



**Marty Kolars**

**Nov. 11, 1963-July 1, 2025**

Marty Kolars, 61, of Malcom, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, July 9, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment was held at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

Memorials may be given to BGM Wrestling Program and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Marty's family online at [www.smithh.com](http://www.smithh.com).

Marty was born on November 11, 1963, in Grinnell, to Marylin Dale and Carol Sue (Graham) Kolars. He was raised in Malcom and graduated from BGM High School with the Class of 1982. Following school, he worked alongside his father at Kolars Garage, developing the mechanical skills and work ethic that would define his career.

On Aug. 8, 1986, Marty was united in marriage to Kimberly Suzanne Rohrer at the United Methodist Church in Victor. Together they made their home in Malcom and built a life filled with love and laughter.

Throughout his life, Marty held positions at several local

Marty is survived by his wife of 38 years, Kim Kolars of Malcom; children, Taylor Kolars of Scottsdale, AZ, Kelsey (Eric) Hodowanic of Chippewa Falls, WI, and Gavin (Jessica) Kolars of Malcom; his pride and joy grandchildren, Blake, Hazel, and Ezlynn Hodowanic, and Nash Kolars; his father, Marvin Kolars of Malcom; his siblings, Jeff Kolars of Malcom and Angela (Ryan) Rudd of Brooklyn; and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Carol Kolars, in 2024.

Marty had a lifelong passion for restoring old cars and especially enjoyed attending the Chelsea Car Show. His most prized restorations were his 1971 Chevelle, 1971 Monte Carlo, 1970 LeMans convertible, and 1963 Chevy "Biscuit" Biscayne Wagon. Marty was also a diehard NASCAR fan, and attended numerous Cup races.

He had a love for rock and metal music, particularly AC/DC and Metallica, and was a self-proclaimed master of the air guitar. He also had a unique eye for collecting antiques, especially those "in the box." He was always on the hunt for 4-inch adjustable wrenches, Chevy dealership yardsticks and local advertising memorabilia.

Marty was a BGM wrestler, coach, parent, and supporter. He was also an avid Iowa Wrestling fan who attended countless NCAA tournaments with his wrestling family. He was a Malcom council member, Malcom Ruritan Club President, and Chairman of the Malcom 125th Celebration. Marty, along with Kim, started the Malcom Haunted Hayride to raise funds for the 125th Malcom celebration, and the tradition continued for years to come.

Camping and fishing with his best friends were some of Marty's favorite pastimes. He was also known for cooking up any concoction, and labeling it "Blue Ribbon S\*\*\*\*." He loved his friends, family, and his ice-cold beer. "Mar-tay" was a true character—witty, full of jokes, always laughing, and undeniably the life of the party. With a strong will and a determined spirit, he lived life on his own terms. He truly was

## **Jerry Wayne Jantzen**

Jerry Wayne Jantzen, 78, of Malcom and a native of Grinnell, died peacefully at his home April 12, 2025. A full obituary appeared in the April 14 edition of this newspaper. *CHS, Monday & Tuesday*

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 20, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Tama, Iowa from 1 to 4 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Iowa State Fair in his name. *CHS, 7/17/2025, 7/18/2025*

GHR, Monday, Thursday  
7/7/2025, 7/10/2025

## Carolyn Sue Bower



Carolyn Sue Bower passed away on July 3, 2025, as she lived, surrounded by people who adored her. She had just celebrated her ninety-first birthday on Flag Day and was looking forward to celebrating seventy-one years of marriage to Dr. Warren Bower in August.

She is survived by her husband, Warren; her children Brenda (Kelly) Olson and Michael (Debra) Bower; her sister Judy Van Meter; seven grandchildren, Harry, Madeline, Isabelle, Eloise, Jack, Charlie, and Sam; and eleven great-grandchildren. To them and many others, she was known simply - and lovingly - as Anna.

As per Sue's wish, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Mayflower Community, 616 Broad Street, Grinnell, Iowa 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Sue's family on the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory website at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Famous for her infectious laugh and her flair for fashion - always just the right scarf - Sue lit up every room. Her kitchen was the heart of her home, her table a place of welcome and celebration, her cuisine - "the best restaurant in town." She always had a magical ability to turn everyday moments into meaningful occasions.

She was the creator of treasured cards and photo albums, a dramatic reader-aloud, and a spellbinding storyteller. She was a lover of both birds and Olympic pageantry, not to mention a formidable Scrabble opponent. She never missed a chance to decorate her dining-room chandelier, to break into an impromptu tap dance, or to call out the next number in Big Bower Bingo - a tradition she led with gusto at family gatherings and weddings around the world. Her inimitable wedding toasts, likewise, were eagerly anticipated - and then instantly legendary.

Her grandchildren were her delight; she was one of their loudest cheerleaders and left her mark on each of them. Everyone who knew her felt included, important, and well-loved. She was a fervent and loyal supporter of endeavors both great and small by all those she held dear, most notably of an extensive one by Warren, whose career as a surgeon may not have been quite so outstanding - and it certainly has been outstanding - without Sue's critical and indefatigable assistance behind the scenes.

Sue was active in many local and national organizations focused on empowering women and serving others. She gave of herself endlessly, and her generosity on in the low kindness and community she created

## Colleen Guinever Arthur



Colleen Guinever Arthur, age 100, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2025, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Colleen was born on October 25, 1924, in Montezuma, Iowa, to Ora Fudge and Irene (Miller) Fudge. She graduated from Searsboro Consolidated School in 1943 and later married Kenneth Carl Arthur on March 4, 1947, in Newton, Iowa. Together they raised four children: Alan, Kenny, Brett, and LeAnn.

