



## Doyle E. Gripp

May 22, 1929 - May 6, 2019

Services for Doyle Gripp will be Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Pierschbacher Funeral Home in Chariton. Family will receive friends on Monday, May 27, from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the Lucas County Health Center Foundation.

Doyle Eugene Gripp was born May 22, 1929 to Virgil Gripp and Garland Bumbarger in Virginia Township, Warren County, near New Virginia. Doyle was a strong and loving man of unyielding dedication and loyalty to his wife, family, friends and community.

As a young man in his teens, several families graciously opened their doors to Doyle. In return, he worked multiple jobs to 'earn his keep'.

Having graduated from Chariton High School in 1948, Doyle proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1951-1953. He was trained as a field wireman in Fort Riley, Kansas before leaving with his unit to Trieste, Italy in August, 1952. As a Private First Class, Doyle was honorably discharged from the service on August 28, 1953. His entire life, Doyle remained an extremely proud and loyal U.S. citizen, always quick to salute the flag and stand for the national anthem.

Prior to entering the service in 1951, Doyle met the love of his life, Irene Brewer. It was on their first date that Doyle revealed his passion for thrill and adventure by taking Irene to the Chariton Race Track. During a three-day leave, on March 22, 1952, Doyle hitchhiked from Fort Riley to Chariton to marry his "honey".

In August 1959, Doyle and Irene purchased land just west of Chariton and Gripp's Auto Salvage was created. Doyle's love of buying, trading, bartering and selling began the moment the first wrecked car was delivered. In 1963, the couple proudly built their first home on the property and soon welcomed daughters Susan Rae that summer and Laura Jane in 1968.

The pair acquired their first General Motors dealership in Chariton in January 1970 which served the community until 1992 under the name Gripp Motors. Although Doyle officially retired from the “car business” in 1994, his interest and enjoyment of all motorized vehicles never waned.

Throughout his life, Doyle travelled extensively with Irene and often with their children’s families. The two of them travelled the country in their motor home on multiple occasions and even trekked overseas and to Mexico on corporate trips for GM. They spent over 20 years wintering in Green Valley, AZ.

Yes, the fun often began when Doyle arrived. He loved life and leaves behind many who have rich memories of their vibrant friendships. He was an avid spectator of many sports and especially enjoyed golfing, boating, skiing and fishing, attending daily coffee club and cards at the Country Club, going out for dinner, and gathering with family and friends. He was particularly fond of attending his grandchildren’s many activities.

Doyle was a long-standing member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and a 64-year member of American Legion Post #102. He was recognized for his 50-year service and loyal support in the Lucas County Shrine and Iowa Masonic Lodge #63. Doyle was also a member of the DAV and Lakeview Golf & Country Club, as well as served as an officer of the Tenco Board and the Chariton Library Foundation Board.

Doyle is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Irene; daughters, Susan (Chuck) Huttinger of North Barrington, IL and Scottsdale, AZ, and Laura (Todd) Shelton of Chariton; grandchildren, Alexis (Brian) Davis, Caitlin Smith, Caroline Huttinger, Erich Huttinger, Emily Shelton, Cooper Shelton and Bailey Shelton; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings (Merrill Gripp and Darlene Huston).

# Cemetery

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## Chariton Cemetery

HWY 14 and HWY 34

Chariton, IA, 50049

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Pierschbacher Funeral Homes - Chariton  
914 Roland Ave, Chariton, IA, US, 50049

**MAY** **Service** 10:00AM

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# Comments

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“ We so enjoyed being with Doyle and Irene over the years. He was a fun person and we loved his agility and that great SMILE!!!!!!

Joan and Phil Weber

**Phil and Joan Weber** - June 12, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“ Dear Irene, Susan, Laura, and Family:  
Betty and I wish to express our condolences to each of you and your family at the recent passing of our good friend Doyle. Doyle was my uncle Darrell Clark's service manager at Johnston Clark Ford Mercury in Chariton for many years. I lived with my aunt Marg and uncle Darrell Clark in Chariton for two months every summer from the age of 6 to 14 and I remember Doyle fondly at the dealership as I used to go with uncle Darrell to everyday to work during those summer days. I later became the GM dealer in Perry at Larry Martindale Motorcars and I would often visit with Doyle both on the phone, and in person when we would go to the GM auctions and at the GM meetings. He was very helpful to me when I was in the car business and he was a wonderful and kind man. He loved his family dearly and spoke of you often. Sorry we could not attend a funeral as we were out of town and I just saw the obituary when we returned. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days that lie ahead.  
Larry & Betty Martindale  
WDM, Iowa 50266

**Larry & Betty Martindale** - May 30, 2019 at 02:50 AM

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“ On behalf of Chevrolet Motor Division, I wish to extend condolences to the family of Doyle Gripp. In his many years as a Chevy dealer, Doyle built a strong reputation for honest dealing and providing outstanding sales and service to his community and beyond. I had the honor and privilege to be the District Manager during the first few years of his owning and operating Gripp Chevrolet. Doyle was a good man of character and deed.  
-Don Bishop, retired General Motors

**Don Bishop** - May 26, 2019 at 11:29 AM

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“ I have many fond memories of Doyle. His smile lit up the room. His hugs let you know how happy he was to see you. And every time I see brown liquor I will think of him. He along with Irene, created an amazing family. We are all blessed to have known him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers . Love , The Murphy's

Deanna Murphy - May 22, 2019 at 07:31 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Doyle E. Gripp.



May 22, 2019 at 07:27 PM

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“ We shared so many happy times with Doyle, Irene Susan and Laura. We send our love and prayers .  
The Barger family  
Marilyn, Steve  
Brenda, Grant, Scott

Marilyn Barger - May 22, 2019 at 08:49 AM

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“ Mary Stierwalt lit a candle in memory of Doyle E. Gripp



Mary Stierwalt - May 21, 2019 at 08:00 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Doyle was a great person.



Judd Coffman Family - May 10, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ Terry&Bruce Sellers lit a candle in memory of Doyle E. Gripp



**Terry&Bruce Sellers** - May 09, 2019 at 11:15 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

**Tracy Hanson (Chaldy)** - May 09, 2019 at 06:52 PM

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“ So many memories over the last fifty years. I can only wish everyone can have a friend like Doyle. Loyal,true,always there when You needed Him.

Love You Doyle and will miss You always. John and Marge Comer

**John Comer** - May 07, 2019 at 07:41 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to the Gripp family, I worked for Doyle at his Chevrolet dealership years ago. He was a caring business man with a big heart, he was a positive influence for those that worked with him and a great ambassador for his home town. It was an honor to have known him.

**Bob Clark Erie, PA** - May 07, 2019 at 01:50 PM

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“ A great man , best uncle and mentor one could have ever asked for , always a smile on his face and wisdom you better listen to . He treated everyone with respect . If it looked like someone could use it he would sell it and stand behind it .I know he is still looking over my shoulder that I do the same in business and service to my community .

**norville huston** - May 07, 2019 at 10:00 AM

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“ Mary Stierwalt lit a candle in memory of Doyle E. Gripp



Mary Stierwalt - May 07, 2019 at 09:00 AM

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“ Rosemary Swainey lit a candle in memory of Doyle E. Gripp



Rosemary Swainey - May 06, 2019 at 11:27 PM

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“ Karen DeVore lit a candle in memory of Doyle E. Gripp



Karen DeVore - May 06, 2019 at 10:33 PM

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“ Terry&Bruce Sellers lit a candle in memory of Doyle E. Gripp



Terry&Bruce Sellers - May 06, 2019 at 10:14 PM