



## David Fox

November 5, 1943 - August 30, 2024

David Fox, 80, of Oskaloosa, passed away surrounded by his family at his home on August 30, 2024.

David Vilas Fox, son of Vilas W. and Mildred Louise (Brown) Fox, was born in rural Oskaloosa on November 5, 1943. He was raised in rural New Sharon, where his dad ran a gas station. David went to Lacey School until his senior year. He was the first class to graduate from North Mahaska in 1961. Working in the Oskaloosa Overall Factory was his first job, and David remained there for five years. He then transferred to the Knoxville branch for two years. After leaving the overall factory, David worked for Pella Corp in Quality Control. He immensely enjoyed his work at Pella Corp until his retirement in November 1998. After retirement, David drove a school bus for the Oskaloosa Schools and loved all the kids. He also drove charter buses for Ottumwa Coach, highlighted by a two-week trip to Yellowstone National Park with high school kids.

David met Shirley Lee Dickerson at the skating rink between junior and senior year in high school. They two had an instant connection and became inseparable. David married the love of his life, Shirley, on May 11, 1962, at the Good News Chapel in Oskaloosa. The two attended Good News Chapel and Rose Hill Community Church throughout their life together.

David belonged to the Rollin Oldies. He owned a 1956 Mercury and drove from South Dakota to Ohio to Colorado, attending various car shows. He was part of the Triple D Derby Team and competed in the Iowa Derby competitions. They loved riding motorcycles and took many trips to Canada and out west. They were able to converse with one another via earpieces during their travels. The entire family loved camping at Red Rock, and they created many memories of it.

Left to cherish David's memory are his wife of over 60 years, Shirley; his son, Steve (Brenda) Fox; one grandson, Christopher Fox; a great-granddaughter, Stevie Fox, all of Oskaloosa; sisters-in-law: Betty (Merlin) Robertson of Kansas City, Kansas; Sandy Dickerson of Oskaloosa; Janet (Rick) Welch of Oskaloosa; and a brother-in-law, Paul (Lupe) Dickerson of California.

David was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Janet Gooding and Linda (Jim) Pervus, a great-niece, Amanda Phillips, and brothers-in-law, Dwight (Virgie) VanZee, and

Jerry Dickerson.

Memorial services for David will be held Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory, with Pastor Joyce Hoyt officiating. The family will greet friends and visitors from 4:00 p.m. until service time. Memorial contributions may be made to Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 3. 4:00 PM (CT)

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

*Family will greet friends and visitors one hour prior to service time.*

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Shirley,,,so sorry for your loss,,, I remember well going with my folks,,Karl and Hattie,, going every Saturday night to his folks ,,Vilas was my Dad's cousin,,My Mom loved to watch the pro wrestlers and we didn't have a TV yet,,She would get so excited you were scared to sit by her,,Miss those "Good Old Days,,,May he RIP!!!Love cousin Shirley Heil,,,,Hunt

Shirley Hunt - September 06, 2024 at 11:53 PM

CS

“ Chris Slobe lit a candle in memory of David Fox



Chris Slobe - September 05, 2024 at 10:13 AM

BB

“ Barbara Price & Rhonda Breuklander purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of David Fox.



Barbara Price & Rhonda Breuklander - September 03, 2024 at 12:24 PM

RM

“ Robert Morrison lit a candle in memory of David Fox



robert morrison - September 02, 2024 at 11:51 PM

RM

TO A GREAT FRIEND AND BASEBALL COACH WHEN I WAS A KID IN OSKY. GOD BLESS..

robert morrison - September 02, 2024 at 11:54 PM

BW

“ *Becky Williams lit a candle in memory of David Fox*



**Becky Williams** - September 02, 2024 at 09:13 AM

WN

“ *Wayne Nilson lit a candle in memory of David Fox*



**Wayne Nilson** - September 01, 2024 at 05:45 PM

LF

“ *Lee shilling & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of David Fox.*



**Lee shilling & Family** - September 01, 2024 at 05:11 PM

RP

“ *RIP . Dave !! Robert & Mary Pinegar*



**Robert & Mary Pinegar** - September 01, 2024 at 01:42 PM

DM

“ *David and I were cousins and shared many boyhood adventures in our youth....I remember them all. Wish we had lived closer together in our adulthood.I think we would have been friends all our lives-  
Danny Morris*

**Danny Morris** - September 01, 2024 at 12:21 PM

SW

“ Dave was just an over all good guy who I had the pleasure of working with at Pella Corp. My thoughts are with the family at this sad time.



Sharon welch - August 31, 2024 at 07:44 PM

CF

“ Chuck And Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of David Fox



chuck and Jackie Ferree - August 31, 2024 at 04:14 PM

VK

“ Vicki And Leon Kelderman lit a candle in memory of David Fox



Vicki and Leon Kelderman - August 31, 2024 at 03:08 PM

EF

“ As the substitute teacher, I had the pleasure of ridding with Dave on the bus a few times when we took kids shopping or to the bowling alley or somewhere like that! The kids just loved Dave! Sometimes they would yell out “curb check Dave”! He was always smiling and did such a great job of connecting with all of those kids! Sorry to see this! My sympathies to his family!

Elie Ford - August 31, 2024 at 01:20 PM

CA

“ CINDY ALBRIGHT lit a candle in memory of David Fox



CINDY ALBRIGHT - August 31, 2024 at 01:03 PM

BN

“ *Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of David Fox*



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**Becky Netten** - August 31, 2024 at 12:16 PM