A devoted homemaker, Colleen poured her love into her family and her home. She was a remarkable cook – famous for her pies that seemed to come together in mere minutes – and she lovingly baked wedding cakes for many in her community. She found joy in her garden and took great pride in raising her children on the farm she cherished.

Colleen is survived by her children, Alan (Barb) Arthur, Kenny Arthur, and LeAnn Poulos; her grandchildren, Craig (Amy) Arthur, Angie (Steve) Conner, Andrea Poulos, and Collin Poulos; and her great-grandson, Caleb Arthur. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, her son Brett Arthur, her parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

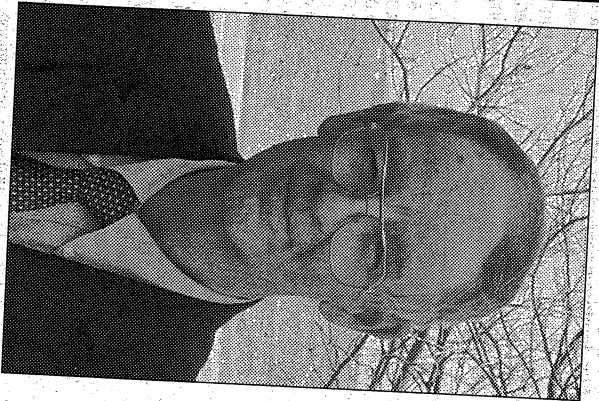
A graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grinnell Friends Church in memory of Colleen.

Colleen's life was a quiet testament to love, hard work, and devotion to family. She will be deeply missed.

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7/1/2025, 7/1/2025

## Mark Ernest Allen



Mark Ernest Allen, 71, of Grinnell, Iowa, passed away on July 5, 2025, surrounded by loved ones.

Mark was born on December 12, 1953, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Ernest and Bettyann (Lafrenz) Allen, and was raised in State Center, Iowa, where he graduated with the Class of 1972.

Mark was united in marriage to Jody Sleuwenhoek on November 17, 1984, and together they were blessed with two girls, Kristine and Sharon, and built a life rooted in faith, compassion, and hard work.

A lifelong farmer, Mark had a strong work ethic and a deep connection to the land. He especially loved milking cows and found joy and purpose in the seasons of farm life. Mark was also employed at Grinnell Implement for 37 years as the parts manager where he valued the friendships he built with local farmers.

Mark was a man of many talents - he enjoyed constructing pole buildings, doing electrical wiring, pouring cement, and overhauling engines. He took pride in doing things the right way and helping others whenever he could.

Faith played an important role in Mark's life. He was a devoted member of Sheridan United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities over the years.

Mark is survived by his wife, Jody Allen; daughters Kristine (Darren) Wheeler and Sharon (Dwight) Burke; and grandchildren Kallen and Jaylene Wheeler, and Gracelynn and Adalynn Burke. He is also survived by his siblings: John (Deb) Allen, Jill (John) Byerly, Jack (Patti) Allen, and Mary (Kevin) Lazard.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernie and Bettyann Allen; his grandparents, Norman and Mary Allen and Louis and Gertrude Lafrenz; and his cousins Doug Burris, Lisa Holmberg, Becky Wise, Judi Crawford, and Jerry Ceaser.

A visitation was scheduled to be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell, Iowa.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, July 11, 2025, at Sheridan United Methodist Church northeast of Grinnell, Iowa. A luncheon will be held following the service at Sheridan United Methodist Church. A private family burial will take place at Sheridan Cemetery.

Memorials may be made payable to the Mark Allen Memorial Fund.

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## Tom Simpson

Tom Simpson, 82, of Grinnell, died on Monday, July 7th, 2025 at St Francis Manor in Grinnell.

His family will receive friends at visitation held from 5:00 pm until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11th, 2025 at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. A private family graveside service with military honors will be held at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell with Pastor Phil Cullham officiating.

Memorial may be designated to the family (please make checks payable to his wife, Darla Simpson) to benefit local school athletic funds and the St. Francis Manor Activities Fund, and mailed in care of

the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memorials and condolences may be shared with Tom's family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Thomas Lee Simpson was born on July 28, 1942, in Grinnell, Iowa, to Alfred and Lena (Worrtman) Simpson. He was raised and graduated from Grinnell High School with the Class of 1960. Following graduation, he honorably served in the United States Navy.

On June 19, 1966, Tom was united in marriage to Darla Pefferman at St John's Lutheran Church in Grinnell. They were blessed with a daughter, Kristin, who was the light of his life. They resided at Oakland Acres and later moved to Seeland Park in Grinnell.

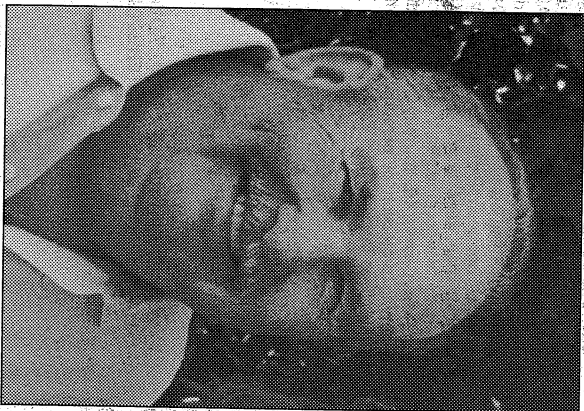
Tom spent over 30 years working at Maytag in Newton, Iowa, and co-owned and operated Oakland Acres Golf Course.

