

Cecil Barlow, age 77, of Schaller, Iowa, died Monday, March 6, 2006 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

Cecil Edward Barlow was born February 15, 1929 in Storm Lake, Iowa to William and Anna (Merten) Barlow. He was baptized on May 7, 1944 and confirmed on May 14, 1944, a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller.



Cecil began his education at the Truesdale and Hayes Township country schools before attending classes in Schaller. He graduated from Schaller High School with the Class of 1947.

On October 3, 1952, Cecil was united in marriage to Virginia Joslin at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller. They were blessed with two sons, Jay and Mitchell. He was production manager for a local seed company until his "formal" retirement on March 1, 1994. Cecil enjoyed a second career selling automobiles—Fords—after he retired.

Cecil enjoyed people and gave much back to his community. He was an honorary member of 33 years' standing in the Schaller Volunteer Fire Department. He liked to fish and hunt. Cecil found great enjoyment in attending his grandchildren's baseball game. He could always be found in the same seat, with advice at the ready for the players. He was a loving husband and devoted father and grandfather who treasured his family and the time he spent with them. His presence will be missed daily by all those who knew and loved him.



Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 53 years, Virginia, of Schaller; his sons: Jay and wife Julie Barlow of Schaller and Mitchell and wife Julie Barlow of Schaller; grandchildren: Carl Barlow, Kyle Barlow, Marcus Barlow, Adam Barlow, Garrett Barlow and Brittany Barlow; brother Chuck and wife Pat Barlow of Schaller; sister Marjorie and husband Tom Ruhberg of Lake Carol, Illinois; sister Betty and husband Dick Frank of Schaller; sister Darlene Gilson of Cheyenne, Wyoming; extended family and a host of friends.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents, William and Anna Barlow; and his brother-in-law, Harry Gilson.

In Loving Memory



Cecil E. Barlow

1929 — 2006



Footprints

One night I had a dream —
I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord and
across the sky flashed scenes of my life.
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.
One belonged to me and the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that many times along the path of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in my life.
This really bothered me and
I questioned the Lord about it.
“Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you would walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life
there is only one set of footprints.
I don’t understand why in times when
I needed you most, you should leave me.”
The Lord replied, “My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never, never leave you.
During your time of trial and suffering,
when you saw only one set of footprints,
it was then that I carried you.” author unknown

Thank You...

We wish to express our gratitude for the kindness evidenced in thought
and deed, and for your attendance at this service. You are invited for lunch
and a time of sharing at the church immediately following the burial.

The Barlow Family

IN MEMORY OF

Cecil Barlow

February 15, 1929 — March 6, 2006

FUNERAL SERVICE

Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Schaller, Iowa

CLERGY

Reverend David Lyons

ORGANIST

Carol Wendel

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

“Lift High The Cross”

“I’m But A Stranger Here”

“On Eagle’s Wings”

HONORARY CASKET BEARERS

George Witte, Emmett Witte, Jerry Woodke, Don Crawford

Wilbur Ohlsen, Clyde Wandrey, Don Thompson

CASKET BEARERS

Cecil’s Grandchildren

Carl Barlow, Kyle Barlow, Marcus Barlow

Adam Barlow, Garrett Barlow, Brittany Barlow

INTERMENT

Schaller Cemetery

Schaller, Iowa

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