



## Carl Henry Knapp

November 1, 1933 - December 6, 2021

Carl Henry Knapp 88, of Charles City, died Monday, December 6, 2021 at MercyOne North Iowa after complications of an eleven year battle with Wegener's Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis.

Per his wishes, he will be cremated with private family services at a later date.

Carl was born on November 1, 1933, at Sioux City, Iowa, the son of Melvin and Catherine (Bradshaw) Knapp.

Carl attended and graduated from Colwell schools. He was drafted during the Korean War and served through 1955. He spent his active duty as a colonel's assistant. During his time in Korea, he attended officer's school and graduated number one in his class. He was offered an officer's position at reenlistment but he chose to return to the family farm north of Colwell but continued in the Army Reserve for 4 more years and was honorably discharged in 1961.

On November 3, 1956, Carl was united in marriage to Mellie (Willsher) and to their union, three children were born. Carl and Mellie started their life together on the family farm and were constant companions until her death in 2012. They enjoyed travel and wintered for many years in Bullhead City, Arizona. Also they loved the sport of tractor pulling and traveled with his family to events throughout the United States; including a highlight of going to the

Netherlands in 2018 with the family pulling operation to compete.

Carl loved the farm and even after his move to town," he was involved daily with his son, Chuck and grandson, Kyloe, providing advice and guidance. They valued his ideas and vision for the growth of the family farm.

In 2016, Carl met Marlys Gerleman and they both found love, laughter and companionship with each other after the loss of their spouses. Marlys was an important part of Carl's life.

Carl is survived by daughters, Cindi (Dennis) Shanks, Deb (Mike Pappas) Smith and son, Chuck (Deanne Knapp; along with 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Evie Backer and Doris (Don) Hibner and special friend, Marlys Gerleman.

Carl's wife, his parents, one grandchild and two great-grandchildren preceded him in death.

In expression of sympathy condolences may be mailed to the family at 1117 Walnut Avenue, Charles City, Iowa 50616. In lieu of flowers, memorial monies sent to the family will be given for Alzheimer's research.

Fullerton Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt Street, Charles City, IA. (641) 228-4211. [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com) Facebook: Fullerton Funeral Home

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



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“ When the Holm family found the Knapp family many, many years ago, everything fell into place and a beautiful friendship blossomed. Carl Knapp was a teacher, pie connoisseur, our Bullhead City/Laughlin tour guide and the salt of the earth kind of guy. Genuine, unpretentious and morally sound. That is Carl Knapp. We are truly sad and will miss him terribly. What a wonderful life he has lived. When Melly found out she had Alzheimer’s, I asked him many questions and I remember him saying we need to deal with the cards that are dealt to us. It gave me comfort and made me realize how true those words are.  
Marlys I am so happy you came into his life.  
With our sincerest sympathies.  
We love you,  
Michael, Susan and Taylor Holm

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**Michael and Susan Holm** - December 06, 2021 at 08:54 PM