



Melvin Winegar

November 21, 1945 - August 13, 2021

Melvin W. Winegar, 75, of Pella and formerly of Oskaloosa, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 13, 2021.

Melvin was born November 21, 1945, to Gilford and Jane (Klein) Winegar. He attended Pella schools, and after high school, Mel joined the US Army and served as an aircraft mechanic in Vietnam. His passion for aviation continued after his service and led to him becoming the manager for the Oskaloosa Municipal Airport for 25 years. Mel continued with his love for all things mechanical at Pella Corporation, where he worked as a maintenance technician before retiring in 2017.

Mel married Judy DeKock in 1970, and two sons, Curtis and Craig, were born from this union. Mel and Judy later divorced. Mel married Linda (Wymore) LaRue on May 13, 1988. Many fond memories were made at the airport, boating, and jet-skiing during weekends spent at Lake Ponderosa. The family was brought together at gatherings that he and Linda hosted at their home. Mel loved to be outside grilling food and was a big fan of muscle cars and Nascar racing, but aviation was always close to his heart. In November 2020, Linda passed away, which left a huge void. Mel recently moved back to Pella as a resident of Independence Village. He did his best to keep himself busy and enjoyed driving around town, making new friends, and visiting old acquaintances.

Left to cherish his memory are his sons; Curtis (Jami) Winegar of Pleasant Hill and Craig (Penni) Winegar of Rose Hill; his step-children: Shawn (Traci)

LaRue of Eddyville, Brandy (Eric) Pacheco of Moorpark, California, and Sara (Mike) Laesch of Verona, Wisconsin; his grandchildren: Jenna, Cody, Mallari, Kayli (Trevor), Breanni (Kyle), Isaiah, Amerisi, Lynzi, Josiah, Adam, Grant, Reagan, Aspen, and Easton; and two great-grandchildren, Adalynn and Braxtyn.

He is also survived by his sister Ruth (Doug) Roorda of Lake Ozark, MO, and brother-in-law, Larry (Pam) Wymore of Momence, IL.

Mel was preceded in death by his wife, Linda, his parents, and two sisters Marilyn and Beverly.

Graveside Services for Mel will be held at Waveland Cemetery north of Prairie City at 11 a.m., Friday, August 20, 2021, with Pastor Alvern Boetsma officiating. Open visitation will be held at Langkamp Funeral Chapel and Crematory from noon to 7 p.m. with the family present from 4 – 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2021. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family to be used for a memorial in Melvin's honor.

Cemetery Details

Waveland Cemetery

Prairie City, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Langkamp Funeral Chapel And Crematory

Family and Friends

AUG **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Oskaloosa, IA 52577
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langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
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Graveside Service

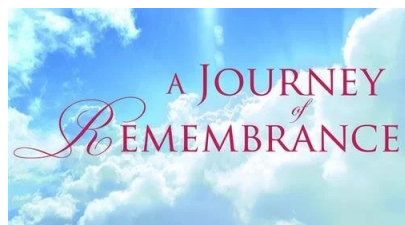
AUG **20**. 11:00 AM.

Waveland Cemetery North Of Prairie City

Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Winegar*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - August 18, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ *Melvin Winegar*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Marla Nilson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Winegar*



marla nilson - August 19, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Mel's family, Mel was a classmate of mine, PHS 1964. I want to extend my sympathy and enjoyed see the memory video.
Carolyn VanDenBerg (Menninga) Hol*

Carolyn Hol - August 19, 2021 at 02:05 PM

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“ *Richard from Lands' End purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Melvin Winegar.*



Richard from Lands' End - August 18, 2021 at 06:36 PM

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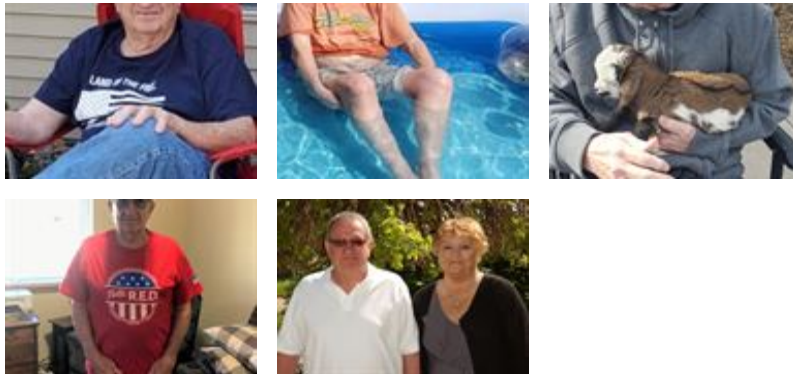
“ *Knew Mel when I lived in Fremont. He attempted to teach me to fly, but my heart wasn't in it apparently. Worked weekends at the airport to pay for the lessons. My condolences to his family.*

Rod Lappin

Rod - August 18, 2021 at 06:05 AM



“ *72 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - August 17, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Melvin Winegar.*



August 17, 2021 at 09:47 AM