



Gary Bert McDaniel Sr., 81, of Eldon, IA passed away on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at Ridgewood Specialty Care in Ottumwa, IA. As were his wishes, his body has been cremated. A private family burial will be held in the Bethlehem Cemetery. A celebration of Gary's life will be scheduled at a later date.

Gary Bert McDaniel Sr. was born on October 2, 1939, in Ottumwa, IA to Bert and Olive Rowell McDaniel. He graduated from Davis County High School with the class of 1958. From an early age Gary knew the value of hard work and always found something to do to keep busy. He worked for John Morrell for several years and at the Fairfield Sale Barn. He always had a love for farming and spent most of his life farming his own ground as well as helping other farmers in the area. Gary eventually retired from Barkers in Keosauqua but remained busy on the farm.

Gary was the proud father of five children: Brian, Bert, James, Jason, and Ashley. When Gary took time away from working, he enjoyed attending the races with his children. He found comfort in the outdoors where he would cut wood, work on old tractors, or care for his garden. He will be forever remembered by his family and his many friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Brian McDaniel, and two siblings, Gerald McDaniel and Donna Evans. Left to share his story are his children, Bert (Sue) McDaniel of Eldon, IA, James McDaniel of Cedar Rapids, IA, Jason (Shireen) McDaniel of Eldon, IA, and Ashley McDaniel of Eldon, IA; three grandchildren, Katelyn, Kinzer, and Kaizley; two siblings, Ivan (Judy) McDaniel and Phyllis Bottger; close friend, Shelly Hughes, as well as many extended family and friends. Memorials may be directed to the Living Hope Bible Church.