



**Charles James
Hightower, Sr.**

**May 31, 1951 -
June 8, 2015**

Resided in Burlington, IA Charles James Hightower, Sr., 64, of Burlington, died at 2:45 PM 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 December 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, IA, and Sam (Stephanie) Hightower of Danville, IA; two daughters, Jennifer (Steve) Jarvis of Fort Madison, IA, and Ellie (Andrew) Strawhacker of Burlington, IA; 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, IA; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one grandson, Matthew Hightower.

Visitation will be from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Thielen Funeral Home, where the family will receive friends.

The funeral service for Mr. Hightower will be 10:00 AM Thursday, June 11, 2015, at Thielen Funeral Home with Reverend 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.