



## David Edward Lafrenz

August 13, 1947 - September 5, 2019

David Lafrenz, 72, of Columbia, Missouri and formerly of Oskaloosa passed away Thursday, September 5, 2019, at Boone County Hospital in Columbia, Missouri

David Edward Lafrenz, son of Harry and Elaine Anna (Maas) Lafrenz, was born August 13, 1947 in Waterloo, Iowa. He was raised in Hudson, where he graduated high school in 1965. David began his college career at the University of Northern Iowa, and it was there that he met his future wife, Karen, on a blind date. David finished his undergraduate studies at Arizona State University earning his Bachelors of Science degree in 1971. He furthered his education in the Ph. D program at the University of Iowa. After earning his doctorate, he trained as a Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University from August 1978 to December 1980. He then served as a Howard Hughes Fellow at Stanford University School of Medicine from January 1981 to December 1982. David returned to Iowa in 1983; over the next six years he served as a Research Microbiologist, Director of the Animal Research Facility, and was an Adjunct Professor for the Department of Medicine at the Iowa City Veterans Hospital and the University of Iowa School of Medicine. David furthered his career as a Research Microbiologist at Truman Memorial VA Hospital from August 1988 to September 1996; there he was Director of Flow Cytometry and Associate Director of Cell and Immunobiology Facility at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. David opted for a career change in 1995 when he accepted the position of Vice-President of Lafrenz Motors in

Oskaloosa, Iowa, which included such capacities as Controller, Director of Fixed Operations and Sales. He returned to the University of Missouri School of Medicine as a Research Specialist in 2007. While working at the University, David purchased Pure Audio with his son, Judd, a custom home and commercial sound and video sales and installation business. David remained active in research until his retirement in December 2017.

David married his college sweetheart, Karen Rae Hall, June 25, 1971, at Grandview Methodist Church in Dubuque. His family remembers him as having a passion for his career, yet always knowing that his family was his top priority. He never lost his affinity for cars and was a member of the Missouri Corvette Club. He loved to hunt with his sons; he was a meticulous wood-worker and crafted several grandfather clocks as gifts. David had an imposing physical presence, yet a kind and tender personality.

David is survived by his wife, Karen; his sons and daughters-in-law: Jarod and Kim Lafrenz and Judd and Alicia Lafrenz, all of Columbia; four grandchildren: Elsie, William, Nolan and Kevin; and siblings: Jim Lafrenz of Orlando, FL, Cynthia (Dwight) Miller of Harrison, AR, Nile Lafrenz of Pleasant Hill, IA and Brenda Crane of Oskaloosa.

In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Ann; a nephew, Adam Lafrenz; and his cocker Spaniel, McKenzie.

Funeral Services for David will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor John Nelson of Central Reformed Church officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. at Hudson Cemetery in Hudson, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday at the funeral chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6:30 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

# Cemetery Details

## Hudson Cemetery

8205 Eldora Rd.  
Hudson, IA 50643

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

SEP **10**. 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>

## Family Visitation

SEP **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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## Burial

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SEP 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Edward Lafrenz*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Dave was a brilliant scientist and a warm person. I am proud to have worked with him while he was fighting cancer in Dr. Gary Clark's lab. Erma Z. Drobnis*

**Erma Z Drobnis** - September 12, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ *Don and JoAnn DeDobbelaere purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



**Don and JoAnn DeDobbelaere** - September 10, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



September 10, 2019 at 08:53 AM

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“ *With Love and Condolences, Friends at home purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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**With Love and Condolences, Friends at home** - September 09, 2019 at 02:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 09, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 09, 2019 at 10:33 AM

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“ *The Webber Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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**The Webber Family** - September 09, 2019 at 10:32 AM

EB

“ *Ellen and Zuhair Ballas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



Ellen and Zuhair Ballas - September 09, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



September 09, 2019 at 12:29 AM

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“ *David Lafrenz, what a good man you are! Doubt that anyone who has ever met you can ever forget you. Thank you for your encouragement through the years. Shall always admire and respect you. May God grant you, your wife and sons and their families peace. With love, Mary and David Ernst*

David Ernst - September 09, 2019 at 12:21 AM

KG

“ *Kerksicks, Hursts, McMenamys, Choates, & Genslers purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



Kerksicks, Hursts, McMenamys, Choates, & Genslers -  
September 08, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 08, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 08, 2019 at 10:45 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 08, 2019 at 10:27 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 07, 2019 at 10:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 07, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David Edward Lafrenz.*



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September 07, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dave at Lafrenz Motors. He was such an intelligent man, and I loved his personality, and his sense of humor! Rest in peace, you will be missed.*

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**Mary** - September 07, 2019 at 06:09 PM