



Marvin Gottsch

July 24, 1942 - July 5, 2016

Marvin Gottsch, age 73, of Carroll, died Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the Hawkeye Care Center in Carroll.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 8, 2016 at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. Rev. Cindy Johnson of St. John Lutheran Church in Carroll will preside. Burial will be at the Westside Cemetery near Westside, with military honors conducted by the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard.

Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. Friday at the funeral home, and continue until the time of the funeral service.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Marvin's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on July 24, 1942 at Carroll, Iowa; Marvin was the son of Rudolph and Lena (Thies) Gottsch. He grew up on the family farm near Westside, and graduated from Westside High School. After high school Marvin enlisted in the United States Air Force. He honorably served for 21 years and 10 months, earning the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. While serving in the Air Force, Marvin met Jennifer Sawyer, and they were married on June 2, 1973 at R.A.F. Lakenheath U.K.

Marvin retired from the Air Force, and worked for the United States Department of Defense for 19 years. Marvin and Jennifer then retired to Carroll in 2004. Marvin enjoyed the Iowa Hawkeyes, Pittsburg Steelers, and playing darts. His grandchildren were his pride, and his life after his retirement. Marvin will be remembered for being a private, patriotic American.

Marvin is survived by his wife Jennifer Gottsch of Carroll; his sons: Colin Ritchie of Washington State, and Phillip Ritchie, and his wife Patty of Westside; grandchildren: Alma Florez of Westside, Sam Ritchie of Westside, Rebecca Ritchie of Westside, and Alexandra Ritchie of Germany; his sister Marlene Carmicheal of California; his sisters-in-law: Margaret (Richard) Howlel of Spalding, England, and Jo Clark (special friend Trevor Cox) of Outwell Wisbech, England; as well as his nieces, and nephews, and other extended relatives.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph and Lena Gottsch; his sister Ruth Stults, and brother Wilbur Gottsch.

Tribute Wall

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“ Marv was my first NCOIC at George AFB in Victorville California. He was and is always a great man in my life. His staff along with Marv, showed me that I had so much potential in my life, they challenged me to do well and earn what the Air Force can offer. With the support of Marv I excelled in life, in the Air Force and still do today. It was just like yesterday that I worked for Marv. RIP my friend Bob Calamita

Bob Calamita - October 04, 2016 at 11:36 AM

PA

“ Marv and I worked together for years at Edwards. I was at his retirement ceremony when he retired from civil service. We traveled for business together and always reminisced about our military service as we were both weapons troops. I'm proud to call Marv my friend and we always stayed in touch even after he retired. He will be missed by everyone that knew him but, he will never be forgotten. I pray for Marv's family and hope they all heal in time. He was a patriot and I'm honored to have been able to call him a friend.

Paul - August 01, 2016 at 12:36 AM

PF

“ My condolences to the family on the passing away of your loved one. May God (Psalms 83:18) comfort your mourning hearts today and days ahead.

pfl - July 27, 2016 at 12:53 PM

SB

“ To Patti, Phil & Family,
We are thinking of you and holding you in our hearts and minds as you travel through this time of sorrow.. We wish that memories of a life so honorably & nobly lived give you pride as well as comfort and strength as you learn to live in this new world without his earthly presence.



Stefanie Behrens - July 07, 2016 at 10:08 AM



Thank you....

Patricia Ritchie - July 07, 2016 at 02:02 PM

JB

“ Rest in Peace, Neighbor...we'll help watch over Jenny for you! Thank you for your service to our country all of those years!



Jeanette Bender - July 07, 2016 at 08:54 AM

CT

“ Thanx 4 ur military service I really appreciate it



Charlie Tuna - July 07, 2016 at 04:11 AM

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Charlie Tuna - July 07, 2016 at 03:51 AM



“ *You were our world.... with love & honor.*

Patricia Ritchie - July 06, 2016 at 08:29 PM

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“ *From Marg, Richard, Joe, Trevor and families in UK purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Marvin Gottsch.*



From Marg, Richard, Joe, Trevor and families in UK - July 06, 2016 at 05:27 PM