



## Lee E. Visser

July 5, 1936 - September 14, 2018

Lee Visser, 82, of Traer, Iowa passed away Friday, September 14, 2018, at Cedar Valley Hospice in Waterloo, Iowa.

Lee Eugene Visser, son of Reanus and Opal (Hartness) Visser was born July 5, 1936, in Hamilton, Iowa, near Bussey. He was a 1954 graduate of Albia High School and a 1958 graduate of U.N.I. He married Sharon Kay Woodward on June 15, 1958, at the Congregational Church in Cedar Rapids. That fall, he began his teaching career in Keota, IA, where he taught Physical Education and Driver's Education for two years. He transferred to Traer, Iowa, where he first taught General Science and American History for three years and then taught Driver's Education, Physical Education, and coached football and basketball for 35 years. He retired in 1998. He was a member of the North Tama Teachers Association, the Iowa State Education Association and a lifetime member of the National Education Association. He was also a member of the Ripley United Church of Christ where he served as a deacon and trustee. His hobbies included golf, fishing, card games, and visiting with friends.

Lee's family includes his wife, Sharon Visser of Traer, IA; two daughters: Kimberly (Jim) Schultz of Lisbon, IA and Kathy Visser of Cedar Rapids, IA; a son, Tim (Ann) Visser of Centennial, CO; four grandchildren: Jaclyn (Matt) Allain of Dike, IA, Ahren Schultz of Waterloo, IA, and Jason and Rachel Visser of Denver and Centennial, Colorado, respectively; one great-grandchild, Meredith Allain of Dike, IA; two sisters: Carolyn Visser of Dubuque, IA and Sally Hanson of Seattle, WA; two nephews: David and Daniel Hanson, both of Seattle, WA, and a niece, Susan Hanson of Seattle, WA.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Phyllis Smith; brothers-in-law, Larry Smith, and Don Hansen, and mother-in-law, Ruby Woodward.

Graveside Funerals Services will be held for Lee at 11 a.m., Thursday, September 20, 2018, at Forest Cemetery with Rev. Robert Goodrich of the First Christian Church

officiating. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m., Thursday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. A procession will leave the funeral chapel at 10:45 a.m. Langkamp Funeral Chapel has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Cedar Valley Hospice House in Waterloo, IA, 319.272.1771 or a charity of your choosing.

# Cemetery

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## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST

Oskaloosa, IA, 52577

# Events

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**SEP** **Family Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory

2116 North 3rd St., Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

**SEP** **Graveside Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ I pray for comfort and peace to all of Lee’s family! We do have so many good memories of Mr Visser as our PE teacher and Drivers Ed instructor! He taught us well!!!

**Tammi Staker-Hamilton** - September 23, 2018 at 01:50 PM

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“ Our condolences to Sharon, Kim, Kathy and Tim and families on the passing of a NT legend. As a PE and Driver’s Ed student, Vis will be remembered for parallel parking practice, listening to WMT radio and his tag line in OE, “black line, people” (spoken in his loud, booming voice. As an adult, we had the pleasure of being neighbors. Find peace in his memory.

**Nancy Pinkston** - September 23, 2018 at 11:10 AM

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“ Teresa Masked Hayek lit a candle in memory of Lee E. Visser



**Teresa Masked Hayek** - September 21, 2018 at 10:58 PM

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“ So sad to hear but Mr. V left a long line of students full of fond memories. A great legacy.

**Julie Claussen** - September 21, 2018 at 08:35 PM

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“ I am so sad to hear this news. I am grateful that I could live in Traer and see him once in a while and to be a part of his church family. He always had a friendly “hello.” My condolences to Sharon, Kim, Cathy, Tim and families.

**Cindy Youel** - September 21, 2018 at 10:34 AM

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“ So sad to hear of Lee's passing. We were fellow teachers at NT and retired the same year !! He was one great guy..Sympathy to Sharon and family. May the memories bring you comfort and peace. Jim and Ramona

**Ramona Snow** - September 21, 2018 at 09:14 AM

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“ Having to get out and apologize to a stop sign, learning to parallel park, writing a bazillion reports for P.E. and how he would walk around with a putter, rocking it back and forth to strengthen his pinky finger, and improve his golf game; are a few memories from high school. He leaves an amazing legacy for sure. My heart felt prayers to the family.

**Deb Mitchell** - September 20, 2018 at 11:20 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Visser family. Mr. V was a great mentor to me as a first-year teacher & he could always make me laugh. I hope the wonderful memories shared will help you through this difficult time. Peace & love to all of his fans...I know there are many! (Jean Schrader Lang)

**Jean Schrader Lang** - September 20, 2018 at 08:47 PM

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“ Vis was a nice guy! Our kids share a lot of funny stories about PE class and Drivers Ed but they learned a lot from him. Tom still tells how when he first came to coach with Vis at North Tama the players called him Gramps and he was only 36! Our sympathies to Sharon, Kathy, Kim, Tim and their families!

