



## Galen Ashley Wilbur

February 22, 1939 - June 10, 2021

Galen Ashley Wilbur of Bolivar was born in Iowa City, Iowa, the son of Gilbert and Edythe Wilbur. He went home to be with the Lord on Thursday June 10, 2021, at the age of 82.

Galen graduated Class of 1957 from Gillett Grove High School in Clay County, Iowa. He was united in marriage to Donna Fitchett on June 11th, 1961 and to this union, two daughters, Marcia and Julie, were born.

Galen was employed by the USDA as a Meat Inspector from 1963 to his retirement in 1999. Galen loved to spend time tending to his garden, fishing, or just being outdoors. He was a self-made carpenter who had built several of the family's homes and he enjoyed tinkering with many other construction projects.

Galen is survived by his wife of 60 years, Donna of the home; two children, Marcia (Rod) Dencklau of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Julie Laird and Jeff Welch of Bolivar, Missouri; two grandchildren, Corey Laird and wife Heather of Boise, Idaho, and Ashley Dencklau of Fort Dodge, Iowa; two great-grandsons, Caden and Taylor Laird of Boise, Idaho; and three sisters, Beverly Perrigo of Trusdale, Iowa, Karen Cross of Spencer, Iowa, and Myrna Bouska and husband Edwin of Laurens, Iowa.

Galen was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Leo and Norman Wilbur, and sisters Eva Knudtson and Bernadine Mead.

A Graveside service at Greenwood Cemetery is planned for Monday June 14th at 10:00. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's

Association.

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenwood Cemetery**

S. Dunnegan Ave.  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Galen Ashley Wilbur*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Galen Ashley Wilbur*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Galen Ashley Wilbur.*



June 12, 2021 at 01:45 PM



“ *Galen had a smile that lit up whatever room he was in and made you feel important. I enjoyed being around him and seeing the love he had for his wife and family. He was so interesting to talk to and very intelligent. I am grateful to have known him for the short 8 yrs I did .My daughter married into his family which enriched her life even more.*

**Valerie Layne** - June 11, 2021 at 08:13 PM

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“ *I will always cherish my memories of your dad. He was so much fun. Such a kind man. He was loved. I hope you find comfort that he is with the Lord and is whole again. Prayers to the family. Love you guys!!!*

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**Christine Jesse** - June 11, 2021 at 06:53 PM