



## Jerry Bottenfield

April 22, 1938 - October 13, 2025

Jerry Bottenfield, 87, of Oskaloosa, passed away on Monday, October 13, 2025, at the Mahaska Health Hospital.

Jerry, son of Joseph and Mona (Thompson) Bottenfield, was born on April 22, 1938, in Perry, Iowa. He grew up in Perry and was a part of Perry High School's graduating class of 1956. After high school, Jerry attended Iowa State University, where he graduated in 1960 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Clow Valve employed him as an engineer, heading up the design and research department, from 1973 to 2013, a period of 40 years. Jerry also taught engineering classes at William Penn University for 23 years.

Jerry married the love of his life, Sondra Lee Kilmer, on August 15, 1959, at the United Methodist Church in Perry. He was a long-time member of the Central United Methodist Church and most recently joined the Trinity Church in Oskaloosa. Jerry was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the YMCA, where he enjoyed participating in the Silver Sneakers Club. Woodworking, golf, and collecting baseball memorabilia were a few of Jerry's favorite hobbies. He also considered himself a Civil War Historian due to his love of researching that time period.

Those left to cherish Jerry's memory are his wife of 66 years, Sondra; his daughter, Robin (Michael) Delaney of Ft. Madison; his son, Kam (Tycene) Bottenfield of Ottumwa; his grandsons: Ryan (Kim) Delaney of Scottsdale, Arizona and Grant (Kinzie) Delaney of Burlington; two great-grandchildren: Christian and Brayden Delaney; a sister, JoDee Townsen of Ames; and two nieces: Michelle and Colette.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

As was his wish, Jerry's body has been cremated, and burial of ashes will take place at Old White Cemetery in Oskaloosa at a later date. There are no services planned at this time. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Jerry's final arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Old White Cemetery

Oskaloosa, IA

# Tribute Wall

MN

“ My condolences to Jerry's family. He was my boss for 1 1/2 years and I learned so much from him. He was such a kind man.

Marna Craver Navara - February 28 at 07:09 PM

KM

“ My love and prayers for you, Robin and your family. Your Dad was a very nice man.

Kerri Moore - October 16, 2025 at 11:34 AM

TS

“ Sending thoughts and prayers too the Bottenfield family, especially Robin, who was a dear friend and classmate.

Tammy Kirby Sparks - October 15, 2025 at 10:23 PM

MD

“ I thoroughly enjoyed my engineering classes with Mr. Bottenfield! He had a very practical way of teaching and always had time, and patience, for his students. My thoughts and prayers are with his family!

Matthew Drost - October 15, 2025 at 09:21 PM

JH

“ I enjoyed seeing Jerry every 4 weeks for his haircut appointments. He was a good story teller, he was kind, and such a gentleman. He will be missed.  
Sincerely, Joan Heinle 🙏

joan heinle - October 15, 2025 at 09:12 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Sondra and family now and in the days to come.



Judy & Larry Lewis - October 15, 2025 at 02:57 PM

PF

So sorry Sandra for you and your family and you certainly had a lot of great years together. Each of those were precious. I'm sure take care.

Phyllis Fox - October 15, 2025 at 04:58 PM

JW

“ *Jerry was one of the best to work with. He was a great manager and engineer.* ”

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**James Webb** - October 15, 2025 at 12:56 PM