Tom was an avid outdoorsman. Tom loved golf. He had the best short game around. His many golf friends will remember his Bobwhite bird call that you could hear on the course while he was golfing. Tom's biggest joy was taking his daughter around the state, and out of state, to numerous golf tournaments. Tom was the best coach to Kristin on the golf course. He also enjoyed hunting. During the winter months he enjoyed bowling. A passionate Iowa Hawkeyes fan, Tom rarely missed a football game and also loved cheering on the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota Vikings.

Above all, Tom loved his family, especially loving being Papa to his grandchildren and was their biggest supporter, proudly attending their many activities while he still could. And once he couldn't attend in person, he loved hearing about them, seeing pictures, and watching videos. Tom loved bragging to anyone he could about what all his grandchildren were doing.

Tom was known for his ornery charm, strong will, and unwavering loyalty. He was a hard worker, a great friend, didn't know a stranger, and someone you could always count on.

Tom is survived by his wife of 59 years, Darla Simpson of Grinnell; his daughter, Kristin (Darren) Van Wyk of Grinnell; and his grandchildren, Kinnick, Kyndall, and Kynslee Van Wyk. Tom is also survived by his brothers-in-law Jim (Joy) Pefferman of Edmond, OK, Tim (Deb) Pefferman of Grinnell, Iowa, and Tom (Patty) Pefferman of Boonville, MO, and many nieces, nephews, and good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his siblings, James (Donna) Simpson, Barb (Joe) Schmidt, and a sister at infancy.



CHR, Thursday 7/17/2025

# Armond Pagliai Sr.



Armond Pagliai Sr., 92, of Iowa City, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2025, after a lifetime of dedication to his family. His work ethic was unyielding, and his motto was to treat every pizza like a work of art made with care and consistency and treat the customer as you would want to be treated.

He was grateful he had crossed so many people's paths in his years in business and made some great friends and loyal customers, whom he enjoyed until his last days. He served them all equally and kindly, regardless of their importance. Pagliai's Pizza was a melting pot of cultures, social structures and personalities. Armond Sr. naturally and intuitively made it happen in his no-sugar-coated way; he made pizzas for the masses and loved them.

Armond was born March 23, 1933, in Zook Spur, Iowa, the son of Giovanni (John) and Caterina "Catherine" (Nizzi) Pagliai. Armond was the youngest of seven brothers and sisters. Armond is survived by his loving wife, Rene; their three children: Armond (Polly), Bryan and Beth and their bonus son Nang Nguyen (Diem) and their daughter Alena Nguyen; seven grandchildren: Tony Pagliai (Mareike), Jaclyn Ewing (Todd), Nick Pagliai, Joseph Pagliai (Haylee), Harlan Whitman and Katrina Whitman, and Elizabeth Lindsey (Jacob); and twelve great grandchildren: Judah, Calder, and Ezra Ewing; Della and Tilly Pagliai; Paisley, Greyson and Camden. Pagliai: Kaydn Mayfield, Makayla Whitman and Sebastian and Bishop Lindsey.

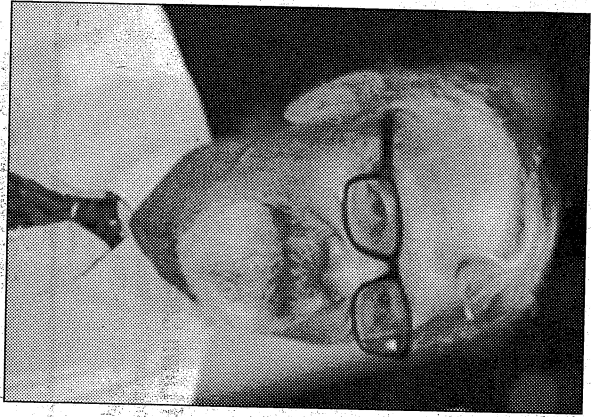
In 1953, the first pizza was served at the neighborhood bar in Ames, Iowa. The bar eventually became a restaurant, as more pizza was served than drinks. This success made way for the first official Pagliai's Pizza, at the time it was called "The Pizza House" and changed to "Pizza Palace" and finally just "Pagliai's Pizza". Eventually, there were 30 Pagliai's Pizzas around the United States. Armond rarely took a day off and you would be hard-pressed to find another man who could outwork him, even into his 90s. Armond's work ethic and ability to lead by example taught many people the meaning of a good work ethic and fairness.

A funeral service to celebrate Armond will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Iowa City with Father Andrew Rutenbuehler officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. A private family burial will be at Oakland Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, at Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service, Iowa City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary's Catholic Church to support engaging our youth in parish life, Iowa City Hospice or the Friends of the Animal Center Foundation. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.lensingfuneral.com](http://www.lensingfuneral.com).

GHR, Thursday 7/17/2025

## Jim Shuey



Jim Shuey passed away peacefully on Friday, June 27, 2025 at home in Rochester, NY, at the age of 78. He was born on Nov. 17, 1946 in Des Moines to Willis Dean Shuey and Laura Marian (nee Molmen) Shuey, the oldest of the four Shuey children. His father operated the Shuey Insurance Agency in Grinnell from 1946 to 1977.

Jim attended Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts prior to studying Economics at Princeton University, graduating in 1969. He earned his Juris Doctor from Rutgers Newark Law School in 1979.

