



RUSSELL J. LEVINS Cedar Rapids Russell J. Levins, 81, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away at his home under hospice care on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Murdoch-Linwood Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Cedar Rapids. A livestream of the funeral service may be accessed on the funeral home website tribute page for Russ, under "photos and videos," starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7. A luncheon will immediately follow the service at The Legacy Center at Murdoch-Linwood. Private family entombment will take place at Linwood Cemetery Mausoleum in Cedar Rapids.

Russ was born Oct. 29, 1940, in West Burlington, Iowa, the son of Alvin Patrick and Emily Mary (French) Levins. He was one of 15 children. After high school graduation, Russ served in the U.S. Navy. Russ was united in marriage to Mary Perry on April 20, 1963. They were later divorced. He was later united in marriage to Colleen (Ealy) Barnes on April 20, 1991, at the Longbranch in Cedar Rapids. Russ was a union pipefitter for Burlington Local 212 and a member of the Moose Lodge. After his retirement, Russ enjoyed driving a bus for the Cedar Rapids School District. He enjoyed cooking on the grill, golfing, fishing, camping and feeding the birds he watched in his yard. Russ loved his dogs and his family very much. He will be missed.

Russ is survived by his three children, Matt (Jennifer) Levins of West Burlington, Jane (Dave) Williams of Burlington and Julie Levins of Peoria, Ill.; stepchildren, Kris, Wayne, Tim, Shelly (Rob), Kelly and Tabby; 21 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brothers, John Levins and LeRoy Levins, both of Burlington, Mark Levins of Quincy, Ill., and Mike Levins of West Burlington; sisters, Rosemary Loper of West Burlington and Paulette Nichols of Burlington. Russ was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Colleen Levins, on March 5, 2022; brothers, Patrick, Artie and Donald Levins, and Baby Boy Levins, a brother in infancy; sisters, Norma Raschendorfer, Carol Phillips, Betty Frey, Marilyn Weingart and Helen Rankin; and beloved pets, Pandey, Maggie and Oscar. Please share a memory of Russ at www.murdochfuneralhome.com under obituaries.