



Homer C. Ferguson

December 10, 1924 - August 13, 2021

Homer Clarence Ferguson passed on August 13, 2021, at the Serenity House in Oskaloosa. Homer was born on the family farm one mile west of Cedar to Carl and Ethel (Brubaker) Ferguson on December 10, 1924. Delivered by his Aunt Faye, he was proud that he slept almost all his life in the bedroom he was born in as an infant. Homer was the 5th child in the family and attended the Cedar School, where he graduated in 1942. He told stories of running home over lunch to feed animals and making it back to class. In school, he was a basketball manager and played trumpet. His true passion in life was farming.

After graduating, Homer worked during the winter at Maytag in Newton, making aircraft parts. Two of his Cedar classmates (Kenny & Marion) and Homer decided to enlist in the Army at the same time. Homer started his service in late 1943, serving in the 111th Infantry Regiment. His service took him to the South Pacific to islands of Saipan, Peleliu group, and Tinian. He had photos of the planes carrying the atomic bombs taking off from Tinian and many photos of the islands during the war. He served as mechanic and bugler during his service, which ended in 1946.

Homer returned from World War II in an Army jeep he salvaged and went to work on the family farm with his father. On November 12, 1949, in Oskaloosa, he married Alice Viola (Tesinsky) Ferguson. Alice and Homer were blessed

with five children.

Homer served as a 4-H leader and was involved with the FFA program at Eddyville, often serving as a welding judge. He was active with many farm groups, including the Mahaska County Pork Producers, Mahaska County Cattlemen's Association, Farm Family, Mahaska County Soybean Association, Mahaska County Corn Growers Association, and Mahaska County Farm Bureau. As a young farmer, he was honored as a Master Swine Producer. Homer enjoyed serving as a mentor to many young farmers and was actively involved in forming state and federal ag policies.

Homer served as the Mahaska County Farm Bureau President and was recognized as a Distinguished Member of Agriculture by the Iowa Farm Bureau. Home also served on the Iowa Soybean Board and was president in 1988, helping to gain approval of the soybean checkoff program. Later, Homer was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Soybean Association.

Homer and Alice enjoyed many trips to farm conventions around the country and Beef Improvement Corporation (BIC) tours. In the early 1990s, they traveled with the Iowa Soybean Association on a European Marketing Tour to learn about agriculture in Europe. Homer and his son, Joe, hosted many delegations of ag leaders from Russia, Italy, and South America at the farm. His tractor of choice was green.

Homer was also a member of the Mahaska County Republicans, Eddyville American Legion, VFW in Oskaloosa, Farm Service Board, Nelson Pioneer Farm, Oskaloosa Chamber of Commerce, and Harrison Township Trustee. He greatly enjoyed the weekly summer city band concerts in the park and going to the senior citizen center. Time spent fishing in Canada and at the family farm pond with grandkids fishing were the highlights of the year. During his later years, you would often find him reading, watching western movies, and listening to music. Homer grew up in the Cedar Methodist Church and was a member of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa as an adult. At

Grace, Homer served over the years as a Sunday School Teacher, President, Elder, and held several officer positions, and was a member of the Grace Lutheran Church Softball Team.

He was preceded in death by his wife Alice, his parents, siblings (Max Ferguson, Loel Ferguson, Lois (Ferguson) Beaver, and Gene Ferguson), and several sisters and brothers-in-law.

Left to mourn his death are his five children: Steve and Jan (Grefe) Ferguson of Alexandria, MN, Joe and Sharon (Vanderbeek) Ferguson, of Oskaloosa, IA, Jerry and Sondra (Ferguson) Van Der Pol, of Oskaloosa, IA, Wayne and Sue (Ferguson) Van Wyk, of Oskaloosa, IA, Stan and Carla (Ferguson) Eysink, of Pella, IA; nine grandchildren: Chad (Kris) Ferguson, of Alexandria, MN, Todd (Molly) Ferguson, of Moorhead, MN, Scott (Angie) Ferguson, of Carey, NC, Amber (Anthony) Ragen of Pella, Natalie (Jake) Nunnikhoven of Oskaloosa, Molly (Tim) Staroba of Highland, MI, Mathew (Amy Rowland) Van Der Pol of Broomfield, CO, Jeremy (Eric Riesberg) Van Wyk of West Des Moines, Jason Van Wyk of Westminster, CO; three step-grandchildren (Curtis, Lance & Kelly), 21 great-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Homer's funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at Grace Lutheran Church, with Reverend Roger Neumann officiating. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery near Eddyville with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Grace Lutheran Church, the VFW., or Mahaska Health Foundation for the Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Highland Cemetery

