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Lester C. Humphreys, 77, of Clinton, died Monday, November 21, 2011 at the Crestridge Nursing Home, Maquoketa. Funeral Services will be 1:00pm, Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at Zion Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Rob Schneeberger, Larry Meggenberg, Jerry Wiebers, Bernie, Roger, and Gary Adkins. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10:00am to the service time at the church. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory is in charge of arrangements. Lester Calvin Humphreys was born on October 4, 1934 in Buena Vista, Virginia the son of Robert and Pauline (Campbell) Humphreys. In 1952 he was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and played professional baseball for 2 years, first in Batavia, New York then in Clinton. After leaving baseball on June 10, 1955 he married the love of his life Ilean Ryner. They were happily married for 55 years until her passing on August 1, 2010. He was employed at Clinton Corn Processing/ADM until retiring in 1996. His spare time was spent playing softball, umpiring high school baseball and refereeing high school basketball, attending every possible event involving his children or grandchildren, or traveling with his wife and his brother-in-law and wife, Gail and Diana Ryner. Never losing the love of the game of baseball he and Ilean would often be seen taking in games at Riverview Stadium. He served on the Clinton Baseball Board of directors for many years. He is survived by three daughters: Lynn (Eric) Johnson of Davenport, Iowa; Lorene Chevrier of Aiken, South Carolina, and Lisa (Mike) Heusinkveld of Clinton, Iowa; 6 grandchildren: Adam, Aaron, Meredith, Aubrey, Ethan and Hannah; one brother: Robert (Kay) Humphreys of Tampa, Florida, and his brother-in-law: Gail (Diana) Ryner of Clinton, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, three brothers, and one sister. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



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RM

Rev. Richard And Melissa Dow posted:

Dear Friends, It seems that one doesn't often encounter someone as delightful as Les. I believe he was able to find a childlike joy in just about everything and it was a contagious joy. Many adjectives come to mind when I think of Les-solid, warm, loving, playful, proud grandpa, devoted to family and as Lynn has said, Pied Piper-he was just plain fun to be around. (Ilean always had her hands full with you!) Thank you, Les, for leaving us a legacy of love, and an amazing family.

November 20 at 7:00 PM

BF

Brad And Carol Fritz posted:

I will always love you bigger than the universe.

November 20 at 7:00 PM

NH

Neal Hudson posted:

Will miss him i worked on his car for many years .

November 20 at 7:00 PM

LV

Lawrence Vian posted:

I have known Lester a long time, since my early days at clinton corn processing. Lester worked in the Boiler house and one could recognise him from afar by his signature lump in the cheek from a good amount of redman. I worked in the starch plant at the time. His good friend Bill Dennis worked there too. They both had that signature lump on the cheek. He was know for his sense of humor, always grinning and heckling someone. He was a lot of fun. Like Billy, he will be sorely missed.

November 20 at 7:00 PM

JV

Julie Houston-Voss posted:

To the Families of Lester Humphreys:May you hold fond memories close to your hearts as you reflect on the life of your Father and Brother. Know that he is in Heaven and at peace now. You are in my prayers. With sincere sympathy to all of you.

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CS

Curt And Bev Smith posted:

Our sincerest condolences to the family on your loss. We so enjoyed Les and Ilean and were Ushers with them for several years at the 10;30 Service on Sunday Morning. Both were such good people. We are all going to miss them dearly.

November 20 at 7:00 PM

PM

Patty Haferbier Matheis posted:

I am so sorry your dad has passed, he was so good to me & all the friends that hung out at your home. He will be missed by all his friends and family, but he is with your mom and she's been waiting to have the Les she knew & loved with her again. These past years have been hard on all of you & to think he's in a better place now, hopefully brings you peace. My prayers are with you all Patty

November 20 at 7:00 PM

KW

Ken Welty posted:

A good friend moved in down the street from your folks, & I had seen your Dad working in the yard from time to time. It brought back memories of visiting there many, many, years ago! Noticed that the house was recently sold, & I wondered how your folks were doing. I am very sorry to hear of the loss of both your Mom & Dad, Lorene. They were great people, & I still remember them all of these years later. My Dad passed away this last May, & it's left an empty place in me. My prayers are with you, and all of your family, as you celebrate his life, & the many memories he left behind. Please feel free to call me anytime, if you want an old friend to talk to. I'm in Camanche for the next couple of weeks.

November 20 at 7:00 PM

CN

Chris (Rohde) O'nan posted:

Lorene so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. The last several times we've been down to South Clinton, I always wondered where all my south Clinton friends are. Both of my parents are gone also and it is not easy even after 15 yrs for my dad and 6 yrs for my mom. May God Bless You and your Family.

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Jim Savory posted:

Lynn & family, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. "Hump" was always larger than life. Both he and your Mom, along with you three girls always made me feel so welcome at your home. Please know that you're all in my thoughts and prayers...

November 20 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lester by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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