Early in his career, he served as an officer in banking and other East Coast firms and as a well-respected business valuation expert. In the early 1990s, Jim opened a valuation practice in the Arthur Andersen office in Budapest, Hungary, following the fall of the USSR and newly opened Eastern Bloc. Jim would later go on to found his own firm, serving as Principal at Shuey Associates in Rochester, NY, for the remainder of his career. He also enjoyed a stint working as a tour guide/wine educator/driver in the NY Finger Lakes Wine Region. Jim was the proud father of three children: Christine, Elizabeth, and Jonathan. In May 1978, he married Deborah Ann Packard in Pittsford, New York. They were married for 24 years. In 2010, Jim married Kathleen Hursh in a ceremony in Estes Park, Colo. Kathleen and Jim would split their time between NY and Estes Park, where they enjoyed entertaining friends and family in their "Dome Home."

Jim was a collector at heart. He cataloged many things, including stamps, jokes, puns, his own detailed list of wine and beer reviews, and obscure and interesting history and information. He shared these passions with anyone who would listen.

Jim Shuey is survived by his wife, Kathleen Hursh; his siblings, Janet Moore, Charles Shuey and wife Victoria Wahl, and Lucinda Cake; his children, Christine Noe and husband Matt Darling and their children Mari L, Yvaine and Jessica K. N. Todd, Elizabeth Shuey and her husband and their child, and Jonathan Shuey; his stepsons, Asa Hursh and wife Erika Parall, and Austin Hursh and wife Gulshan Fazal.

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life was held on Saturday, July

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Grinnell

The Poweshiek County CR, Friday 7/11/2025

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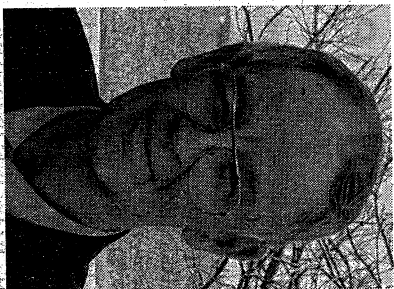
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Memorials may be made payable to the Mark Allen Memorial Fund to be used for projects at the Sheridan United Methodist Church and mailed in c/o Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

Mark's life reflected a deep faith, a generous heart, and a servant's spirit. He touched the lives of many, and his memory will remain a blessing until they meet again.



## Debra "Debbie" Benson



**Aug. 15, 1952-July 10, 2025**

Debra Benson, known affectionately as Debbie by most, was born on Aug. 15, 1952, in Oskaloosa. She was the beloved daughter of Cliff and Colleen Beyer and grew up in Montezuma, alongside her older sister Diane and older brother Darwin. She graduated from Montezuma High School in 1970.

On Mar. 10, 1972, Debbie married the love of her life, Donald (Don) Benson. In 1974, they made their home in Kellogg, where they raised their family and built a life together.

Debbie was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband Don, their two children Jeremy (Cara) Benson and Jill (Michael) Owens, and her four cherished grandchildren: Gabe, Ellie, Kinsley, and Kyler.

Debbie died Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Pella Comfort House in Pella. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cliff and Colleen Beyer, her brother Darwin, and her sister Diane.

Debbie's love for her family was deep and unwavering. Her warmth, kindness, and presence will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

We will honor Debbie's life 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 17, 2025 at Pence ~ Reese Funeral Home in Newton. The family will greet friends from 10-11 a.m., Thursday, and again during lunch following the service. Memorials may be designated in Debbie's name to the Kellogg Fire Department and may be left at the Pence ~ Reese Funeral Home.

*The Record, Thursday*

## Stephen Cal Harms



### Dec. 20, 1950-July 9, 2025

Steven Cal Harms, 74, of West Des Moines, passed away unexpectedly on July 9, 2025. He was born to parents Calvin and Iris Harms on Dec. 20, 1950 in Summer. Steve is the oldest of three siblings, all of whom survive him. He leaves behind an inspiring legacy.

He graduated from Upper Iowa University in 1973, with a degree in physical education and a minor in biology. During his senior year, the "Big Man on Campus" met Diane Kinkadee—his perfect match. The cheerleader and the football player became partners in every sense. They married on Dec. 21, 1974, raised five children, and celebrated 14 grandchildren in their 46 years of marriage. The lake house, pheasant hunting weekends, and holiday gatherings were infused with the values Steve held dear. The memories created will forever be cherished and the traditions carried on.

Steve began his long association with Rain and Hail in 1973 as an independent crop adjuster while teaching biology at Grinnell High School. Over the next 37 years, his work ethic ascended him on a path to

Steve devoted his time to many passions. Growing up as a multi-sport athlete and simply loving the game, he followed in the footsteps of his father and officiated basketball for over 30 years. Other hobbies included being a true outdoorsman who found peace and joy while hunting and fishing. His commitment to conservation ensured the land he nurtured and loved would be preserved for generations to come.

In 2019, Steve and Diane were inducted into the Upper Iowa University Hall of Fame in recognition of their extraordinary philanthropy and unwavering commitment to the school they both loved. Their generosity transformed Harms/Eischeid Stadium and created lasting support for the UIU cheer program. Their impact can be felt in every corner of the campus.

Beyond all achievements, Steve will ultimately be remembered through his family. The Record, Thursday, July 17, 2025

remembered for the way he made people feel. He was a gentleman through and through—genuine, kind, and full of warm welcomes. His presence lives on in the family he loved, the friendships he built, the land he cherished, and the traditions he passed on.

