



Ken Kiser

January 19, 1939 - October 27, 2022

Ken Kiser, 83, of Pella and formerly of Oskaloosa, passed away Thursday evening, October 27, 2022, at The Cottages in Pella.

Kenneth Lee Kiser, son of Paul Ervin and Margaret Gerridena (DePenning) Kiser, was born January 19, 1939, in Peoria, Iowa. His parents moved to a farm south of Oskaloosa when Ken was a youngster, and he attended school at the Garfield Township Country School. After he graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1957, he began farming south of Oskaloosa with Gene Ferguson. In 1969, Ken purchased his farm north of Leighton. He operated the farm until 1987 when he sold the land and went to work at Vermeer Manufacturing, and he also helped other farmers when needed. He moved to Peoria in 1989 but continued with his job at Vermeers. After his retirement in 2006, Ken helped his neighbors with farming until 2016, when his health no longer permitted him to work. In addition to crop farming, Ken milked cows and raised hogs and sheep. He enjoyed his critters and the companionship of many dogs and cats throughout his lifetime.

Ken was a Central United Methodist Church member as a child but later transferred his membership to Ebenezer Reformed Church in Leighton and then to Lower Grove Church near New Sharon. He eventually transferred back to Central United Methodist, where he served as an usher for many years. Ken enjoyed coffee time with his former Vermeer co-workers and neighborhood friends.

His family includes his children and their spouses: Michael and Kim Kiser of

Pella, Carol Kiser and Darryn Bryant of Beaver Creek, Ohio, and Katy and Jeff Vander Wert of Kirksville; four grandchildren: Kolton Kiser of Gardner, KS, Lucas Kiser of Pella, IA, Kaylyn Roose of Hillsboro, Oregon, and Carter Roose of Katy, Texas; his siblings: Ronald Kiser of Des Moines, Vivian Ver Steegh of Oskaloosa, Terry (Carol) Kiser of Cedar Rapids, and Dale (Jane) Kiser of Geneseo, IL.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Ken will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, November 3, 2022, at the Central United Methodist Church in Oskaloosa, with Rev. Chad Lierman officiating. The burial will be in Peoria Cemetery. Visitation will begin after 11 a.m., Wednesday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. Instead of flowers, please make memorial contributions to The Cottages/Welsey Life in Pella or Central United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Peoria Cemetery

135 Peoria Main St
Pella, IA 50219

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

The family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m.

Funeral Service

NOV 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central United Methodist Church
201 North Market ST
Oskaloosa, IA IA

Rev. Chad Lierman will officiate.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ken Kiser*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Cheryl DeCook-Morgan lit a candle in memory of Ken Kiser*



Cheryl DeCook-Morgan - November 04, 2022 at 02:40 PM



“ *I enjoyed taking care of Ken at the Cottages for as long as he was a resident there.*

Jeffrey A Weinstock - October 31, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *Will miss seeing Ken at the cottages. His smile will be missed. Deepest sympathy goes out to the family.*



Ashton Huizer - October 31, 2022 at 12:15 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers for Ken's family now and for the days ahead. Ken was long time neighbor of mine growing up. In Christ Love. Delores Morgan Cundiff of Kirkville Ia*

Delores Morgan Cundiff - October 30, 2022 at 11:04 PM

BB

“ Beverly Williamson Biehl lit a candle in memory of Ken Kiser



Beverly Williamson Biehl - October 30, 2022 at 05:29 PM

SB

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to the Kiser family!



Shirley (Heacock) Bloodsworth - October 29, 2022 at 08:48 PM

PD

“ Katy....I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad...Hugs and Prayers for you and your family.



Patricia Draughn - October 29, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ken Kiser.



October 29, 2022 at 09:34 AM

DK

“ Dale and Jane Kiser purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Ken Kiser.



Dale and Jane Kiser - October 28, 2022 at 10:52 PM

VP

“ I am so sorry to here about Ken. Sending thoughts and love and Prayers to the family. I remember when I think I was in first grade My Mom Lola and stepdad came to visit from Oregon to visit the farm He was such a nice man showed me everything and young as I was I still remember as though it was yesterday. RiP Kenny the memories at 73 I am now will always be with me. Verna Pierce

Verna Pierce - October 28, 2022 at 07:28 PM