



Walter Onken

July 28, 1943 - November 10, 2022

Walter “Wally” Onken, son of Walter and Mary Onken, was born on July 28, 1943 in Carroll, IA. A lifelong resident of Carroll County, Wally attended Immanuel Lutheran Grade school through the eighth grade, and graduated from Carroll High School in 1961. He served in the United States Army from 1964 until 1966, after which he returned home to the family farm. He married Madeline Kroll on March 29, 1967. To their marriage was born two sons: Jeffrey Allen and Mark Michael.

In addition to farming, Wally worked for Garst and Thomas Seed Company for 6 years, and Barto Construction for 15 years. In 1997, he started his own tiling company, Onken Tiling, which he successfully ran until his retirement. A man of many talents and interests, Wally enjoyed playing cards, gardening, and watching baseball, football, Westerns, and history and nature documentaries.

Wally was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mary Onken, his brothers Lyle and Doyle Onken, his sister Lois Onken, his sister-in-law Beulah Onken, and his brother-in-law Larry Tigges. He is survived by his wife Madeline Onken of Carroll, his sons Jeffrey Onken of Lidderdale and Mark (Keary) Onken of Iowa City, his granddaughter Lorelai Onken of Iowa City, his sister-in-law Karen Onken of Jamaica Iowa and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews, and many friends.

A memorial gathering celebrating his life is planned for April 2023.

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Was always so interesting visiting with this amazing man Will Miss his witty humor , but will never forget it. So Blessed to visit and pray with him on Tuesday before he left us. Eternal Rest be with you Wally. My prayers are with your family

Karen Brightwell - November 16, 2022 at 08:03 PM

AS

“ Dear Madeline, Jeff, Mark and families, Jane and I send you our condolences over Wally's passing. When i think of Wally, he is sitting at the table in Grandma Mary's home playing cards with the "usual gang". And he has a huge grin on his face because he just won the big Mouser pot! Priceless memories! God's Blessings for you!

Allen Sievertsen - November 15, 2022 at 10:21 PM

AW

“ Going to miss my buddy. I never realized all the stuff we visited about until things pop into my head and for a quick moment I think, I have to tell Wally that. I'm going to miss his incredible memory. He could remember everything that happened, I swear. He was my Wikipedia! ❤️

Ann Wenck - November 15, 2022 at 06:47 PM

MM

“ Our very deepest Sympathy to the Family of Wally, our hearts and prayers are with you all, he was always such an amazing person, he will be missed, our hearts and prayers are with you all, Mary Ann & Danny Moore.

Mary Ann Moore - November 14, 2022 at 04:50 PM