



## Alvin Van Maanen

December 28, 1937 - December 26, 2019

Alvin Van Maanen, 81, of Oskaloosa passed away Thursday, December 26, 2019, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Alvin D. Van Maanen, son of Brandt and Clara (Steenhoek) Van Maanen, was born December 28, 1937, in Mahaska County, Iowa. He grew up in the Cedar area and was a 1956 graduate of Cedar High School. While in high school, he excelled at baseball and basketball and also began working as a hired hand for Homer Ferguson, a local farmer.

Alvin married Marcia Klein on June 20, 1958, at the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. The following year, he and Marcia began their farming operation, first in Madison Township and then in Garfield Township. In 1974, they moved to their current location west of Oskaloosa, where they have lived for the last 45 years. In addition to farming, Alvin also worked as a Pioneer Seed sales representative for 19 years.

Alvin's life was grounded in principals he embraced as a young man: faith, family, farming, and community service. He was raised in the Cedar Christian Reformed Church and joined the Central Reformed Church after his marriage. He served in many capacities including: deacon, elder, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and youth leader. He and Marcia also enjoyed southern gospel music and attended many concerts in the surrounding area.

The Van Maanens loved camping; they enjoyed weekend trips, extended vacations in their camper, and 45 years of trips to the Iowa State Fair.

Traveling was a way to relax, get away from the demands of daily life and

strengthen the bonds of family and friends. When Alvin's children were young, he embraced the role of coach for Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He also served as a 4-H leader for many years.

The seed that was the love of farming and the respect of the land planted in him as a boy never stopped growing. Each year he looked forward to that beautiful cycle from planting to harvest and generously shared the bounty with friends and family. Several of his children and many grandchildren inherited that same interest in agriculture.

Alvin served his community by serving on the Mahaska County Farm Bureau Board, Mahaska County Rural Water Board, Mahaska County Pork Producer Board, Garfield Township Trustee, and the Swine Superintendent at the Southern Iowa Fair.

Alvin enjoyed sports his whole life: he played basketball well into his 50's and church league softball and fastpitch softball, well into his 60's. He was also a loyal follower of William Penn basketball and baseball and all Oskaloosa Indian sports.

Alvin's family includes his wife of 61 years, Marcia; his children: Denise and Ronnie Oberle of Walnut, Illinois; Mike and Lori Van Maanen of Centralia, Missouri; Jeff Van Maanen (friend – Lynne Veldhuizen) of Oskaloosa; Steve and Valerie Van Maanen of Oskaloosa. He was blessed with nine grandchildren: Garth and Brittany Legvold, Moriah and Kyle Peterson, Paige and Jesse Scott, Erin and Bryce Higginson, Kaitlyn and Jake Nelson, Meredith and Brian Buchmeier, Kaden and Jenna Van Maanen, Gerrit Van Maanen, and Leah Van Maanen. He was the proud great-grandfather of ten great-grandchildren: Kinsley, Whitt, Parker, and Anders Legvold; Beckett and Wade Scott; Cole, Stetson, and Hallie Higginson; and Tenna Nelson. He is also survived by a sister, Joyce Groenendyk of Oskaloosa; a sister-in-law, Charlene Van Maanen of Sully; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Clarence and Joyce Rempe of Pella; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Alvin was preceded in death by a son, Steve Van Maanen, a brother, Kenneth Van Maanen and his parents-in-law, Lester and

Edna Klein.

Funeral Services for Alvin will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 30, 2019, at Central Reformed Church with Reverend Jon Nelson officiating. A family prayer service will precede the service at 10:15 a.m. in the east lounge of the church. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., Sunday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 2-5 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Central Reformed Church Building Fund or Mahaska Health Serenity House.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Easton Ave. and 205th ST  
Leighton, IA 50143

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

## Family Greeting Time

DEC **29**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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## Family Prayer Service

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DEC **30**. 10:15 AM (CT)

Central Reformed Church East Lounge  
815 2nd Ave. EAst  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

## Funeral Service

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DEC **30**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Reformed Church  
815 2nd Ave. East  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
[d.langkamp@mahaska.org](mailto:d.langkamp@mahaska.org)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Alvin Van Maanen*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - December 28, 2019 at 05:07 PM

BA

*A lovely tribute to Alvin. My sympathies go out to Marcia & family.*

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**Becke Arnold** - December 29, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ *Alvin Van Maanen*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

MS

“ *Love and prayers to you and your family  
Marcia ♡ My heartfelt sympathy. Alvin was a  
great guy! So sorry!!*



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**Mary Sandholdt** - December 29, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Van Maanen.*



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December 29, 2019 at 12:16 AM



“ *Alvin always had a friendly welcome and a warm word for our family, no matter the context. We hunted his land, went to school with his children, and shared a common faith. He and Marcia stood with our family through illness and grief, and always expressed encouragement to me on my ministry. Our prayers are with Marcia, his children, and all his family. Grace and peace to you all. Chuck and Bonnie Legvold*

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**Chuck Legvold** - December 28, 2019 at 09:53 PM



“ *Marcia and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in your loss! Alvin touched so many lives!* 🙏



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**judy & Larry Lewis** - December 28, 2019 at 05:45 PM

JR

“ *Many memories of my youth involve Alvin and the VanMaanen family. He was one of the local patriarchal agriculturalists in my mind, from his work on and off the farm, around the home, with his family, and in his community. Many thoughts and prayers to all his family and friends in this time of celebrating his memory.*  
*Janelle K (Blom) Randau*

janelle k randau - December 28, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *109 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - December 27, 2019 at 06:29 PM

DK

“ *Denny Kirby lit a candle in memory of Alvin Van Maanen*



Denny Kirby - December 27, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ Alvin was one of the first to reach out to us when we found out Bob had cancer and we never forgot it. He was an outstanding Christian man. I'll be praying for you.

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**Linda Huff** - December 27, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Van Maanen.



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December 27, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Alvin Van Maanen.



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December 27, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin Van Maanen.



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December 27, 2019 at 10:09 AM

CF

“ *Charlene Van Maanen & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Alvin Van Maanen.*



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**Charlene Van Maanen & Family** - December 27, 2019 at 09:49 AM

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“ *Moriah and Kyle,*

*Prayers for you and your family. May God bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Rita Yahnke** - December 27, 2019 at 09:24 AM

DK

“ *Darrel Peterson, Ashley Peterson and Kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Alvin Van Maanen.*



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**Darrel Peterson, Ashley Peterson and Kids** - December 27, 2019 at 09:08 AM

SV

“ *Alvin was such a dear person. When we were kids, he always played with at lunch and made us enjoy being farm kids. I cried when he no longer worked with my dad. Love and prayers Jerry and Sondra (Ferguson) VanDerPol*

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**Sondra VanDerPol** - December 27, 2019 at 12:01 AM

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“ *Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Alvin Van Maanen*



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**Becky Netten** - December 26, 2019 at 07:43 PM

SR

“ *I have very fond memories of Alvin as he coached Steve and I in little league baseball! What a wonderful, hardworking, caring human being! I just lost my hero a year ago last September! God bless your family! 😭❤️*

*Scott Van Roekel & family*

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**Scott Van Roekel** - December 26, 2019 at 05:28 PM

DC

“ *The influence of this Godly man is indeed “ a long obedience in the same direction”.*  
*His influence and consistent integrity has been a long time testimony to my journey.*  
*Marcia and family... we share in your loss with love and prayer.*

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**Dave Childers** - December 26, 2019 at 04:36 PM