



Warren D Burch

May 8, 1935 - April 11, 2022

On April 11th, Warren went to his eternal home with his family by his side. He lived on his family owned farm of 100+ years and continued to farm until he was 84 years old. Family, faith and farming was his legacy. His other passion was antique tractors or anything with an engine. He especially loved being in competition with antique pulling tractors, and was always happy to show off his shiny tractor and pulling skills. He was always putzing around the shop and could fix any break-down using his unconventional ways. Throughout his life, he was always interested in new technologies, and had one of the 1st electric cars in town. He was surrounded by many life-long friends and was always seen with a smile on his face and his hand out for a neighborly shake.

On October 13th, 1956, he married the love of his life and the center of his universe until his last breath, Sherry Schoch, who survives. Warren and Sherry raised their three children on the family farm. He is survived by his daughter Debra (Edward) Troike and Randy (Donelle) Burch, both of Hamlet. He has been lovingly greeted in heaven by his daughter Denise (John) Erlandson. John resides in Lebanon Indiana.

Warren loved spending time with and teaching his grandchildren Jason (Kristen) Troike of Hamlet, Steven (Chris) Troike of Walkerton, Kyle (Megan) Burch of Hamlet, Ashlee Erlandson of Louisville Kentucky, and Aaron Erlandson of Carson City Colorado. Warren was preceded in death by his grandson Weston Burch. Warren was also blessed to spend time with his great grandchildren, Maddix and Weston Burch, Jackson and Zoe Troike, and Joshua Troike-Strange.

Warren grew up the only boy on the farm amongst his four sisters. He is survived by Carol (Dick) Heinrich and Connie (Dan) Wegner. He was preceded in death by Delores (Don) Gjemre and Marilyn Burch. He was a beloved uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Warren was a devoted and elder member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hamlet. Warren was an advocate of giving back to his community and volunteered at the Hope Center in Grovertown, and Fletchers Cemetery in Hamlet. Warren also served as a board member for the Starke County CO-OP and was a Select Seed Corn dealer for many years.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 CDT Monday, April 18, 2022 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2 W. Indiana Ave., Hamlet, IN. Visiting hours will be from 11:00 to 1:00 CDT on Monday, April 18, also at the church. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to either St. Matthew Lutheran Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Fletcher Cemetery

700 E
Hamlet, IN 46532

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
2 W Indiana Ave.
Hamlet, IN 46532

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Warren will be greatly missed by all, he always had that great smile & made us all have a great laugh. The Burch family are our cousins & their family farm was just across the Jane ditch from the Mickow farm. The ditch was our swimming pool & beach & we had a rope swing to land in the ditch. We would always have to clean the leaches off when we got out but had so much fun. I remember in later years seeing Warren chasing Denise around the house & he never caught her, she was too fast! He is with her now.
Praying for all the Burch family, especially Sherry that y'all can remember the memories & that God will be walking with y'all & give you his strength. Marjie Mickow

Marjie Mickow - April 18, 2022 at 11:07 AM

PS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Warren's passing. I met he and his family while taking care of his mother. I am thinking of you all and praying for peace and healing.

Penny Stafford

Penny Stafford - April 18, 2022 at 08:15 AM

RH

“ I spent many summers at the family home when growing up and was always glad to see Uncle Warren as a scarce male role model in what seemed a sea of female aunts and cousins. When the Hamlet sesquicentennial was celebrated, I remember my excitement when Uncle Warren told me I could ride with him in a brand new Studebaker Avanti. He had his full beard on display and try as I might, it just wasn't working for me yet. Still, it was a really cool moment we shared and one I'll never forget. Uncle Warren we miss you and please save me the shotgun seat to ride in that Avanti when we meet again.

Richard D Heinrich - April 17, 2022 at 09:40 AM

RH

Strike the sesqui, "just" a centennial in 1963.

Richard D Heinrich - April 17, 2022 at 09:58 AM

JG

“ I will remembers Warrens visits to our repair shop in town. He was definitely interested in the mechanics of things. I remember once he brought an old car of his in and we overhauled the engine together. It was a fun job and it turned out great. I will miss our conversations. Condolences to his family.
James Goble Jr

James Goble - April 16, 2022 at 07:42 AM

SS

“ I was five years old when warren and sherry got married. My memory of that day was sitting in aunt margarite and uncle Dwight's living room and watching Warren ironing his suit pants in his underwear. Always had a lot of pride and respect for cousin Warren!

scott shields - April 15, 2022 at 11:27 AM

SD

“ Warren was the heartbeat of our family farm after our Father, Walter J. Hayter passed away. He took on the responsibility of farming the land until our Mother's demise. At which time the land was sold to the Burch Farms. Warren was an integral part of our success in life as well as being my father's and our friend.. Warren carried our Father's casket amongst the son-in-laws. Father said Warren was the most honorable man he knew. He will be dearly missed.

Shirl M. Daniels .

Shirl Daniels - April 14, 2022 at 07:27 PM

RN

“ My condolences to the family. I did not know Warren well, but always found him pleasant and friendly.

Rolly Nielsen - April 14, 2022 at 01:50 PM

RM

“ Our deepest sympathy for Sherry and family, so sorry for your loss of Warren, he was such a kind and caring man. May your wonderful memories of him help give you comfort.
Condolences, Ron and Margo Martin



Ron and Margo Martin - April 14, 2022 at 12:10 PM