Steve is survived by his children Kelie Gray of Dillon, CO, Tisha (Nate) Taylor of Golden, CO, Lindsay (Travis) Juhl of Ankeny, Britni (Cody) Smith of Ankeny, and Jordan (Judy) Harms of Grinnell; and his grandchildren Tanner, Parker and Kendal Gray, Beate, Lucy, and Olivia Taylor, Georgia and Gabriella Juhl, McKinli, Calvin, and Bentley Smith, Vincent, Willa, and Piper Harms, sister Bette Powell, brother Tom (Kim) Harms, and Mary Anne Macier; Steve's significant other in recent years.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Diane, his parents, Calvin and Iris Harms, and brother-in-law Virgil Powell.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 16, at Faith Lutheran Church, in Clive.

In lieu of flowers and in support of Steve's passions, memorial contributions may be made directly to the Poweshiek County Pheasants Forever Chapter, Upper Iowa University, or plant a tree in his honor, which would bring him great joy.

Gwendolyn Ila Wright



**June 1, 1940-July 3, 2025**

Gwendolyn Ila Wright, age 85, entered the presence of her Lord and Savior on July 3, 2025. Her last years were increasingly difficult due to multiple sclerosis (MS), the symptoms of which began at least 35 years earlier. With faith, God-given determination, and grace, Gwen lived an active life of service and prayer, even with the gradually increasing limitations of MS.

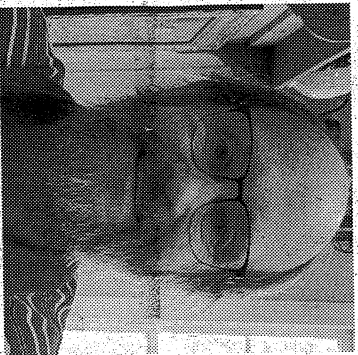
Gwen was born June 1, 1940, to Morton and Hazel James in Onawa, but moved to Brooklyn in time to begin Kindergarten. Because of another family move, she attended her last year of high school in Montezuma. Loving sports, Gwen pursued a BS degree in physical education at Western Colorado University in Gunnison, CO. From there, she went to Moab, UT, and later to Lompoc, CA, to teach physical education. God placed in her heart a strong concern for the salvation of

In 1977, Gwen was married to Robert Wright and continued to live in California. They relocated to DuPage County, IL, in 2003 to be near Gwen's family, given her health needs. Robert passed away in 2013, and Gwen continued to live on her own in a handicap-friendly apartment with caregivers. By 2020, Gwen needed assistance that could be better provided in a care facility. In September, she moved into the DuPage Care Center where she lived until she passed away. During the years Gwen and Robert lived in Illinois, much aid was provided by her family and Grace Church of DuPage, where she was lovingly welcomed and cared for as part of the church family.

She greatly appreciated opportunities to teach children in the church and even continued to do so from her wheelchair when she could no longer walk independently. She had no biological children, but many spiritual children from Good News Clubs and Sunday School classes she taught. She can look forward to meeting them again in heaven, because they also placed their trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Gwen loved her Lord, the Scriptures, her family, her church, and children.

Gwendolyn is survived by her older sister Marcelyn (Evereth) Peterson and youngest sister Roselyn (Darrel) Shaver. In addition, she has nine nieces and nephews, 38 great-nephews and nieces, and six great-great-nephews and nieces.

## Terry Warnick



**Apr. 27, 1956-July 4, 2025**

Terry Warnick, 69, of Marengo and formerly of Victor, died on Friday, July 4, 2025, at Compass Memorial Healthcare in Marengo after a courageous 10-year battle with cancer.

A memorial gathering was held Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at the Smith Funeral Home in Victor. A private family graveside service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery south of Victor.

Memorials may be designated to University of Iowa Holden Cancer Center and mailed in care of the Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 485, Victor, IA 52347.

Memories and condolences may be shared with his family online at [www.smithfh.com](http://www.smithfh.com).

Terry was born on April 27, 1956, in Belle Plaine, to Leo Claire Warnick Jr. and Annetta (Hawkins) Warnick. He was raised on the family farm north of Victor and graduated with the Class of 1974 from HLV High School in Victor.

On June 20, 1981, Terry was united in marriage to Julia Marie Bayer at St. John's Lutheran Church, south of Victor. The couple made their home on the Charles Ranfield farm near Victor, where Terry worked faithfully for Charles for over 40 years. In 2024, Terry and Julia moved to Marengo.

Terry had a deep love for the outdoors and all things' cano—right down to their bedspread. He had a special place in his heart for animals, even raising pet raccoons over the years. He enjoyed antiquing and traveling with Julia, with favorite trips including

A passionate bowler, Terry looked forward to bowling league nights on Wednesdays and Fridays in Marengo. He and Fridays in Marengo. He also enjoyed friendly competition over a game of dominoes, where he was known to play a "mean" hand. Terry will be remembered for his gentle spirit, his love of nature and animals, and his enduring strength through adversity.

Terry is survived by his wife of 44 years, Julia Warnick of Marengo; their daughter, Renée (Diedrich) Maas of Fort Polk, LA, and their children, Maddie and Dexter, his siblings, Nancy (Mark) Luepke of Clinton, Jerry (Arlene) Warnick of Victor, Gary (Jan) Warnick of Victor, and Jeanne Warnick of Victor, and Jeanne (Tim) McAdam of Fairfax; and his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

## Carroll Hoksbergen



**Sept. 12, 1955-July 7, 2025**

Carroll Hoksbergen, 69, of rural Lynnville, passed away peacefully at his home. A private family graveside will be held in the Stewart Cemetery near Taintor. A Celebration of Life will be held on his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept. 12, 2025, at the Federated Fellowship Church in Pella, beginning at 2 p.m. The service will be followed by a gathering in honor of Carroll's life and Legacy with food and plenty of sharing on the Hoksbergen Prairie Farm near Lynnville. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of New Sharon is in charge of arrangements.