**Linda McDermott** - September 20, 2018 at 06:39 PM



“ God bless Coach Viser, certainly was a great influence in many lives. I think of him often when I swing a little extra left around a parked car.

**Todd Risk** - September 21, 2018 at 01:49 AM



“ My sympathy to the Visser family. It was an honor to know him. I remember my days of driver's ed. My driving partner once drove through a puddle when he had his elbow outside the window. His comment, "Let's try to avoid the puddles next time." 🙄 And my parallel parking skills were atrocious. He made my driving partner pick up the cones, until it just didn't work any more! He said, "Park. You pick up the cones this time!"

I feel blessed to have witnessed his devotion to God at Ripley UCC. Rest In Peace, Mr. Visser.

**Jodi (Dinsdale) McConaughy** - September 21, 2018 at 06:23 PM

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“ Our sincere sympathy to Lee's family. Larry enjoyed teaching, coaching, golfing, playing cards with Lee. He was a good man. Our daughter Kim says "now everyone in heaven will know how to paralle park"  
Larry & Sandy Sheda

**Larry & Sandy Sheda** - September 20, 2018 at 06:03 PM

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“ I'm so sorry to hear the news about Mr. V... Had him for Driver's Ed-- he made me drive in Waterloo rush hour... My deepest sympathies to the family...

**Renee Coonrad** - September 20, 2018 at 05:25 PM

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“ Mr V - was such a fun man, coach and mentor to be around. Even though I may not have been the best player, he always gave his time to me. I can still hear him yell at me (which - always made me laugh) - if I missed a tackle or something - "Wake up and live Dahms!!" - He will be missed by many many students - as a great mentor and family man - to those many many generations that enjoyed him! Dirk Dahms

**Dirk Dahms** - September 20, 2018 at 05:19 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Lee's passing. I have a lot of great memories of "Coach V" and he always pushed to get the best out of me, and helped shape my life. My prayers go out to the Visser family, and may you find peace.  
Alan Wigant

**Alan Wigant** - September 20, 2018 at 05:19 PM

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“ We send our sympathy to Sharon, Kim, Kathy, Tim and families. May you find peace in your memories. Deanna and Nick Kvidera

**Deanna Kvidera** - September 20, 2018 at 04:52 PM

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“ So sad to hear the loss. Your dad was so much fun out in the corn field. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ronda Edwards

**Ronda Edwards** - September 20, 2018 at 04:19 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Mr. V passing. He was one of my favorite teachers and later I got to call him friend!! Prayers to Sharon, and the rest of his family.

**Gwen Seda** - September 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

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“ RIP coach, you will always be remembered!  
Thoughts and prayers to the Family.

**Rick A Franklin** - September 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM

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“ I think his favourite saying was. " Hang on gang"

**Blake Pearson** - September 20, 2018 at 03:33 PM

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“ My heart goes out today to the entire Visser family as I learned of the loss of an outstanding husband, father, grandfather, coach and friend. My passion for athletics and my respect for teachers and coaches were created and fueled by Coach V. His knowledge, his no nonsense approach and teaching ability were second to none. We as RedHawks, were lucky to have him as a teacher and coach. Rest In Peace.

**jed Vorba** - September 20, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ My heart and prayers go out to the entire Visser family at this difficult time. May you find peace and joy knowing just how many lives Lee has touched and influenced in a positive way. I'm smiling just thinking of all the great memories. RIP Coach V.

**Joel Hite** - September 20, 2018 at 04:21 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Visser family as they go through this difficult time!! Lyle enjoyed Lee as a fellow coach, teacher, and most of all friend!! Lye and Marlys Buddenhagen

**Lyle Buddenhagen** - September 20, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ Visser family... memories are abundant... I parallel park very well now... sure didn't then.. the orange cones in the middle of the parking area had been run over many many times!!!! I remember him.. Nancy Tudor Caviness

**Nancy Tudor Caviness** - September 20, 2018 at 06:56 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of MR. V. He was a great teacher, coach and friend. Denis Winkelpleck

**Denis Winkelpleck** - September 20, 2018 at 09:15 PM



“ My sincerest sympathies to all of Lee's family. I enjoyed visiting with Lee when he played cards with the coffee club at Sunnyside. May you find comfort and peace in the days to come.

Patty Boldt Suess

**Patty Suess** - September 20, 2018 at 09:41 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Visser family. Mr. V has had a great impact on my life!

Tom Velky

**tom velky** - September 21, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Visser family! He taught my boys & they loved him. Many funny stories about football, PE, Driver's training etc. He was a Great Guy! I even got to go on a few bank trips with him & Sharon.

Doris Thierer Danker

**Doris Thierer Danker** - September 21, 2018 at 12:30 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lee E. Visser.



September 19, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ Carolyn, Sally, and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lee E. Visser.



**Carolyn, Sally, and family** - September 19, 2018 at 12:43 PM