



Charles Galen Ellsberry

September 25, 1961 - November 3, 2022

Charles better known as Galen Ellsberry was born in Fort Dodge September 25, 1961. He Spent his early childhood living in Boone with his mother, Virginia, father Charles “Chuck” and 2 sisters before moving to Ankeny in 1971 where he graduated from Ankeny High School in 1980. He married Joann, the love of his life, in 1990 and moved to Polk City to raise her daughter Dawn (Eric) and add 2 wonderful girls of their own to the family Shelby (Matt) and Paige. He lived and worked in Polk City for many years running a small business and raising his family. He loved Polk City and so much of Polk City loved him back.

Galen was an incredibly hard-working man but in his little down time he enjoyed deer hunting, his motorcycle, and of course any racing he could find. He spent many years of his life racing in different forms. Go cart, dirt track, Xbox, and any and every nascar race he could catch. It brings us a lot of happiness to know that now he will never miss another race.

In September of 2021, he was diagnosed with stage 4 esophageal cancer. He fought hard to battle for his life. Undergoing a risky surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. Sadly, he succumbed to his cancer in the early morning November 3, 2022.

Galen is and will be dearly missed by his many friends, close and extended

family, but especially his grandchildren, Terril, Elizabeth, Kaylee, and Gunner, who just didn't get enough time to spend with their wonderful papa.

We will celebrate the wonderful life of Galen Saturday November 12, 2022, 9am-1pm in the community building at Miller Park in Polk City, just blocks away from his favorite place, his home. The celebration will be as he wanted very laid back and casual. Please do not dress up for this occasion, it just was not him. Please stop by and share your memories.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in loving memory of Galen.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

NOV **12.** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Miller Park
401 Booth Street
Polk City, IA 50226

Tribute Wall



“ *Galen, always the fastest one and the kindest
Great knowing you my friend always
Gary Trout*

Gary Trout - December 24, 2022 at 12:06 AM