Carroll Hoksbergen, son of Harold and Clazina (DeLong) Hoksbergen, was born on Sept. 12, 1955, in Oskaloosa. He attended Peoria Christian High School through eighth grade and then Pella Christian High School where he was a star player on the basketball court. However, his greatest love was farming. Carroll began farming for his father and eventually bought the family farm; over time he converted the corn and beans operation to Iowa ecotype production of wildflowers and native grasses.

Carroll enjoyed the beauty of the outdoors, watching his daughters grow and accomplish new things, working on the farm, spending time with family and friends, and watching the prairie grow with Elizabeth. Although he did not relish reading long books or writing essays, he was the epitome of an Agricultural MacGyver, always finding new ways to preserve Iowa's heritage through conservation of prairie. His of witiness, and razor-sharp observation, knew no end. He treasured his family and worked tirelessly to provide for them, even when it required great sacrifice on his end.

Carroll's memory will be treasured by Elizabeth, his wife, of 19 years, his children, Gabrielle (Aaron) Corbin, Nicolas (Danielle) Lirio, Nathanael (Merritt) Lirio, Moriah Hoksbergen, and Lillian Hoksbergen, and Caroline Hoksbergen, and his grandchildren, Ava Corbin, Ben Corbin, Isabelle Corbin, and Olive Corbin. His memory will also be honored by his brother Ron (Maryn) Hoksbergen, brother-in-law Dan (Corene) Criger, sister Donna (Barry) Ferguson, and sister Cindy (Gary) Vandenberg as well as his many beloved nephews and nieces. Carroll was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Clazina Hoksbergen, and his sister, Charlene Criger. May these beliefs, by which Carroll lived, inspire us all: 1. Whatever you do, do it with honor, and 2. Trust the Lord in all things.

On Aug. 12, 2006, Carroll married his wildflower, Elizabeth (Buser) Lirio, at the Friends Church in Lynnville. A few months into dating, Elizabeth knew Carroll was the one when she asked him whether he would ever buy her flowers, and he quipped, "No, but I will grow you fields of flowers." Carroll and Elizabeth were blessed with three daughters in what most would consider old age; Carroll was almost 51 when Moriah was born and almost 60 when Caroline was born.

Moriah Elyse, their firstborn, joined the Hoksbergen home on July 30, 2007. Moriah brought sunshine, sweetness, and a love of all things technology and math to their home. Moriah has her father's gentle spirit, kind heart, and logical reasoning abilities. Soon after Moriah's debut, Lillian Grace, made her early arrival on Sept. 16, 2008. Lillian brought empathy, wisdom, and culinary savvy to the Hoksbergen abode; she has her father's glorious curly locks, lightning speed thinking, and shrewd observational skills.

On May 19, 2014, carefree Elizabeth-Rae Caroline announced her arrival; she brought never ending song, dance, and a colorful zest for life to the family. Caroline, named after her father, has his mechanical aptitude, love for the outdoors, and quick wit/dedness.

Over the last four decades, Carroll has devoted his life to preserve Iowa's prairie heritage through seed collection, prairie planting, specialized harvesting, seed cleaning, and educating others. Through his commitment to conservation, water and air quality, and restorative farming practices, he has helped many farmers and land owners embrace the beauty and benefits of growing prairie grasses and wildflowers. His fearless, uncompromising work ethic, coupled with his stellar instincts and love for the land, resulted in the establishment of Hoksey Native Seeds and

## Colleen Guinever Arthur



**Oct. 15, 1924-July 2, 2025**

Colleen Guinever Arthur, age 100, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2025, at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown.

Colleen was born on Oct. 25, 1924, in Montezuma, to Ora Fudge and Irene (Miller) Fudge. She graduated from Searsboro Consolidated School in 1943 and later married Kenneth Carl Arthur on Mar. 4, 1947, in Newton. Together they raised four children: Alan, Kenny, Brett, and LeAnn.

A devoted homemaker, Colleen poured her love into her family and her home. She was a remarkable cook - famous for her pies that seemed to come together in mere minutes - and she lovingly baked wedding cakes for many in her community. She found joy in her garden and took great pride in raising her children on the farm she cherished.

Colleen is survived by her children, Alan (Barb) Arthur, Kenny Arthur, and LeAnn Poulos; her grandchildren, Craig (Amy) Arthur, Angie (Steve) Conner, Andrea Poulos, and Collin Poulos; and her great-grandson, Caleb Arthur. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, her son Brett Arthur, her parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

A graveside service will be held at a later date at Jackson Township Cemetery in Montezuma.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grinnell Friends Church in memory of Colleen.

Colleen's life was a quiet

## **Marty Kolars**

Marty Kolars, 61, of Malcom, died Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Mercy Medical Center in Iowa City.

The family will receive friends at the visitation held from 4 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 9, at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell. Interment will be at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Malcom.

A luncheon will follow at the Malcom Auditorium.

