



Calvin Lee Stam

July 21, 1947 - December 1, 2017

Calvin Stam, 70, of Oskaloosa entered eternal life to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 1, 2017, passing away in his home surrounded by family.

Calvin Lee Stam was born the first of five children, July 21, 1947, in Mahaska County, Iowa to Albert "Hap" and Wilma (Kelderman) Stam.

Calvin was baptized and made his profession of faith at Bethel Christian Reformed Church, Oskaloosa. He received his elementary and high school education in New Sharon and Oskaloosa schools. Upon his graduation from Dordt College, Calvin became the elementary principal at the Christian school in Sibley, Iowa. After that school year, he was drafted and served in Vietnam as a sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division.

On June 5, 1971, Calvin was united in marriage to Diane Jo Van Schepen at the First Christian Reformed Church in Hull, Iowa. Both Calvin and Diane taught in Randolph Christian School in Wisconsin before making their home in Oskaloosa, Iowa in 1974. For two years, Calvin served as the principal of Oskaloosa Christian School before starting to farm and being a rural mail carrier. Calvin, Diane, and their four children enjoyed working together in the daily operations of their farm. Calvin enjoyed being physically active and made time to play both volleyball and basketball.

Calvin's faith and dedication to his Lord were evident in his studying of God's Word, theology, and church history as well in his singing of the Psalms. He loved the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and he desired it to be a pure bride.

He served as both elder and deacon in his church and enjoyed his Sunday afternoon visits to local nursing homes. For many years he was also an active participant in the Sunday afternoon radio program on KBOE. He was a member of Covenant Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 46 years, Diane Stam of Oskaloosa; two sons and two daughters: Jennifer and Rick Fountain of Kirksville, MO, Nathaniel and Valerie Stam of Oskaloosa, IA, Erin and Calvin Meinders of Pella, IA, and Caleb and Leah Stam of Oskaloosa, IA; 14 grandchildren: Kenny, Bethany, Jenessa, and Joshua Fountain; Jonathan, David, and Lucas Stam; Christopher, Luke, Thomas, Ethan, and Abigail Meinders; Collin and Maria Stam.

Calvin leaves four brothers: John (Joyce) Stam, Dennis (Kathy) Stam, Stephen (Sheryl) Stam, and Brent (Phyllis) Stam, all of Oskaloosa, Iowa. Calvin was preceded in death by his parents.

Calvin's burial service will precede the funeral service and will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 6, 2017 at the Spring Creek Friends Cemetery near 2469 Norwalk Circle, Oskaloosa, IA, with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. His funeral service will be held at Covenant Reformed Church, located at 2805 Fifield Road in Pella, IA, at 11 a.m. on Dec. 6, 2017, with Rev. Doug Barnes officiating. A family prayer service will be held in Room 103 of the Educational Wing at 10:45 a.m., prior to the service. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday evening. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to 818 Forward with Faith, Oskaloosa Christian School, or Mahaska Hospice.

Previous Events

Open Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Family Visitation

DEC 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

DEC 6. 9:30 AM (CT)

Spring Creek Friends Cemetery
2510 Osburn Ave.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Military Honors

DEC 6. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Family Prayer Service

DEC 6. 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant Reformed Church Room 103 of the Educational Wing
2805 Fifield Rd
IA 50219

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Covenant Reformed Church
2805 Fifield Road
Pella, IA 50219

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Calvin Lee Stam*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - December 04, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ *Calvin Lee Stam*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Calvin was a great man I spent quite some time working on his family farm have a lot of great memories with his boys sorry to hear this my thoughts are with u guys always had a smile when u walked in to the house*

Tyler haring - December 08, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Ed Mitrison and family.*

julie mitrison - December 06, 2017 at 10:17 PM

RM

“ Dear Stephen and Sheryl we were sorry to learn of your bereavement and our prayers are with you at this time ((Philippians 1:23). Roy & Jean Mohon and family

Roy Mohon - December 05, 2017 at 10:36 AM

JE

“ Calvin ministered where ever I ran into him. Whether in the dairy barn, front porch or someplace in town. That God was great was a given. Till we meet again my friend, John Van Egmond

John Van Egmond - December 05, 2017 at 07:22 AM

KJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, yet I rejoice knowing Calvin is with the Lord and enjoying the delights of Heaven. You're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Kim Jolly

Kim Jolly - December 04, 2017 at 04:43 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Calvin Lee Stam.



December 04, 2017 at 11:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Calvin Lee Stam.*



December 03, 2017 at 09:39 PM



“ *Praying that cherished memories and God's guiding love give this family the strength and comfort they need in the coming days.*



Shawn Langkamp - December 02, 2017 at 02:48 PM



Thank you Shawn!

Jennifer Stam Fountain - December 03, 2017 at 08:28 AM



Remembering your family with lots of love and prayers...

Joan and Bruce McCallum, cousin of Diane - December 03, 2017 at 09:00 AM



Calvin was an energetic man for some time in local Mahaska Co. Republican Party activities, & genuinely concerned for the direction of our nation. He spent hours in meetings & aiding party functions. His varied community services have been missed for some time, & he is now Home.

Harold Fynaardt - December 04, 2017 at 07:53 AM