



Merlin Michael Bachman

April 24, 1946 - February 18, 2025

Merlin Michael Bachman age 78 of Lee Center passed away on Tuesday Feb. 18, 2025 at his home. He was born on April 24, 1946 in Garner, IA the son of Walter and Olive (Drake) Bachman. He was welcomed by his sister Marcelle. He lived in Klemme IA until his family moved to Sterling when he was 9. He graduated from Sterling High School and then joined the U.S. Navy from 1964 to 1968 serving two tours in Vietnam as an ordnance mechanic on the USS Forrestal. He received honorable discharge with National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, and Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star. Merlin worked for Forder Well Drilling, Northwestern Steel and Wire, as a carpenter for many years, and then maintenance man for Kenny and Tim McCaslin. He married Marsha Forder and they had three children. In 1995 he met Donna Sullivan, and they married in Las Vegas in 2007. They enjoyed plays at Drury Lane and Timber Lake attending well over 100. Merlin is preceded in death by his parents, one grandson Jacob Bachman and great grand daughter Cassidy Finnell. He is survived by his wife Donna, children Kelly (Andy Fenton) Sullivan, Melissa (Dustin Thompson) Sullivan, Meegan (Nicolas) Villa, Tod (Jeni) Bachman, Kelly (Jerry) Rule, Chad Bachman, grandchildren Rylee Pfoutz, Nicolas Villa, Claire Villa, Natalie Villa, Samantha Bachman, Katelyn Finnell, Clarissa Rule, Gabriel Bachman, one great grand daughter Charlotte Finnell, and one sister Marcelle "Marty" (Henry) Waldschmidt. Funeral services will be on Saturday Feb. 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Mihm Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Visitation will be on Saturday

Feb. 22, 2025 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home. Cremation rites will follow. A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy
303 East Main Street
Amboy, IL 61310
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info@thejonesfh.com
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlin Michael Bachman.*



February 20, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ *Christine Bollman lit a candle in memory of Merlin Bachman*



Christine Bollman - February 20, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Merlin Michael Bachman.*



February 19, 2025 at 03:19 PM