



Marvin Duane Rolffs

August 7, 1939 - January 3, 2019

Marvin Rolffs, 79, of Oskaloosa passed away early Thursday morning, January 3, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Marvin Duane Rolffs, son of Dick and Minnie (Jansen) Rolffs, was born August 7, 1939, at the rural home of his parents near Sully, Iowa. He attended Sully Christian Grade School and then Sully High School, graduating with the class of 1957. After high school, he attended auto-mechanic trade school in Kansas City and then returned to Oskaloosa and began working for Louie Anders. Marvin married Janice Wichhart, November 9, 1961, at the First Christian Reformed Church in Pella. They made their home in Oskaloosa. In 1962, Marvin served six months in the Army and then served eight years in the Army Reserves. Marvin and Tom Kelderman opened the Rolffs-Kelderman Garage in 1965. In 1972, he ventured out on his own and opened Rolffs' Auto Service on 9th Avenue East. Marvin operated the business for 40 years, retiring in 2012. Marvin was a long-time member of Bethel Christian Reformed Church. He loved being outside and taking the road less traveled, appreciating the sights and sounds of God's creation. Marv was always excited for fishing and camping in Canada and trout fishing in Decorah with relatives and friends. Marv and Jan especially enjoyed traveling across the country and making trips to visit their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He enjoyed coffee time at McDonald's with friends. Marvin also enjoyed the challenge of putting his own signature on his inventions and improving things by working with his hands, fixing cars, and tinkering around his garage. Marvin had a servant heart big on helping anyone in need.

His family includes his wife, Jan of Oskaloosa; his children: Debra (Tim) Kleveland of Fertile, IA; Rodney (Julie) Rolffs of Peoria, IL, and Michael Rolffs (Jennifer Gibson) of Mankato, MN; seven grandchildren: James (Rebecca) Kleveland of Marion, IA and their children: Jayna, Hailey and Tyler; Josh Kleveland (Sarah Yelli, fiancé) of Newton, Jessica (Derek) Brown of New Providence, IA and their daughter, Nora; Luke (Joy) Kleveland of Cedar Rapids, Kate Rolffs and Jordan Rolffs of Peoria, IL; and step-granddaughter, Jamie Gibson of Menomonie, WI. He is also survived by one brother, John (Shirley) Rolffs of Willmar, MN; sisters: Janet (Guy) Jansen of Pella, Dorothy (Marion) Vos of Oskaloosa, and Mildred Lanser of Pella; a sister-in-law, Hermina Rolffs of Sully; a brother-in-law, Wilbur Vos of Sully; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ron and Linda Wichhart of

Pella; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Minnie Rolffs and his step-mother, Henrietta Rolffs; an infant son, Edwin Duane; two brothers: Henry and an infant brother, Dale Eugene; a sister, Cornelia Vos; and a brother-in-law, Louis Lanser.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 7, 2019, at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church with Rev. Douglas Van Der Pol officiating. A family prayer service will be held in the fellowship hall at 10:15 a.m., before the funeral service. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 2 - 5 p.m., Sunday afternoon. Memorial contributions can be made to the Oskaloosa Christian Grade School and Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Events

JAN 6 **Open Visitation** 11:00AM

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 North 3rd St., Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

JAN 6 **Family Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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JAN 7 **Family Prayer Service** 10:15AM

Bethel Christian Reformed Church
2157 230th ST, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

JAN 7 **Funeral** 10:30AM

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2157 230th ST, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

JAN 7 **Burial**

Forest Cemetery
934 North 9th ST, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - January 04 at 05:31 PM



“ From G. Clinton Zeantoe and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marvin Duane Rolffs.



From G. Clinton Zeantoe and family - January 05 at 03:21 PM



“ Our sincere sympathies to all of the Rolffs family. We enjoyed knowing Marv through Rod who is married to our daughter Julie.
Gary and Sandy Chapman
East Tawas, MI

Sandra Chapman - January 05 at 12:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marvin Duane Rolffs.



January 04 at 07:47 PM



“ so sorry about the passing of marvin,, he will be miss, i knew him from going to bethel, he was a good macanic!

georgia binns - January 04 at 07:39 PM



“ 84 files added to the album LifeTributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - January 04 at 04:08 PM



“ uncle marv. was one of the most honest men i know. worked on all my vehicles for years. he was a straight shooter. told you what was wrong.left it up to me to decide to fix it. or not. if something does break in heaven. he will be the one to figure how to fix it.

mark vos - January 04 at 03:49 PM



“ I met Mr. Rolffs several times but my finest memory of Deb Rolffs-Kleveland's dad was the time I visited their home. Deb and I were friends and roommates in college. We spent the night at the house and early the next morning I believe it was Marv that had made blueberry pancakes as a special treat for us. The very first bite landed a blueberry squirt right in my eye. I remember feeling like an accepted member of the family when I heard a most heartily uncontrolled laugh from Deb's dad. I have always loved both Deb's parents...they made me feel so welcomed and loved.
Laura (Chelikowsky) Mackey

Laura - January 04 at 02:35 PM



“ Marv became a close friend to me the last few years, and I'll miss him. Jan and family, we are praying for you, and asking that you experience comfort and peace knowing that Jesus prepared a place for Marv in his eternal home.

Ken Rozenboom - January 04 at 11:01 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. My dad (David Walker) and Marv were great friends. I'm sure they're "Fishing In The Sky" with rod n reels made of gold.

Lynette Gordon (Walker) - January 03 at 11:23 PM



“ Jeff Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Marvin Duane Rolffs



Jeff Ferguson - January 03 at 10:58 PM



“ Super nice person, always very generous in many ways. One of a kind.

Jeff Ferguson - January 03 at 11:01 PM



“ Larry And Judy Lewis lit a candle in memory of Marvin Duane Rolffs



Larry and Judy Lewis - January 03 at 09:56 PM



“ Rolff's Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Marv was a great guy and a wonderful auto mechanic. He worked on our vehicles for years and we bought a couple from him as well. He was dependable, honest and caring. Accept my deepest sympathy at this sad time.

Lou (Krusemark) Albers



Lou (Krusemark) Albers - January 03 at 09:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marvin Duane Rolffs.



January 03 at 08:53 PM



“ Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Marvin Duane Rolffs



Cliff and Leilani VandeWall - January 03 at 08:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marvin Duane Rolffs.



January 03 at 07:45 PM



“ Hugs to you, Jan, and family. Marv was a great man and he will be missed.

Lois Landheer - January 03 at 07:32 PM