



Charles F. Witter

July 4, 1930 - May 7, 2017

Charles F. Witter, age 86, of Newell, Iowa died Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the Newell Good Samaritan Society.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Newell Fire Station in Newell. Burial will be at a later date in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, May 11, 2017 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Charles Frederick Witter was born July 4, 1930 in Newell, Iowa, the son of Edward and Charlotte (Zemke) Witter.

Charlie grew up in Newell and graduated from Newell High School in 1948.

On June 4, 1948, Charlie was united in marriage to Bonnie Lorraine White at the Methodist Church in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Together, they were blessed with three children: Roger, Linda, and Laurie.

After marriage, Charlie started working on a farm and later was a custodian at the Newell School. Charlie worked at Walt's Skelly Service before taking over as Witter's Skelly Service, a gas station and bulk truck operator. He owned and operated the business for 18 years. After selling the business, he worked

for Farm Service as a bulk truck operator for 15 years. Later in life, he managed the Newell Golf Course for eight years.

Charlie was extremely involved in the Newell community. For 55 years, he volunteered for the Newell Fire Department, and stood as Assistant Chief for two years, before becoming Chief for 23 years. He was Grand Marshall of the Newell Pride Days Parade, received the award for Newell Volunteer Firefighter of the Year, and received the Governor's Volunteer Award. Charlie held offices in the community such as Mayor for 12 years, and was also on the Newell Chamber of Commerce.

Charlie was a member of the Newell United Methodist Church, and after its closing, joined the Varina United Methodist Church.

Hunting and golfing were a few favorite pastimes of Charlie's. He enjoyed attending the firemen's convention, dancing, playing cards with their card club, and golfing in tournaments. Charlie was an avid Minnesota Vikings, Iowa Hawkeyes, and Iowa State Cyclone fan. Most of all, Charlie was a loving and supportive husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Bonnie Witter of Newell, Iowa; children: Roger (Lynn) Witter of Davenport, Iowa; Linda (Garry) Hill of Spencer, Iowa; Laurie (Allen) Bland of Newell, Iowa; grandchildren: Jeff Stormer (significant other, Terri Bell), Michael (Tracy) Witter, Cheryl Hill, William Hill (significant other, Corrina Painter), Stephanie (Chad) Bals, Aaron (Christina) Bland, KayLynn Bland; great grandchildren: Madison, Brittany, Sydney, Brett, Brooklyn, Breeana, Jaida, Kinley, Haley, Thad, Rebekah, Emma, Carter, Audrey; sisters-in-law, Violet Kuhn and Martha White; extended family and friends.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents; parents-in-law, Elmer and Stacy White; and brothers: Edward Jr., Herbert, and Robert.

Cemetery Details

Newell Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Newell
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Newell, IA 50568
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Service

MAY 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Newell Fire Station
Newell, IA 50568

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 11, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Suana Wessendorf - May 14, 2017 at 06:38 AM



“ *Charlie "tuna" Schnirring lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



charlie "tuna" schnirring - May 14, 2017 at 05:56 AM

DW

“Darvin Will lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter



Darvin Will - May 11, 2017 at 04:51 PM



“Sheila Christiansen-Hagerty lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter



Sheila Christiansen-Hagerty - May 11, 2017 at 04:30 PM

DL

“Des Moines University Motor Control Lab purchased the Lavender Dreams for the family of Charles F. Witter.



Des Moines University Motor Control Lab - May 11, 2017 at 02:49 PM

FH

“2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - May 11, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 11, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ Doris sent a virtual gift in memory of *Charles F. Witter*



Doris - May 10, 2017 at 12:24 PM



“ Sandy Robinson sent a virtual gift in memory of *Charles F. Witter*



Sandy Robinson - May 10, 2017 at 09:15 AM

SR

“ *Sandy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Sandy Robinson - May 10, 2017 at 09:14 AM

DN

“ *David & Linda Nase lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



David & Linda Nase - May 10, 2017 at 08:02 AM

CS

“ *You have our deepest sympathy. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Dale and Cathy (Piercy) Sanders*



Cathy Sanders - May 10, 2017 at 07:46 AM

BT

“ *Bob And Connie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Bob and Connie Taylor - May 10, 2017 at 05:58 AM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Herzog lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Mary Lou Herzog - May 09, 2017 at 05:31 PM

ML

“ *Mary Lange lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



mary lange - May 09, 2017 at 04:20 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - May 09, 2017 at 04:09 PM

DZ

“ *Bonnie,
Charlie was a dedicated firefighter. I am proud to have served with him. Prayers go out to you and your family.*

Den & Barb Zegler

Denny Zeigler - May 09, 2017 at 03:12 PM

ML

“ Mike Lyman lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter



Mike Lyman - May 09, 2017 at 12:13 PM

DH

“ Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter



Doris Harvey - May 09, 2017 at 11:33 AM

DH

I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Doris Harvey - May 09, 2017 at 11:34 AM

LN

“ Larry & Candi Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter



Larry & Candi Nielsen - May 09, 2017 at 10:59 AM

PK

“ *Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Paul Kelly - May 09, 2017 at 09:00 AM

JH

“ *Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe - May 09, 2017 at 08:28 AM

AF

“ *Amy Frehse lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Amy Frehse - May 09, 2017 at 08:13 AM

JW

“ *Julie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Charles F. Witter*



Julie Wilson - May 09, 2017 at 06:48 AM

Shelly
Jensen

“ Thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Mike and Shelly Jensen



Shelly Jensen - May 08, 2017 at 10:11 PM

VS

“ Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Charles
F. Witter



Vicki Sorbe - May 08, 2017 at 09:36 PM

MS

“ Mike & Julie Sexton lit a candle in memory of
Charles F. Witter



Mike & Julie Sexton - May 08, 2017 at 09:30 PM

DP

“ Dale And Dorie Pedersen lit a candle in
memory of Charles F. Witter



Dale and Dorie Pedersen - May 08, 2017 at 09:13 PM

Tessa
Wallace

“ Tessa Wallace lit a candle in memory of
Charles F. Witter



Tessa Wallace - May 08, 2017 at 08:14 PM

RW

“ Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of
Charles F. Witter



Ruth Westergaard - May 08, 2017 at 07:06 PM

JM

“ Jim And Linda Martindale lit a candle in
memory of Charles F. Witter



Jim and Linda Martindale - May 08, 2017 at 06:53 PM

JE

“ Jo Erie lit a candle in memory of Charles F.
Witter



Jo Erie - May 08, 2017 at 06:26 PM