

VEEN, GALEN JOHN

Birth

February 16, 1949 on family farm
east of Sheldon, Iowa

Death

December 9, 2017, Cumming,
Linn Twp., Warren Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Cancer

Cemetery Lot

Row 7, Space 2 in the New Addition

Father

John Veen

Mother

Rena Bosman

Marriage

Galen to Elvira “Elkie” Koerselman on June 6, 1970

Obituary

[Des Moines Register, Sunday, December 10, 2017, Page 22A]

CUMMING – Galen John, the son of John and Rena Bosman Veen, was born February 16, 1949, on the family farm east of Sheldon, Iowa. He attended country school through the 2nd grade and graduated from Sheldon High School with the Class of 1967. In school, he played the trombone in the band, ran cross country on the track team, played baseball and was active in church activities. After graduating he attended the University of Northern Iowa and graduated from the College of Automation in Des Moines.

Galen married his high school sweetheart, Elvira “Elkie” Koerselman on June 6, 1970. They were blessed with two children, Misty Dawn and Cory John.

Galen commuted to Sheldon where he helped his father farm. He was employed as a computer operator at Hawkeye Security Insurance in Des Moines. Most of his working career was as a real estate agent, eventually owning part of Darwin Smith Realty in Norwalk.

Galen will be remembered for his genuine easy going, loving personality. His greatest joy in life was his wife, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends that the Lord blessed him with. He also enjoyed spending time at his lake home on Diamondhead Lake near Dexter.

Galen went to meet his heavenly father, after battling cancer, on Saturday morning, December 9, 2017 at his home near Cumming. He lived 68 years, 9 months, and 23 days. He was preceded in death by his wife, Elkie on July 27, 2017; parents and a brother, Delmar Veen.

Those left to cherish Galen's memory are his children, Misty (Frank)Reznik and Cory (Tiffani) Veen all of Cumming; five grandchildren, Hannah, Halie, and Noah Reznik and Ella and Leah Veen; a sister, Dee (Gene) Eilers and their children, Tana (Darryl) Harlan and Kyle (Staci) Eilers; a sister-in-law, Edie (Mike) Finck and their children, Kristle and Ethan Finck; and a host of family and friends.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 12th at O'Leary Funeral Services in Norwalk. A Celebration of Life Service will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 13th at the Norwalk United Methodist Church. A reception will follow services. On-line condolences and flowers at www.olearfunerals.com or call (515) 981-0700.

DEATH NOTICES

[Indianola Record-Herald, Wednesday, December 13, 2017, Page 5B]

Galen John Veen

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From the Memorial Card

In Memory of
Galen John Veen

Sunrise
February 16, 1949
Sheldon, Iowa

Sunset
December 9, 2017
Cumming, Iowa

In Loving Memory of
Galen John Veen

Celebration of Life Service

1:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 13th
Norwalk United Methodist Church
Norwalk, Iowa

Officiants
Rev. Steve McElroy
Rev. Charles Luers

Music
Love is All Around ~ The Troggs
What a Wonderful World ~ Louis Armstrong
Vocal Selection
Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Soloist ~ Raleigh McElroy

Pall Bearers
Gene Eilers ~ Mike Finck ~ Kyle Eilers
Ethan Finck ~ Noah Reznik ~ Frank Reznik ~ Cory Veen

Honorary Pall Bearers
Rick Saroka ~ John Wissink ~ Jim Postma
Dennis Johnson ~ Gary Thompson ~ Scott Rubin
Gene Glessner ~ Charley Ertzinger

Private Family Burial
Pleasant Ridge Cemetery
Cumming, Iowa

There were several nice pictures on the Memorial Card.