A memorial fund will be established. Memorials and condolences may be

sent with Marty's family online at

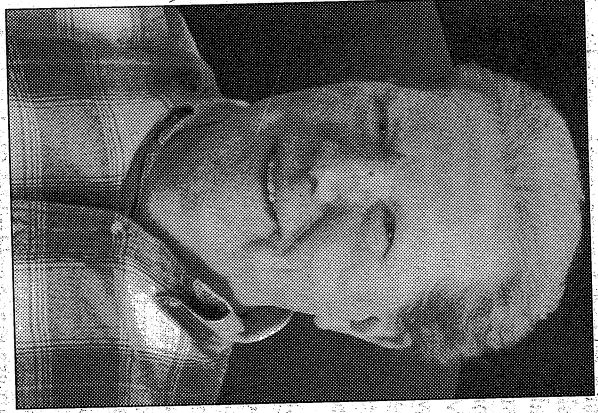
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## Thomas A. Baty Jr.

Thomas A. Baty Jr., 90, died peacefully on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Ames Municipal Cemetery in Ames, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church and Wesley Foundation of Iowa City or St. Croix Hospice of Cedar Rapids.

Tom was born July 12, 1934, in Knoxville, Iowa, the son of Thomas and Fannie (DeRad) Baty. He was a 1952 graduate of Knoxville High School, a 1956 graduate of Grinnell College and had received two master's degrees, one from Drake University and one from Iowa State University. In 1960 Tom married Paula Stevens. Paula died in 1985. Tom later married Florence (Rusty) Martin. They later divorced.



Tom resided in Des Moines, Grinnell, Ames and from 1987 to 2014 Tom returned to the Des Moines area, where he was a real estate agent with Iowa Realty. He especially enjoyed selling homes to first-home buyers. In 2014 Tom moved to Coralville to be near his family. Survivors include his children, Sara (John) Nichols of Iowa City and Peter Baty of Texas; grandsons, James Nichols and Josh Nichols; his brother, Richard Baty; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; both of his spouses; grandson, David Andrew Nichols; and his sisters, Jessie, Mary, Betty, Rose, and Ruby and brothers, Frank, Harold and Lloyd. Online condolences may be shared at [www.lensingfuneral.com](http://www.lensingfuneral.com)

## **Rev. Robert Grant Anderson**

The Rev. Robert Grant Anderson, 90, died on Friday, March 21, 2025, at UnityPoint — Grinnell Regional Medical Center. A full obituary appeared in the March 27, 2025, edition of this newspaper.

A Celebration of Bob's Life will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 5, at Grinnell UCC Congregational. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions

## Marcia Landuyt



Marcia Landuyt, 78, of Grinnell, Iowa, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Marcia was born on January 4, 1947, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to Lyl and Frances (Blagg) Wehrle. She was raised on her family's farm in rural New Sharon and graduated from North Mahaska High School in 1965.

Marcia met the love of her life, Camiel Landuyt, on a blind date, and the two were married on June 5, 1971, in Taintor, Iowa. They made their home in Grinnell, later moving to an acreage southwest of town. Marcia lovingly devoted herself to raising their children and taking care of others throughout her life. Her greatest joy came from spending time with her grandchildren and supporting them in all of

life's milestones.

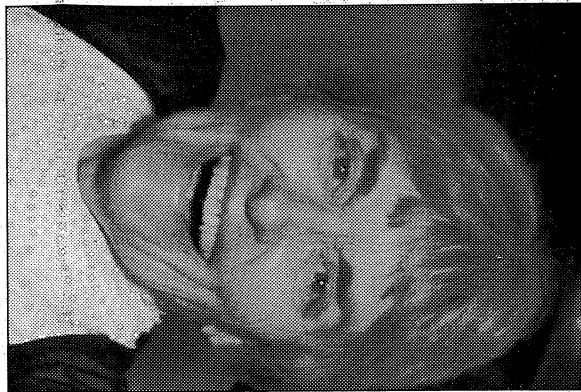
Though small in stature, Marcia had a mighty heart. She cherished time with her family, creating lasting memories filled with laughter—often leading to her signature snort.

Marcia loved the outdoors and enjoyed walking, camping, playing cards and games, and going on fishing trips with family and friends. She also enjoyed playing rolle bolle, competing in various leagues and numerous tournaments with Camiel.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Camiel Landuyt; her sister, Marla VanDee; her children, Douglas Landuyt, Russell Landuyt, (Amy), Kimberly (Chris) Kriegel, and Sandy Cordes; her grandchildren, Trevor, Dustin, Karissa (Josh), Kayla, Jolissa (Dakota), Lyla (Draven), Trase (Taylor), Levi (Kaelin), Garrett, Coby, and Ashlan; and her great-grandchildren, Edgar, Oakley, Ivy, Louyah, and Sasha. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Bill Wehrle.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM, Monday, July 7, 2025, at Smith Funeral Home with a visitation following from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. A private family burial will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery, Malcom, IA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be designated to the

## Esther Ann Jones Bethel



Esther Ann Jones Bethel, age 92, was born on July 17, 1932, in Tama, Iowa, to Fred A. and Alice Josephine Jones. In the summer of 1940, the family moved to a small farm on the east side of Grinnell, where Esther's lifelong love of gardening took root. She attended Grinnell schools, where she thrived in choral and drama activities. She loved singing, playing the piano, banjo, and ukulele, and lit-up every high school play and musical she joined. She graduated with the GHS class of 1950.

Esther earned her BA in Elementary Education from Monmouth College in 1953, where she continued to sing, act, and make lifelong friends through her beloved Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Her college years were full of music, theatre, and meaningful connections — a theme that would continue throughout her lifetime.

After taking graduate courses at UCLA, Esther began her teaching career in Whittier, California. There, a blind date changed her life forever — she met Charlie Bethel, an executive with AO Smith Corporation, who became the love of her life. They were married on June 19, 1954, at the United Church of Christ Congregational in Grinnell.

