



Gerald "Luke" "Moose" "PaPa" Ray Luke

January 15, 1950 - October 12, 2018



Gerald Ray Luke "Luke – Moose – Papa", 68, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away Friday, October 12, 2018, at the Dennis & Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in Hiawatha, Iowa, with Julie by his side. A gathering of family and friends will take place from 2 – 5 p.m. Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cedar Rapids. Per Gary's wishes there will be no services.

Gary was born on January, 15, 1950, at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids, the son of George and Anna (Bell) Luke. He was raised in the Alburnett/Marion area and graduated from Alburnett High School in 1968. Gary excelled in football and wrestling and made many lifelong friends in high school. After graduation he married Ellen Forkner and they moved to Tucson, Arizona where he owned his own construction company with two other friends. He and Ellen later divorced and Gary returned to Cedar Rapids. Gary worked union construction for over 30 years and also started "Luke Built Trikes" with his brother, Don. He met many people throughout his life, either on a jobsite, his trike rides or a few watering holes. Some of his greatest joys were going to NASCAR races and Sturgis with friends. He loved meeting new people while riding his trike and he always had a joke to tell. His greatest joy the last 6 ½ years of his life was being "Papa".

Gary is survived by the love of his life, Julie Auman and her family; his brothers, Richard Luke and Donald "Jackie" Luke; special daughters, Danielle and Damia "MeMe"; grandchildren, Colby, Nyla, Aubrey, Tatum and Presley; nephews, Rick, Joe, and Casey; nieces, Debby, Jamie and Emily; special friends, Lee Behrens and "Pepsi Bob" who always made sure Gary and Julie had anything they needed. He was preceded in death by his parents; niece, Darcy Luke Davis; and sister-in-law, Vi Luke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family.

Events

OCT	Visitation	02:00PM - 05:00PM
20	<hr/> <div>Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service</div> <div>520 Wilson Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA, US, 52404</div>	

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Murdoch Funeral Homes & Cremation Service - October 17, 2018 at 11:44 AM



“ Luke was always there if you needed help with anything I called him up when I moved back here to CR to see if he could help me unload my stuff from the truck and he said for sure rabbi when and where I have known him for almost 40 years I will miss him. RIP my great friend. Roger (rabbit) Guyer

Roger Guyer - October 20, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ Sorry to hear about the loss of a really good guy. The one thing that I will always remember about Gary is that he could dance like Fred Astaire.

Carl Anderson

Carl Anderson - October 20, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ Family of Gary Luke,
So sorry to hear of Gary's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Mike and Cathy Dochterman

Mike Dochterman - October 19, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gerald "Luke" "Moose" "PaPa" Ray Luke.





“ 30 some years ago, Gary and I and quite a few other Abate and friends were assembling benches for the upcoming Vinton Popcorn Rodeo Cycle Circus, In between assembly every once in a while he would spin his hammer in the air frontwards, then backwards then spin it into his hammer holster! I Called him his other alias name that he was known by Luke The Duke! He looked back at me and smiled and said in that John Wayne voice did you like that pilgrim! May GOD Bless You GARY May You Rest In Peace! Jeff "Jethro" Maish Sr.

Jeff "Jethro" Maish Sr. - October 19, 2018 at 06:45 PM



“ Julie I am so extremely sorry about the loss of Gary. I have no words that can express the bond he had with my dad "Peety" as he called him. His friendship over so many decades meant the world to my family! The seats my dad would design and sew for him, each one better than the last. I will miss seeing him on one of his trikes..always beaming and proud if you were on the back! My prayers, hugs and love always Julie!

Jeni Pedersen Urban - October 18, 2018 at 05:58 AM



“ Oh, Gary, I am so happy I stopped to see you in September after I heard you were sick. I thought I would see you again.
I remember the early 90's riding with District 5 of Abate of Iowa. You were there very often. Humboldt for the fourth of July. Monthly meeting with Red Drew. You would count his "um's" Although I've been sober for twenty five years, I liked riding and drinking with you and Roger Kirkpatrick.
Ride free,Gary. You always treated me fair. You were a good man.

Stan Lee - October 18, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ Trike on Luke! Keep all tree wheels on the ground! The Teacher

John Uchtman - October 19, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ 46 files added to the album LifeTributes





“ Julie and family, my thoughts and prayers go out to you at this difficult time, may you find some comfort in knowing he is at peace now, and that you loved and cared for him to the end. Barbara Jelinek

barbara jelinek - October 17, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ Remember Luke at the bike events and hog roast always had a smile and a happy person to be around ride free luke

randy richmond - October 17, 2018 at 08:41 AM



“ Donnie, Jackie, Jamie, Casey and the rest of the Luke clan...

Growing up, I always enjoyed seeing Gary! I can remember when Donnie and Gary would be working on the trikes when I would come over and always loved seeing them together. He is no longer in pain and was welcomed by Darcy. RIP Gary.



Michelle Blair Herbst - October 16, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ I've known Gary for 30yrs.you couldn't ask for a better person.He had time for everyone.I always enjoyed riding with Gary.i will miss him deeply.Ride free Luke.See you on the other side.



Rick Benesch - October 16, 2018 at 04:58 PM



“ As a high school classmate of Gary's I am saddened to see him go, but at least he won't suffer anymore. Gary was a GREAT high-school wrestler, going to state in a hotly contested heavyweight weight class. He had many remarkable wins in his wrestling career. He always had a good attitude and was fun to be around. We missed him at this year's 50-year class reunion. My thoughts and prayers go out to the extended family.

Ken Sherman - October 18, 2018 at 12:56 AM