



## I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard Him call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah, yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.

# CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



# DARRIN J. BURRESS

June 12, 1967 – March 30, 2023

**Darrin J. Burress, 55**, of Garner, passed away Thursday, March 30, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Hospice Unit in Mason City.

Darrin James Burress, the son of Bob and Shirley (Proctor) Burress, was born June 12, 1967, in Trenton, Missouri. He graduated from Putnam County High School in Unionville, Missouri, and from Grand River Technical School from the diesel mechanics program. Darrin enlisted in the Iowa National Guard and served his country during Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He worked as a full-time tech for the Iowa National Guard until his retirement after 25 years of service and making countless friends along the way. Darrin was employed with the Cerro Gordo County Road Maintenance Department at the time of his death. On November 26, 1994, he married Jennifer Halferty at the United Methodist Church in Unionville, Missouri. They moved to Mason City in 1994 and the Garner area in 1999 where they raised their three sons. Darrin believed in investing in kids. He helped with 4-H, coached the boys' sports, and served as Cub Scout Master for Pack 203 and Assistant Scout Master for Troop 1030. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, welding, and spending time with his family. He loved sports and vocally cheered on the GHV Cardinals, Iowa Hawkeyes, Pittsburgh Steelers, and Cincinnati Reds.

He was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Ventura.

Darrin is survived by his wife, Jennifer of Garner; three sons, Dakota, Jacob, and Drew Burress all of Garner; his mother-in-law, Cathy Halferty of Clear Lake; brother-in-law, Randy Halferty (Jen Miller) of Bondurant; brother-in-law, Dean Hadley of Afton, IA; and three nieces, Allison, Lauren, and Elizabeth Hadley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Sara Hadley; and father-in-law, Ralph Halferty.

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## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Redeemer Lutheran Church – Ventura, Iowa  
10:30 a.m., Friday, April 7, 2023

## **OFFICIATING**

Pastor Jesse Burns

## **MUSIC**

LeAnne Buns, Organist

*Congregational Hymns*

"Amazing Grace" P. 744

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" P. 741

"Abide With Me" P. 878

## **CASKET BEARERS**

Brian Feld

Chad Holt

Craig Murphy

Mike Kepple

Richard Clark

Brad Groesbeck

## **MILITARY RITES**

Garner Veterans Ceremonial Unit

## **BURIAL**

Concord Township Cemetery – Garner, Iowa

*The family thanks you for your presence today and for the kind and gracious expressions of love and sympathy. All are invited to a luncheon in church fellowship hall immediately following the committal service.*

*Cafaldo*  
FUNERAL HOMES