



## Kenneth Van Mersbergen

October 23, 1950 - October 18, 2021

Kenneth Van Mersbergen, 70, of Oskaloosa, passed away Monday, October 18, 2021, at Mahaska Health in Oskaloosa.

Kenneth Eugene Van Mersbergen, son of Lawrence and Anna (Boot) Van Mersbergen, was born October 23, 1950, in Oskaloosa. He was a 1968 Oskaloosa High School graduate. December 28, 1968, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna Lathrop, at the First Presbyterian Church. On July 25, 1969, he entered the Army and served four months and then was released to the Army National Guard to complete his service. He returned to Oskaloosa and began working at Mid-American Energy. He initially worked with the electrical side of the company, but after several years, he switched to the natural gas side, where he served as a gas serviceman. His career with Mid-American spanned over 40 years.

Ken loved being active outdoors. Fishing, walking, biking, and woodworking were some of his favorite activities, but any event involving his grandchildren was always his preference. Ken volunteered at the hospital and was a member of the American Legion. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and deacon.

His family includes his wife, Donna of Oskaloosa; his children: Jenny Braundmeier of Oskaloosa, Tim Van Mersbergen of Tampa, FL, Philip (Shanna) Van Mersbergen of Ankeny, IA, and Vahn Baccam of Indianapolis, IN; his grandchildren: Elizabeth, Paige, Spencer, and Faith Van Mersbergen,

Samantha, Abby, and Holden Braundmeier, and Anna Van Mersbergen; and his siblings: Eleanor (John) Komdeur of Gainesville, FL, Sheryl (Dan) Riemersma of Worthington, MN, Don (Rita) Lathrop of Durango, CO, Pat (Paul) Wainwright of Durango, Co, and Pam Werner of Oskaloosa.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Donald and Betty Lathrop, and a son-in-law, Kyle Braundmeier.

A private graveside funeral service will be held at Henness Cemetery.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Thursday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Thursday evening. Memorials can be made to Hope Lodge at the University of Iowa.

# Cemetery Details

## Hennessey Cemetery

1863 285th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
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## Family and Friends

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth Van Mersbergen*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Hi Donna and kids as well as siblings. I was Soo sorry to hear this. Ken was always such a kind hearted guy. I never remember an unkind word coming from him. I will always remember his kind smile. Just wanting you all to know that you are in our prayers. Don and Carol Houk*

**Don and Carol Houk** - October 21, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ *Donna, thoughts and prayers for you and your family. May memories of your time together with Kenneth bring light to your soul. Marcia (Cruzen) & Roger Leshe*



**Marcia Leshe** - October 21, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *I was so sad to read of Ken's passing. He was such a kind and gracious man. He always had a smile and took the time to chat. I so enjoyed being on session with him and getting to know him personally. He truly was one of the best. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.*  
*Doug and Mary Ruffridge*

**Mary Ruffridge** - October 20, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kenneth Van Mersbergen.*



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October 20, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *I dispatched Kenny for many years. What a nice man he was, always willing to help me out of a pinch with orders. RIP Kenny.*

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**Janice/Dispatch** - October 19, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ *Donna and family we are sorr to hear of Kenny passing. Thoughts and prays for your famy.*

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**Kenny and Paulette Groet** - October 19, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Ken made a positive impact on everyone. He was one of the good guys and was a friend when we were in school. We were both employed at MidAmerican Energy and it was an honor to work and learn from one of the best. Donna and family we are thinking of you and will pray for all of you. Jeff & Jill Ferguson*

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**Jeff Ferguson & Jill Ferguson** - October 19, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Van Mersbergen.*



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October 19, 2021 at 05:48 PM



“ *Ken was one of the good guys..always happy and friendly to all! So sorry for all his family and friends . We will miss you 🥹*

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**mheslinga@msn.com** - October 19, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *A Saint has left us. Ken brought glory upon the name of his Redeemer in all that he did. Now he is glorified in the very presence of God. I mourn the loss of a very good man, who holds an honored place in my memory. To Donna and your family, may Ken's faith give you comfort at this terrible time.*

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**Don Stribling** - October 19, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry to read about Phil. He was such a kind and friendly man. My prayers are with his family.*  
*Kathy Larsen*

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**Kathy Larsen** - October 19, 2021 at 03:21 PM



*I mean Ken. Sorry.*

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**Kathy** - October 26, 2021 at 08:59 AM

KS

“ Ken lived a life that was full of the “Joy of the Lord”. It was an honor and a gift to know him.

*Thinking of the family with deepest sympathy.*

*Kay Swafford*

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**Kay Swafford** - October 19, 2021 at 03:16 PM

JE

“ Ken was such a good guy. I knew him from when he worked for Mid America when he would visit Paslode, at the church breakfasts and when he helped out at MHP. He always was friendly and interested in how I was doing and just chatting.

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**John Edwards** - October 19, 2021 at 03:04 PM

NR

*Growing up with Ken, I remember him as always soft-spoken and gentle. In reading these tributes, I see that his kindness stayed with him all his life. I am humbled to have known him.*

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**Norm Rozenboom** - October 19, 2021 at 08:59 PM

LR

*We send our sympathy to Donna and Ken's family. Ken was our neighbor in Oskaloosa and we have many memories of watching him work and play with his family. Ken was interested in others and visiting those in our neighborhood. He was a dedicated member of the church membership. Romberg the good times.*

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**Leon and Giovanna Richardson** - October 20, 2021 at 04:38 AM

GF

*Sending our Prayers to the family.*

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**Garrett and Judy Floor** - October 20, 2021 at 09:03 AM

TW

*When I talked or worked with Ken I always knew he was following the Lords plan for him and Father God included him as one of his faithfully Servants. Prays for his Family he will be missed by all.*

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**Tom Walling** - October 21, 2021 at 05:28 PM