2281-2285 330th Street
Eddyville, IA 52553

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 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 and Friends

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
1715 Burlington Road
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Homer C. Ferguson*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - August 16, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Homer C. Ferguson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *I grew up in Cedar and went to school with some of his children. We rode the same school bus both at Cedar and Eddyville. Most recently visited with him at a Nelson Pioneer Farm event, but that was several years ago. Condolences to his family and close friends. He will be missed.*

Rod Lappin - August 18, 2021 at 06:09 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Homer C. Ferguson.*



August 17, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Homer C. Ferguson*



Brenda Todd - August 16, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Homer C. Ferguson.*



August 16, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *246 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - August 16, 2021 at 03:54 PM

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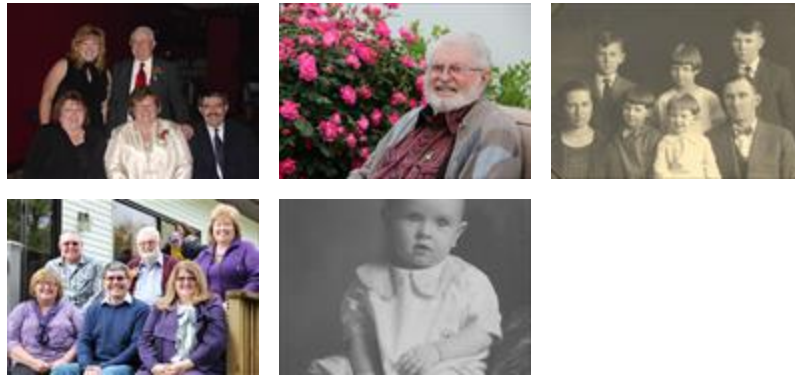
“ Pella Cooperative Electric purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Homer C. Ferguson.



Pella Cooperative Electric - August 16, 2021 at 02:53 PM

CE

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



carla eysink - August 15, 2021 at 11:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Homer C. Ferguson.



August 15, 2021 at 05:16 PM

JC

“ Sending much love to Carla and Stan and the entire Ferguson Family. I remember your Dad's happy spirit. Love, Joan and Eric Clark

Joan Busch Clark - August 15, 2021 at 03:17 PM

PA

“ Thoughts and prayers for all the family. Homer was a very special person. He and Mom had nice visits about farm life at the Senior Center after Mom had moved to town from the farm.

Penny Adams - August 15, 2021 at 01:49 PM

IR

“ So very sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many.

Ila Ruby - August 14, 2021 at 05:26 PM

SW

“ I always loved the fact that dad taught me things about the farm even though I was a girl. I cherished working with him as you never knew what stories he'd tell you. He even supported my art work and loved me for who I was even when I screwed up. I will miss our Friday night date night, the sound of your voice, and your faith. Dad you lead a great life enjoy your angel wings. Rest In Peace

Sue Van Wyk - August 14, 2021 at 04:32 PM

DJ

Homer was a great guy! I always enjoyed waiting on him at Farm Service! He will be missed by many

Donna Johnson - August 15, 2021 at 02:10 PM

SW

What a true American- hardworking, dedicated to his country & family. I loved his visits and stories wherever I saw him. Homer, you will be missed ! I am lucky to have known you. Now you are back with your girl, Alice. Rest In Peace & fly high.

Sue Witt - August 23, 2021 at 02:24 PM

SO

“Dad was the best. He loved you no matter what happened. Taught how to work but have fun too. He always waited up for me after I had a date and we would watch the end of a western together. Love you dad

Sondra - August 14, 2021 at 12:56 PM