



## Ted Ver Steegh

January 6, 1925 - October 8, 2020

Ted Ver Steegh, 95, of Oskaloosa and formerly of New Sharon, passed away Thursday evening, October 8, 2020, at Mahaska Health in Oskaloosa.

Edward Theodore (Ted) Ver Steegh, son of David Theodore and Edith Elizabeth (Cope) Ver Steegh, was born on January 6, 1925, in New Sharon, Iowa. He served in the United States Army in the Asian-Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged December 1946. He married Bertha Mae Criss, August 14, 1947; they made their home in rural New Sharon, where Ted farmed and was a Master Swine Producer. He retired from farming in 2008 but remained living on his farm until 2014, when he moved to Oskaloosa. He was a member of the Central Reformed Church, Prairie Knolls Country Club, American Legion, sold Cargill seeds, and served as Mahaska Farm Bureau President and chairman of the ASC committee. In his younger years, Ted enjoyed deer and fox hunting. He enjoyed coffee times with friends, tractor pulls, and card parties. Ted also enjoyed singing hymns. The Oskaloosa Care Center was home to Ted in the last few years of his life, and while living there, he frequently led the singing at the care center church services. Meditating on the words of a favorite hymn would be a tribute to him and his faith.

Ted is survived by his daughter, Beth (Eric) Otto of Yorkville, Illinois; a grandson, Brent (Victoria) Otto of Yorkville, Illinois, and a granddaughter, Allison (John) Benedetti of Hoffman Estates, Illinois; a great-grandson and five great-granddaughters. His sister and brother-in-law, Anita and Frank Younkin of Glendale, Arizona, also survives.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Bertha; his daughter, Beverly Prine; an infant son, Frederick, his sister, Evelyn Dunnick and her husband Art; brothers-in-law, Ed and Paul Criss, and sister-in-law, Sylvia Cline; and a very dear friend, in his last years, Wilma Ver Steegh.

Private graveside services were held for Ted at Friends Cemetery in New Sharon, Iowa, with Rev. Jon Nelson of Central Reformed Church officiating. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Memorial contributions can be made to Beth Otto to be used towards

a memorial bench in New Sharon or to Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.  
Langkamp Funeral Chapel is handling Ted's final arrangements.

# Cemetery

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## **Friends Cemetery**

1301 US Highway 63

New Sharon, IA, 50207

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - October 09, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ We are so very sorry to learn of Grandpa Ted's passing. Our hearts break with you all, our prayers and thoughts are with you. What a beautiful tribute for Ted who lived a full and giving life. Please hold on to all those memories. He will always be in your heart. John and Mary Jo Benedetti

**Mary** - October 09, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ Allison - my condolences on the passing of your Grandpa. May all the great memories you enjoyed with him be with you always. Beautiful tribute here of his life. God Bless him.

**Maria R.** - October 10, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ My condolences on Ted's passing. I enjoyed the love that both Ted and Bertha gave to our family while at College Avenue Friends Church! They loved our boys and always had such an interest in how we were. Thank you for sharing them with us..the tribute was beautiful to see and honored him well.

**Dana Oswald** - October 14, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ Thank you, Dana. They did love you and your family. Best wishes.

**Beth Otto** - October 14, 2020 at 06:50 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Uncle Ted's passing. I have many beautiful memories of him, Auntie B and the time I spent with your family. Thank you for loving on me through the years and in my time of need. Please know that I am sending love and prayers for you now. May God fill you with his peace. We can look forward to seeing him and Auntie B again

**Teri Ferguson** - October 15, 2020 at 03:45 PM



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**Beth Otto** - October 15, 2020 at 06:57 PM

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“ I have many fond memories of Ted and his family. Our family attended the same church as the Ver Steegh family in New Sharon. RIP Ted. My sympathies to Beth and the rest of the family.

**Rick Bryan** - October 13, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ Thank you.

**Beth Otto** - October 13, 2020 at 06:38 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Ted was a gentle and kind soul. I really enjoyed him while working at the Farm Service Agency. He was always eager to chat and always had a smile. We always kidded him about his McDonalds coffee time. I remember the year he borrowed my fried egg costume one year & wore it to coffee time. He said the manager loved it!!  
He will be deeply missed by his friends and the agricultural community.



**Diane Nicholson** - October 11, 2020 at 09:17 PM

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“ Beth so sorry to hear of your dads passing. Always enjoyed him so. He was so good to my parents Art and Opal. Such a good friend for my brother Roger. May God give you comfort and peace. Janice Vander Linden

**Janice VanderLinden** - October 10, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ Your family had a special place in his heart.

**Beth Otto** - October 11, 2020 at 08:40 PM

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“ Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Ted Ver Steegh



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - October 10, 2020 at 01:26 AM

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“ Ted was one nice guy!! He was a regular at Bond's Family Restaurant in New Sharon when I worked there. He always had a smile, and sense of humor! So sorry to read of his passing! Thinking of you and your family. Pam Smith

Pam Smith - October 09, 2020 at 11:09 PM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of Ted's passing. He always came to our Bible study group. We sang songs and he thoroughly enjoyed it. Once we had no accompanying music but it was no problem for Ted. He led us all in song. His smile and sense of humor will be missed.

Diana Fryer

Diana Fryer - October 09, 2020 at 10:17 PM

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“ Beth, my mom was in Osky Care rehab two years ago when your father and Larry Lindsey were there. I did not know until now he was your father. I would always see him going by moms room or sitting in his room. I am sorry to hear that he has passed. Prayers to your family at this time, Kathy Larsen

**Kathy Larsen** - October 09, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“ Thank you so much.

**Beth Otto** - October 11, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ What a beautiful tribute to your Dad! The pictures were amazing. Your Mom and Dad had our family to their house back when the boys were young for “guess who’s coming to dinner“. They were brave to have 3 young energetic boys come to there home. Your Dad always had a smile.

**Caroline Jaennette** - October 11, 2020 at 11:58 PM