



Lake Edward Crookham

January 29, 1937 - January 8, 2023

Lake Crookham, 85, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday afternoon, January 8, 2023, at Mahaska Health Hospital in Oskaloosa.

Lake Edward Crookham, son of Lake Mitchell and Gracia Marsh (Williams) Crookham, was born January 29, 1937, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He attended Oskaloosa schools, and while in high school, he participated in football, basketball, golf, Projection Club, "O" Club, and Dance Club and served as his homeroom and class president. After graduating in 1955, he began his college career at Parson's College in Fairfield. After one year, he transferred to the University of Iowa and earned his Electrical Engineering Degree and then a Law Degree. He returned to Oskaloosa to practice law with his father's law firm, and for several years, he served as Mahaska County Attorney. He retired from his law practice in the mid-'80's, and in the mid-'90's, Lake opened Crookham Accounting. He truly enjoyed providing this service to the community.

Lake married Darlene; to that union, three children were born. They divorced. He later married Eileen, and to that union, one daughter was born; they later divorced. Lake was an avid pilot, and throughout his life, he loved sports. He played golf for many years and officiated many sporting events. He served as a sports broadcaster for KBOE for youth, high school, and college sports. Lake was a lifelong Iowa Hawkeye fan and enthusiastically supported the William Penn University Statesmen. Lake was the appointed Commissioner of the Fantasy Football League for his buddies and loved a good game of cards.

Lake was a devoted member of the Oskaloosa Elks Club, where he served as treasurer and also State Parliamentarian. Lake volunteered in numerous organizations; he especially enjoyed helping young people, and his passion was improving his community. Lake's family includes his children: Cindy Crookham of Georgetown, TX; Laura Crookham of Oskaloosa and formerly of Sioux Falls, SD; Lake Jr. "J.R." (Tracy) Crookham of Kansas City, MO; and Kristen Crookham-Gildemeister (Jonas Plumb) of Wayzata, MN; and ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Joe Crookham and Jeanie Bieri of Oskaloosa; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and dear friends, Kelsie Hoyt and Connie Cochran.

In addition to his parents, Lake was preceded in death by a brother, Carter Crookham.

Funeral services for Lake will be held at 11:30 a.m., Monday, January 16, 2023, at Central Church, with Pastor Jon Nelson officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Sunday, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 2-4 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Elks Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 15. 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>

The family will greet visitors from 2-4 p.m.

Funeral Service

JAN 16. 11:30 AM (CT)

Central Church
815 2nd Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Pastor Jon Nelson will officiate.

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Lake Edward Crookham*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - January 13, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Lake Edward Crookham*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lake Edward Crookham.*



January 14, 2023 at 04:10 PM



“ *Having experienced the services, help and friendship of both Lake and his farther for over sixty years I can definitely say he will be missed. My farther passed away when I was twelve and always needed a bit of advise in various affairs which I always was comforted knowing would be available. Upon ending our business needs at the time, we would have short discussions about some life and current events which was always enjoyable to me. Lake was a good friend...*

Edward Hoyt - January 14, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ *Sixteen wonderful years with this man as a caregiver, friend, a secretary, house keeper, grocery shopper. He was always very kind and very helpful. We shared a lot of memories together. I will miss him dearly.*

Connie Cochran - January 11, 2023 at 02:42 PM

PG

“ Lake was 'one of the good guys!' I was happy to know him through business, as well as personally. Phil Griffin, New Sharon

Phil Griffin - January 11, 2023 at 02:18 PM

JF

“ Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Lake Edward Crookham



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - January 10, 2023 at 08:15 PM

LD

“ Thinking of you all in our prayers John N Linda Dixon Olathe KS



Linda Dixon - January 10, 2023 at 09:39 AM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Lake Edward Crookham



Becky Netten - January 09, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JR

Lake was a good customer of our appliance business over many years. Very nice customer. He will be missed by many. Janna & Doug Van Roekel Van Roekel Appliance.

Janna Roekel - January 16, 2023 at 10:22 AM