



Carl Pitts

November 25, 1928 - October 24, 2019

Carl Pitts, 90, of Oskaloosa passed away Thursday evening, October 24, 2019, at Mahaska Health in Oskaloosa.

Carl Arthur Pitts was born on November 25, 1928, in Osawatomie, Kansas, to Everett and Laura Faye (Tindle) Pitts. At 16 years of age, he moved to Defiance, Iowa, where he worked as a hired man for his sister and brother-in-law, Ida Faye and Dominic Lickteig, and other farmers in the area. Carl married Cleta Langenfeld, a young lady he met the year he moved to Defiance on April 18, 1950, in Westphalia, Iowa. They began their life together on a rented farm near Defiance. They remained there for eight years, at which time they moved to Carroll, Iowa, where Carl took a position as a route salesman for Omar Baking Company. In 1966, Carl took a job with Schwann's Ice Cream in Atlantic, Iowa. He and Cleta lived in Atlantic for 17 months before he was promoted to manager, and they moved to Oskaloosa. Carl remained with Schwann's for 18 years and retired January 1, 1985.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Oskaloosa and a member of The Knights of Columbus since age 15, he was a 4th Degree Knight since 1969. Carl enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, and traveling the United States. He also enjoyed bringing a smile to peoples' faces.

Carl is survived by three sons: Tom and his wife, Sue Pitts, of Oskaloosa, Mike Pitts of Otley, and Paul and his wife, Julie Pitts, of Oskaloosa; a daughter, Cathy and her husband, Jim McGrew, of Oskaloosa; 16 grandchildren: Brandy Pitts, Shannon (Joe) Dote, Angela Pitts, Dawn (John)

Borcher, Christy Jo (Shane) Utterback, Michelle (Jamie) Van Kooten, Lisa West, Jamie (Jason) Chapman, Michael Lee Jr. Pitts, Luke (Molly) Pitts, Valerie (Josh) Strehle, Jesse (Nicole) Pitts, Jason (Hailey) Myers, Joshua Myers, Jessica (Eric) Van Leuven, and Melissa (Josh) Harper; 45 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter and one on-the-way; and a foster son, Sid Quintero of Agency and his two daughters: Leona Hanna and Amy Stone; and one sister, Mamie Pedrow of Garnett, Kansas.

In addition to his parents, and his wife, Clea, Carl was preceded in death by five brothers: Francis, Marion, Amos, Paul David and Everett Pitts; one sister: Ida Faye Lickteig; two brothers-in-law, Duane Pedrow and Dominic Lickteig; five sisters-in-law: Hazel, Emma, Ida, Dorothy, and Laurine Pitts; and three great-grandchildren: Zachary Van Kooten, and Wyatt and Weston Chapman. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, October 28, 2019, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father John Spiegel officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation will begin after 11 a.m. Sunday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, a Christian Vigil Service will be held at 2 p.m., after which the family will greet visitors until 5 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Oskaloosa, IA 52577
oskystmary@diodav.org

Previous Events

Open Visitation

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Christian Vigil Service

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Family Greeting Time

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Mass of the Ressurrection

OCT 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
315 First Ave.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
oskystmary@diodav.org
<http://stmarysosky.com/>

Burial

OCT 28 (CT)

St. Mary's Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Carl Pitts*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Gary&Lessie Pitts lit a candle in memory of Carl Pitts*



Gary&Lessie Pitts - October 30, 2019 at 10:43 PM



“ *Luke and Molly,*

*I am truly sorry for the loss of your grandfather. Your family will definitely be in my prayers during this difficult time.
Your friend, Sharon Bennink from Broadlawns.*

Sharon Bennink - October 29, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Tom, Cathy, Mike and Paul, Sorry to hear of your loss. You and all of your families are in my thoughts and prayers. How well I remember when all of you were neighbors on North 10th Street.
Nancy Stapp McCurdy*



Nancy Jane Stapp McCurdy - October 29, 2019 at 06:43 AM

CM

“ *CINDY MOTT-BROWN lit a candle in memory of Carl Pitts*



CINDY MOTT-BROWN - October 28, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carl Pitts.*



