



Merle Leroy Waples Jr.

May 14, 1966 - November 4, 2024

Merle Leroy Waples Jr., age 58, of Aurelia, Iowa died Monday, November 4, 2024 in Cherokee, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Aurelia, Iowa. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Merle was born May 14, 1966 to Merle and Sara (Shockey) Waples in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He grew up attending West Monona School in Onawa, Iowa. After graduating, Merle studied Computer Science at a community college in Colorado.

On August 23, 1997, Merle was united in marriage to Julia S. Davis in Reno, Nevada. One year later, Merle adopted Julia's son, Samuel, completing their family. It was at this same time that Merle became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Merle loved working with his hands. He was a talented woodworker and enjoyed being outdoors. Some of Merle's favorite animals included wolves, eagles and buffalo. He was a collector of baseball caps and knives. In his free

time, Merle enjoyed traveling and movie nights at home with fresh homemade popcorn. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish the memory of Merle include his wife, Julia Waples of Aurelia, Iowa; mother: Sara (Ed) Snow of Mapleton, Iowa; son: Samuel (Vicki) Waples of Paulina, Iowa; brother: Mark (Nancy) Waples of Steilacoom, Washington; sister: Melanie Larabee of Onawa, Iowa; Melissa Flint of Sergeant Bluff, Iowa; Michele Waples of Onawa, Iowa; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Merle L. Waples Sr., mother-in-law: Pamela Davis, grandparents and great-grandparents.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Merle Leroy Waples Jr.*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 07, 2024 at 03:35 PM

JH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jensen Funeral Homes - November 07, 2024 at 01:40 PM

MO

“ *Mike and Linda Olson purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Merle Leroy Waples Jr..*



Mike and Linda Olson - November 06, 2024 at 09:14 PM

HS

“ Hawthorne Global Aviation Services purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Merle Leroy Waples Jr..



Hawthorne Global Aviation Services - November 06, 2024 at 03:08 PM

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“ Hawthorne Global Aviation Services planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Leroy Waples Jr..

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LA

“ Uncle Jr was a great man. He loved fiercely. We will forever miss you. You will never be forgotten.



Laura - November 06, 2024 at 11:53 AM

SH

“ Scott L. Hartman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merle Leroy Waples Jr..

Scott L. Hartman - November 06, 2024 at 10:41 AM

SH

“ Scott L. Hartman purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Merle Leroy Waples Jr..



Scott L. Hartman - November 06, 2024 at 10:41 AM

MF

“ JR you are no longer suffering, that brings comfort to my Soul. Fly high with the Eagles that you love soo much. Susie, I am here for you. I am soo sorry for your loss. Love You !!
Melissa Sue 🥹

Melissa S Flint - November 04, 2024 at 11:28 PM

ME

JR was a great guy to know and talk to.He will be missed

Missy Eberly - November 05, 2024 at 07:43 PM

AB

My thoughts and prayers are with Juila and family. FLY HIGH JR YOU ARE FREE NOW!!!

Amy Strahmann Booher - November 07, 2024 at 03:39 PM