



Walter "Shorty" Tasler

December 19, 1931 - March 16, 2018

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Jefferson, Iowa

Date of Death: March 16, 2018

Walter Edward Tasler, known as "Shorty", was born December 19, 1931 in Jefferson, Iowa, the son of Frank Joseph Tasler and Margaret Mary Gouger Tasler. Shorty grew up with his family of two brothers, Francis and John, and three sisters, Rosie, Bonnie and Dorothy, on a farm south of Jefferson. He farmed with a team of horses.

In September of 1952, Shorty enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the Korean War as a Screaming Eagle for the 101st Airborne. He was honorably discharged in July 1954.

Shorty married Arletta Rose Royce on September 21, 1956. They moved onto the Tasler farmstead where they farmed for 47 years. There, they raised their family of eight children: Mark, Kevin, Michelle, Maria, Nicole, Leann, Richard and Ryan.

Shorty worked as a vacuum cleaner salesman and at Ideal Manufacturing before working at the Gulf Station in Jefferson on Highway 4. He operated the colorful Tasler Towing Wreckers on the roads and at the Greene County Races.

Shorty had many interests. Besides his great love for his wife, kids, and their families, he also enjoyed traveling, flying his plane, family go-carting, car racing and gambling. He very much enjoyed attending cage fighting and cheering on family members in the cage. Shorty avidly used his computer to stay connected with family and friends on Facebook. Shorty and Arletta were always protected and happiest when surrounded by their four-legged family, which, in later years, included Edd, Redd, and Edd Jr. Shorty and Arletta bought a home in McAllen, Texas where they wintered for 21 years before Arletta's passing in 2014. Shorty was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, the V.F. W., and the Elks Lodge. Shorty had a larger than life personality. He loved to sing and dance while enjoying his

BV-7. He could often be seen driving around in the Old '50 Chevy, but we all knew he was a Cadillac enthusiast. When he was behind the wheel, he waved at everybody he passed. Shorty's Annual Summer Parties have led to thousands of people enjoying his jokes and laughter while having a great time. His jovial sense of humor and infectious smile will be remembered by all who knew him. His family fondly remembers the sounds of his light-hearted whistling and the jingling of his keys and change in his pockets.

Shorty went out of this life kicking and fighting until the end, March 16, 2018. He was 86 years young. Survivors include his children: Mark Tasler of Jefferson, IA, Kevin Tasler of Jefferson, IA, Michelle Mallott of Stuart, IA, Maria Tasler of Glidden, IA, NiCole Tasler of Jefferson, IA, Leann Tasler of Las Vegas, NV, Richard Tasler of Madrid, IA, and Ryan Tasler of Jefferson, IA; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his brothers: Francis "Bud" Tasler of Jefferson, IA, and John "Jack" Tasler of Windsor Heights, IA; his sisters: Dot Davis of Jefferson, IA, and Bonnie Martin of Carroll, IA; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends. He was loved by all.

A Memorial Service will be 11:00 am Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the St. Joseph Catholic Parish Center in Jefferson. The family will greet friends from 10:00 am until the time of the service on Thursday at the Parish Center. A private family burial will take place at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Jefferson, IA. Online condolences may be left at www.sliningerschroeder.com.

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home
515-386-2171

Cemetery

Events

St. Joseph's
Cemetery

APR 5 Visitation with family present to greet friends 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Jefferson, IA,

St. Joseph's Parish Center
503 North Locust Street, Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

APR 5 Memorial Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ There's no doubt about the depth of Shorty's love for his family. He was a colorful, fun and dear man. His is surely delighted to be reunited with his beloved wife in heaven. Our prayers for your family, as you will surely miss him.
God bless, Lore McManus Solo and Family

Lore McManus Solo - April 16, 2018 at 04:01 PM



“ A beautiful tribute for cousin "Shorty". His was an "electric" personality, he lit up atmosphere around him. We did not have an opportunity to see him or Arlita very often, though the times I did see him provide good memories. I remember spending time with them before they were married, and it was obvious that they were meant for each other! Racing around town in one of his first cars, he gave us the grand tour of Jefferson, Iowa! May he rest in peace. His life touched many. Our condolences to all of you, I know you will miss him greatly. With love, Scott and Julie Tefft. (I'm the 6th child of Walter Gouger).

julie tefft - March 31, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ Dear Mark, Kevin, Michelle, Maria, Nicole, Leann, Richard and Ryan:
Please accept my condolences and prayers for Walt, now with Arlita; and also for you all for the passing of Walter. I am Fr. John Gouger, cousin of Walt's and currently Associate Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Whittier, Ca. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the service for him but will be with you in the Spirit.
Fr. John Gouger, C.Ss.R.

John Gouger - March 29, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ RIP Uncle Shorty. Always had a smile, gave me my first airplane ride as well as my first motorcycle ride.

Britt Davis

Britt Davis - March 29, 2018 at 03:30 PM



“ Maria and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss. God bless.

Kathy (Shriver) Davis - March 27, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ Uncle Shorty now with the love of his life, his beautiful queen. What a guy he was. Favorite memories of mine: our little jackets he brought back for us little kids from his stint in Korea and watching and listening to him sing "Danny Boy" at a club in Florida and seeing how much he loved his family. He and your Mom and my Mom are dancing and singing right now with Nanny. Love you all.

Cousin Kathy Parker

Kathy Parker - March 22, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ Always enjoyed your folks! Shorty always knew a person and had a big smile! He always teased me about something. He will be missed by all who knew him. We will be thinking of you and your family at this sad time.

Dennis & Terry Murphy

Terry Murphy - March 22, 2018 at 09:34 AM



“ Shorty always showed great gratitude and compassion for any effort that you may have shown or contributed to his quality of life. He made you feel important and that your a big part of his life and happiness.

Randy Lundberg - March 22, 2018 at 08:40 AM