wife and family, he moved to a small acreage in Birmingham, Iowa, where he took a job at ANR Pipeline until retirement.

He spent many years helping his father-in-law, Hank Leyden farm. He also loved all sports, especially football and talking to his grandsons about it.

Junior enjoyed visiting with all his neighbors. He was a deacon at the United Free Methodist Church in Birmingham. Carol and Junior were both strong in their faith.

Junior will be missed by his children, Vicki Ruggles of Waukee, Brenda (Steve) Gaston of Keosauqua, Susan (Rick) Heine of Hampshire, IL and Bret Davis of Newton; 9 grandchildren April Ruggles of Des Moines, Amanda (Roger) Mozee of Des Moines, Dwane Ponx III of Grimes, Randi (Ryan) Troutman of Keosauqua, C.J. (Kendal) Gaston of Nashville, TN; Josh (Amber) Van Dorin of Huntley, IL; Jessie (Corey) Jenkins of Monroe Center, IL; Sarah (A.J. Nolthing) Davis of Fort Madison and Lane Davis of Iowa City. He is also

survived by several great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Junior was preceded in death by his wife, Carol; his parents; 2 brothers, William "Bill" Davis and Francis Davis; 4 sisters, Kate Schrader, Betty Reynolds, Fern Darby and Jean Vest

Funeral services will be in the Prairie View Church, Ollie, Iowa on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Phil Campbell officiating. The Fremont Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will begin Monday, January 2 at 9:30 a.m. until service time at 11:00 a.m. at the Prairie View Church in Ollie with the family present to greet relatives and friends. A memorial will be to St. Croix Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie View United Methodist Church
27131 IA-78
Ollie, IA 52576

Funeral Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie View United Methodist Church
27131 IA-78
Ollie, IA 52576

Burial

JAN 2 (CT)

Ollie Cemetery
Ollie, IA 52576

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of B.H. Junior "Bugs" Davis.*



December 29, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *So sad to see the last of my mom's (kate) family go ! Junior and Carol were very close to us. Many times I would stop what work I was doing when they were in Ollie just to set and listen to him tell about the old times in Ollie! One story I herd was he could light a match stick with a grader blade !! Also enjoyed Juniors stories of riding with his brother Frances to get parts for grandpa Brets garage !!! Junior this boy is gonna really miss ya but also glad Carol and you will always be together ! Such a fine family I can say we came from Bret Heart Davis Jr.*

Scott Schrader - December 27, 2022 at 09:13 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of B.H. Junior "Bugs" Davis.*



December 27, 2022 at 09:09 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of B.H. Junior "Bugs" Davis.*



December 27, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of B.H. Junior "Bugs" Davis.*



December 27, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Rose Mary Charbonneau lit a candle in memory of B.H. Junior "Bugs" Davis*



Rose Mary Charbonneau - December 27, 2022 at 07:17 PM



Sending prayers to Brenda and all his family; so sorry for the loss of your parents.

Rose Mary Charbonneau - December 27, 2022 at 07:18 PM

JH

Sorry about your loss Brenda and family. As you know I worked a lot of years with Jr. . And always enjoyed so much working him. When I first hired on with the pipeline, he probably taught me more about the industry then any one I worked with. Him and your mother were were both exceptional people. They will be dearly missed. With love Joe.

Joe Heckethorn - December 27, 2022 at 08:27 PM

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The last one left of the Davis tribe. The end of an era . Close bunch of brothers and sister. Always there for each other and a special bond between Mom and Junior. Ollie was his home and that was just the way it was. You can take the boy out of the town but you can't take the town out of the boy. Now he and your Mom have come back to Ollie for their final journey together only to have a new one to begin. Aren't we glad we got to share some of the ride.. Love to you all, George and Kitty

kitty snakenberg - December 27, 2022 at 09:35 PM