Esther and Charlie eventually returned to Grinnell to raise four kids and build a lifetime of memories, living in the same home across from Merrill Park for over 60 years. That home became a hub of hospitality — Esther's legendary sing-alongs and endless joyful celebrations were a hallmark of her love for her family and friends.

After the birth of their second son, Esther started an in-home preschool, blending her love for teaching with motherhood. Later, she taught at Davis Elementary School for 12 years, leaving her enthusiastic mark on so many in the community. Even today, more than 50 years later, former students fondly refer to her as their "favorite teacher."

When Esther retired from teaching, she volunteered to coach the GHS drama and speech program after it was canceled the same year. Years later, when she proved a program was needed, the district reinstated the program which remains even stronger today.

Esther then began her 14 year career with Iowa Valley Continuing Education where she founded the Poweshiek Leadership Program, and countless other certification and degree programs in Grinnell. Through her visionary leadership, community organizing, and tireless advocacy, she created a new education and computer center, the IWCCD campus

Outside of work, Esther was an active volunteer throughout the community. She helped found the Grinnell Community Theatre and Hospital Auxiliary, was Director of Christian Education at the UCC Church and served on countless local boards. She also had a busy social calendar, staying active in P.E.O., Levart, Priscilla, and several bridge clubs. If there was a way to contribute, Esther was "all in," and enjoyed getting others equally involved.

In her later years, Esther loved traveling with her children and grandchildren across the U.S. and Europe, always ready for the next adventure. She continued gardening, arranging flowers, soaking in the sun, and she loved golf cart rides on the farm to soak in the Iowa sunsets. Esther died peacefully at home surrounded by family June 26, 2025, on her daughter's farm in rural Grinnell. Her beautiful smile, zest for life and contagious laughter are gifts we will cherish always.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband Charlie, son John (Richard), parents Fred and Josephine, sister Florence Maxwell (James), and brother Addison Jones (Marion). She is survived by her children: Chuck Bethel (Nancy), Anne Pederson (Eric), and Susie Bethel (DiAnne); grandchildren: Amy Leinen (Michael), Chet Bethel (Melissa), Nick Bethel, Alexandra Brackins (Calvin), Christopher Pederson, Jordan Pederson, and Sam Pederson; and great-grandchildren: King, Nora, Jayceon, Maisee, and Dream — as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 26, at 1:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Grinnell. Memorial contributions may be made to Grinnell UCC Congregational Church, UnityPoint Hospice, or Grinnell Community Theatre.

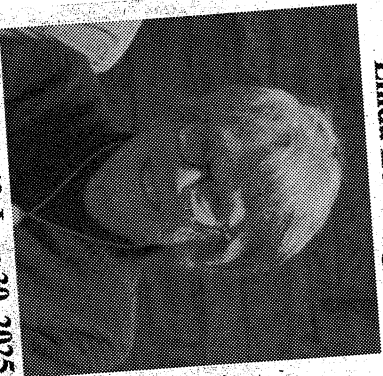
**Carol Kent**

**Nov. 22, 1946-June 20, 2025**

Carol Kent, 78 of Barnes City passed away Friday afternoon, June 20, 2025 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City.

As was her wish, a private burial will take place in Barnes

## Linda Lee Geiger



**Nov. 12-1942-June 30, 2025**

Linda Geiger, 82, of Deep River passed away Monday morning, June 30, 2025, at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 3, at the United Church of Deep River. Burial will be held in the Golden Rod Cemetery in Deep River. Visitation will begin after 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in Montezuma, with the family present from 4-7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the United Church of Deep River, Deep River Fire Department or the Morrison-Schrader American Legion Post 296 of Deep River. Holland-Coble Funeral Home of Montezuma is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Lee Geiger was born Nov. 12, 1942, in Deep River, to Paul and Betty Graham Light. She attended school at Deep River-Millersburg and graduated in 1960. She started working for her parents at the Gibson Savings Bank in eighth grade. Linda was united in marriage to Richard Geiger on Jan. 21, 1961, at her parents' home in Deep River. Linda worked for the Central National Bank in Des Moines for six years before moving to Kansas City for seven years. She worked for a temporary agency as a legal secretary for three different law firms before being placed permanently. She was proud to have taught herself the required shorthand. They moved back to Deep River in 1972, and she was a stay-at-home mom, taking care of their children, Richelle and Michael. After the death of her father, Linda,

Linda enjoyed cross stitching, quilting, and making quilts for all of her children and grandchildren. Linda and her mother had fun at the casino and enjoyed their time together. She also liked to bowl, was a member of a Montezuma league, camping, playing cards, skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, biking, and many vacations to Colorado to their home there with family. She loved her family and especially her grandchildren. She was also a member of the United Church of Deep River, the Morrison-Schrader American Legion Auxiliary, and the Progress Club.

Her legacy will be honored by her husband, Richard of Deep River; her children, Richelle Kluck of Boonville, MO, and Michael (Wendy) Geiger of Deep River; her grandchildren, Amanda Adair, Lindie Adair, Alec (Shelbie Dennis) Adair, Tyler (Kenadie) Geiger, Tessa (Cole) Watts, Tod (Kylee Larnore) Geiger; great-grandchildren Emertson and Hudson Geiger and R. J. Rieves; along with many other friends and relatives.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Betty Light, sons-in-law, James "Jim Ray" Kluck and Steve Adair; sister-in-law, Kathy Weber; and several other relatives and friends. The

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