October 27, 2019 at 02:19 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl Pitts.*



October 26, 2019 at 10:25 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Carl Pitts.*



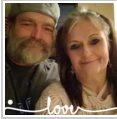
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CW

“ *Cindy Williams lit a candle in memory of Carl Pitts*



Cindy Williams - October 26, 2019 at 07:09 PM

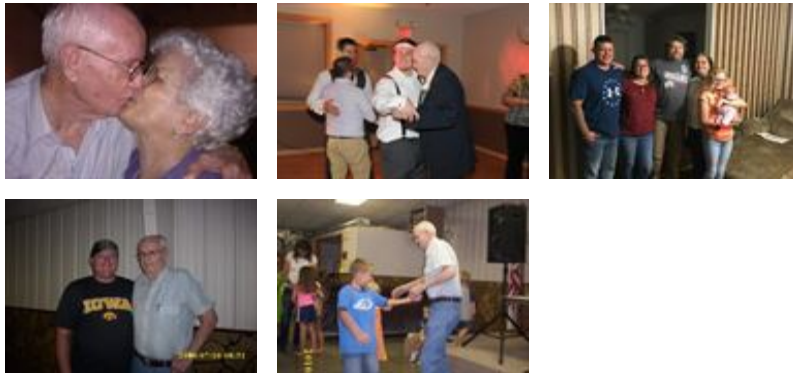


Thank you Cindy!

Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:02 PM



“ *193 files added to the album LifeTributes*

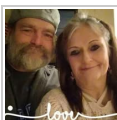


Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - October 26, 2019 at 03:47 PM

MG

“ *The Pitts Family were our next door neighbors in Carroll, Iowa and we have many fond memories of such good people. My sincere sympathy to all of you! Mickey Gute and Family!*

Mickey Gute - October 26, 2019 at 03:41 PM



Thank you so much Mickey. We have great memories of living there

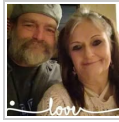
Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:03 PM

BT

“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Carl Pitts*



Brenda Todd - October 26, 2019 at 12:44 PM



Thank you Brenda and Brook!

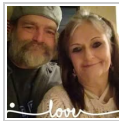
Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:04 PM

KH

“ *Kevin Den Hartog lit a candle in memory of Carl Pitts*



Kevin Den Hartog - October 26, 2019 at 11:19 AM



Thank you Kevin

Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:04 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Carl Pitts.*



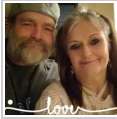
October 26, 2019 at 09:27 AM

BN

“ *Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Carl Pitts*



Becky Netten - October 26, 2019 at 07:39 AM



Thank you Becky

Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:04 PM

TF

“ *The Earl Pitts family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carl Pitts.*



The Earl Pitts family. - October 25, 2019 at 09:55 PM

JI

“ *You sure made a memorable impact on our lives, and I'm sure on many many more since you left Northern Mahaska 😊 I will never forget the time's we shared Visiting and singing You are my Sunshine ☀️ and dancing, laughing, oh the stories!! RIP Carl you made it back to your Mom, Dad and Clea until we meet again We will remember the times we shared,,, John and Marilyn Isley*

John and Marilyn Isley - October 25, 2019 at 09:00 PM



Thank you John and Marilyn

Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:05 PM

SH

“ To a man like a father to me. Bless you, and now you're back with Cleta. Love you! Sandy



Sandy Hildebrand - October 25, 2019 at 07:30 PM

CK

What a great man and funny man always in good spirits he his now with his love of his life Cleta love sent to his family

Connie Kohles - October 25, 2019 at 08:35 PM



Thank you Sandy! They loved you too!!

Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:05 PM



Connie Thank you

Cathy McGrew - October 26, 2019 at 11:06 PM

CB

Always loved my uncle Carl and Aunt Cleta! They were an inspiration to me and weren't afraid to show their love for each other! Now they will be reunited once more ! So sorry for your loss love to the Pitts Family! Carl was a wonderful man who will be missed ! Cindy Broughton

Cindy Broughton - October 29, 2019 at 07:08 PM