



## Dale Wayne Spilman

September 22, 1946 - December 19, 2015

Dale Wayne Spilman Jr., 69, of Mason City died Saturday, December 19, 2015 at the Veteran's Hospital in Des Moines, IA after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 am with a one hour prior visitation on Saturday, December 26, 2015 at Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City. Reverend Ron Stein will be officiating. Full Military Honors will be provided by the Mason City Honor Guard. Interment will follow at Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery.

Dale Wayne Spilman was born on September 22, 1946 to Dale Spilman Sr. and Audrey (Rhodes) Spilman in Mason City. He attended Thornton Elementary School and graduated from Meservey Thornton Consolidated School. He served his country in the Army from 1966-1968 and was stationed in Vietnam in the intelligence division. He then worked the family farm with his father.

Wayne was united in marriage to Katherine Stevenson on September 15, 1969; the couple later divorced. To their union three daughters were born: Mary Ann, Wendy Jean and Betsy Kay. They lived in Clear Lake while he was employed with Lifetime Motor Homes, Mason City. The family then moved to Mason City. In 1974, he joined the Chicago North Western Railroad in the

maintenance of way division. Wayne received an Associate of Arts Degree from NIACC in 1978. He retired in 2007 from the Union Pacific. Wayne resumed night classes at NIACC in 2008 in history.

Some called him Dale, others know him as Wayne and he had many nicknames such as: Smokey, Smokey Joe, Swampie, and Swamp Fox.

In his free time, he enjoyed reading books and watching movies. He was a comic book collector and especially liked Batman. Wayne frequented thrift stores and bought items for people that he thought they could use. He had many friends and hosted many family dinners. He will be remembered by his family as a generous person to others.

He is survived by three daughters: Wendy (Chad Weaver) Honken of Mason City, Mary Ann (Tony) Behrens of Forest City, IA and Betsy (Jesse) Tibodeau of Nevada, IA; grandchildren: Nicole Rae (Josh) Loge, Ashley Elizabeth Walker, Colton Chase Tibodeau, Corey Allan Behrens, and Caitlyn Elizabeth Tibodeau; great-grandchildren Jayden Loge and Chanel Elizabeth; brother David Spilman of Clear Lake; sisters: Donita Spilman of Clear Lake, Virginia (Dan) Suby of West Gate, IA and Cynthia Spilman of Mason City, niece Holly and nephew Chris.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are with Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 2nd St SE, Mason City, IA 50401, 641-423-8676 [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood-St Joseph Cemetery

Mason City, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Mason City  
123 2nd St. SE  
Mason City, IA 50401  
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## Service

DEC **26.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Dale Wayne Spilman

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ To Dale's family. I enjoyed so much working with Him on the RR. He made my days so much brighter. I will always remember Him as a genuine fine person.

Sincerely, Mike Jones (Dotyville, Wisconsin)

Mike Jones - December 25, 2015 at 11:41 AM



Thank you mike!! :)

Wendy honken - December 28, 2015 at 05:44 PM



Thank you mike ?

Wendy Chinander - December 28, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ Good old " Swampy" it was pleasure and honor to work with you. With sincere respect and memories and I'm still trying to learn swampe0.  
ze. Rest in Peace " Good Man".

Respectfully, Michael A Jones Dotyville, Wisconsin

Michael A jones - December 24, 2015 at 06:50 PM



WH

*Lol... we girls translated him to people many times!! Haha!! Especially in the drive thru lol*

**Wendy honken** - December 28, 2015 at 05:46 PM

WH

*Thank you!! Us girls translated for him many times!! Especially in the drive thru at McDonalds!! Haha ?*

**Wendy honken** - December 28, 2015 at 05:48 PM

PS

*“ I remember seeing Dale at a lot of political events in North Iowa. He was always interested in the direction of our country. And thank you Dale for serving in our military. Phillip Sanchez*



**Phillip Sanchez** - December 23, 2015 at 10:25 PM



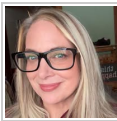
*Thanks Philip!! My dad loved politics!! He was very opinionated!! ???*

**Wendy Chinander** - December 28, 2015 at 05:51 PM

NL

“ My grandpa was a very kind man and always took us out for dinners and we always had Christmas dinner at the Prime & Wine. He was always helping our family and bought me an awesome car for my high school graduation and also whenever my sister and I could not afford a vehicle, my grandpa would help us so that we wouldn't be stranded. Growing up he always helped with school clothes and bc of him we were able to not go without. I appreciate everything my grandpa did for me. We called him "Grandpa Batman" bc he liked Batman a lot. Every birthday and Christmas he sent us two cards in the mail and it was always nice to receive those! I am glad that my grandpa got to meet my children before he passed away. He will be truely missed!

Nicole Loge - December 23, 2015 at 07:07 PM



Beautiful nicole Rae ?

Wendy Chinander - December 28, 2015 at 05:51 PM

WH

“ Wendy Honken lit a candle in memory of Dale Wayne Spilman



Wendy honken - December 23, 2015 at 01:52 PM

WH

“ My dad was such a bat man fanatic that he owned so many batman t-shirts, he finally decided to give a bunch to us, one day every single person in our household, there were 6 of us, every one of us were wearing Batman t-shirts!

Wendy honken - December 23, 2015 at 01:51 PM

MC

“ I worked with Dale on the CNW and Union Pacific Railroads,Dale was a deicated worker,always giving his best,i am very proud to have called Dale a good friend and co-worker,the railroad was very lucky to have him as am employee,i always enjoyed my talks with him when he came into the office,he was always talking about family,may god bless Dale and his family,he will be missed but not forgotten

max a. jones co-worker - December 22, 2015 at 03:22 PM

WH

Thank you for sharing Max ?

Wendy honken - December 23, 2015 at 09:32 AM

LW

Sorry for your loss

LeAnn Weaver - December 23, 2015 at 05:42 PM



Thank you LeAnn

Wendy Chinander - January 27, 2016 at 10:35 PM

GS

“ Dear Wendy, Mary and Betsy. Wayne was kind-hearted and very generous one day I went to have lunch at the little diner a block from the city park. When I was going to pay for my lunch, Wayne had already paid for it. That was very nice and generous of him. Sometimes I saw Wayne at Southbridge Mall-He was always friendly. I missed seeing him there.



Gail Stevenson - December 22, 2015 at 10:00 AM

WH

*Thank you Aunt Gail sharing!!*

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**Wendy honken** - December 23, 2015 at 12:13 AM

PS

“*Dear Wendy, Mary and Betsy, I first met your Dad when he started to date your Mom. I think my friend Toni was the one that introduced them. He was a shy nice looking young man with a stutter that was just part of his personality. I spent a lot of time at your mom and dad's house when she was pregnant with Wendy. I remember once that I had drank way too much cherry vodka and your dad was concerned if I was going to be okay. The one and only time and my life I ever drank that much. Even now the thought of cherry vodka makes me shudder. Wayne could be warm and compassionate and that would be the memory I would share with you. Aunt Patty*

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**Patricia Stevenson** - December 22, 2015 at 08:01 AM

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*Thank you aunt patty ?*

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**Wendy honken** - December 23, 2015 at 12:13 AM

WH

*Cherry vodka in the 70's! Lol :)*

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**Wendy honken** - December 23, 2015 at 12:14 AM