

**PAUL E. WHISENAND**  
July 29, 1935 - May 28, 2021

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Paul E. Whisenand 85, of Ames, formerly of Kelley, passed away May 28, at the Israel Family Hospice House, Ames.

Friends may call from 5-7 pm on Friday, June 4, Adams Funeral Home, 502 Douglas Ave., Ames. A private family memorial service will be held. Burial will be in the Kelley Community Cemetery, Kelley.

Paul was July 29, 1935 in Iowa City, the son of Isaac Roscoe and Daisy Maude (McCain) Whisenand. He grew up in Montezuma and graduated from Montezuma High School in 1953.

He was united in marriage to Merlene Meldrem on June 27, 1954. Three children were born of this union. Paul worked as a farm hand, and at Caterpillar Tractor Company prior to beginning a 32-year career as a plumber at Iowa State University. He retired from ISU in 1993.

Paul served as the Mayor of Kelley for 22 years. He was a long-time founding member of the Kelley Fire Department and Trinity United Methodist Church in Huxley. He was a proud member of the Cold War Patriots for his service as a civil air spotter and his work at Iowa State University. He was the organizer of the Kelley Community Cemetery, where he is being interred. Paul also served on the Board of Directors of the Greater Iowa Credit Union.

He is survived by his daughters, Sherill Whisenand and Mary Whisenand, both of Des Moines. Son Charles Whisenand preceded him in death in 2008. Other family members left behind to honor him are: Gerald Whisenand of South Beloit, IL, Bill Whisenand of Albuquerque, NM, Linda (Jim) Hotchkin, all of Grinnell, Phyllis Phillips of Montezuma, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Merlene in 2019; his son; his siblings and in-laws: Donald and June Whisenand, Issac "Jack" Whisenand, Sylvia Whisenand, Helen Whisenand, Lois and Ralph Ogan, Jr., Duane Phillips, Zadie and Richard Ross, Claire and Alene Meldrem, Lyle Meldrem, Norma and Harold Duffus, James and Betty Meldrem, and Marlyn Meldrem.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Adams Funeral Home and online condolences may be left for Paul's family at [www.adamssoderstrum.com](http://www.adamssoderstrum.com). In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Kelley Fire Department, Trinity United Methodist Church, or the Israel Family Hospice House.