

Charles James Hightower Sr.

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BURLINGTON, Iowa - Charles James Hightower Sr., 64, Burlington, died at 2:45 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2015, at his home.

Born May 31, 1951, in Burlington, he was the son of James Nathaniel and Hazel Delores Lucas Hightower. On Dec. 29, 1973, he married Vickie Whalen in Burlington. They later divorced.

Charles was a truck driver.

He enjoyed mushroom hunting, fishing, going to the casino, spending time at his son Sam's farm, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Charles (Janice) Hightower Jr. of Yarmouth, Iowa and Sam (Stephanie) Hightower of Danville, Iowa; two daughters, Jennifer (Steve) Jarvis of Fort Madison, Iowa and Ellie (Andrew) Strawhacker of Burlington, Iowa; 11 grandchildren, Natalie, Charles III, Daniel, Jebidiah, and Katherine Hightower, Jacob, Brandon, and Sydney Jarvis, and John, Chris, and Will Strawhacker; two sisters, Janice K. (Gary) Fenton and Donna M. (Ronald) Diercks, both of Burlington, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one grandson, Matthew Hightower. Visitation will be 9 until 10 a.m. Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Thielen Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends. Funeral will be at 10 a.m. Thursday,

June 11, 2015, at Thielen Funeral Home with the Rev. David J. Yonker officiating. Burial will be in Burlington Memorial Park Cemetery. A time of food and fellowship will be held in the community room at Thielen Funeral Home following the burial.

A photo tribute can be viewed and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting Charles's obituary at www.thielenfuneralhome.com.

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