



Pastor Mike Sinnett

May 26, 1948 - January 17, 2026

Pastor Mike Sinnett, 77, of Keomah Village, Oskaloosa, passed away Saturday, January 17, 2026, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Michael Thomas Sinnett, son of Thomas L. and Mary Josephine (Gurnett) Sinnett, was born on May 26, 1948, in Davenport, Iowa, and grew up in Oskaloosa. He attended school there and graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1966. Mike married Nancy Lou McKim on October 26, 1968, in Oskaloosa. Mike's parents owned and operated Oskaloosa Bus and Transfer, located on South Market Street. After graduating, he joined his parents in the ownership and operation of their business. The business evolved into Mike's role as an agent with Churchill and Western Trucking, and he worked in that capacity until the late 1980's. Mike then went to work for CCX Trucking (now XPO Trucking) in Ottumwa. He worked for them until his retirement.

Soon after retiring, Mike pursued his passion for sharing the love of Jesus, his Saviour, and went into pastoral care. He has served as the pastor of the Rose Hill Community Church for the last several years; in addition to caring for his congregation's needs, Mike organized and launched the Rose Hill Food Bank. Mike was a member of APEPT (a pastor's organization). Mike loved spending time with his family and watching his grandson, Jonathan, drag race. Mike was the cool grandpa who was on top of the latest technology; his

smartphone was his link to his grandchildren wherever they were. He was always in touch with each of them, several times a day, Snapchatting, screenshotting daily, and keeping up with their activities.

His family includes his wife, Nancy of Lake Keomah; his children: Shannon (Ed) Wheeldon of Sigourney, Jessica (Nick) Gilmore of Ruthven, and Cody Sinnett of Oskaloosa; five grandchildren: Taylor Gilmore, Jade Aller, Zoey Gilmore, Jonathan Wheeldon, and Hayden Gilmore.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by a brother, Pat Sinnett.

As was his wish, Mike's body has been cremated. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Burial of his ashes will be in Bluff Creek Cemetery. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Food Bank of Iowa. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Mike's final arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Bluff Creek Cemetery

Inner Drive
Eddyville, IA 52553

Tribute Wall

SW

“ My childhood has such great memories with the Sinnett family! Shannon and I would spend hours with Mike at his business, hanging out at their house and riding in the back of his pickup.. We were always having fun! You are in my prayers Nancy, Shannon, Cody and Jessica❤️

Shari Wolver - January 26 at 12:20 PM

JB

“ We're very sorry for your loss. And we and our church are praying for your family.
Pastor Robb and Joyce Bruns and
Fremont First Baptist Church

Joyce Bruns - January 23 at 05:46 PM

DH

“ We have many memories of Mike. The OB&T trucking office was located right next to the AL's DX station in the late 60's, and early 70's which we operated. Mike paid frequent visits to the station just to chat. He was never without a smile on his face and so full of fun. He was definitely a servant of God. He will be missed by the whole community. Nancy, Cody and the whole family, our prayers will be with you. We know that he is resting in the arms of Jesus now. What a glorious time for him.

Don & Carol Houk - January 23 at 09:44 AM

RM

“ Robert Morrison lit a candle in memory of Pastor Mike Sinnett



robert morrison - January 22 at 02:15 PM



“ Mike was one of my dad’s friends while I was growing up, but he always noticed and encouraged me. As a teenager and even as a young adult back home for visits, he would come up and remind me that I was in his prayers. He even reached out a few times through social media over the years to remind me that I was still in his prayers. I’m grateful for his prayers and words of encouragement. Everyone needs to feel seen and Mike did that for me. I’m thankful for the part Mike played in my life! Prayers are powerful and Mike knew it.

Erica Caves Matters - January 21 at 01:23 PM

LB

“ I’m so sorry to hear this...I know he will be missed by his family so much...Sending powerful prayers of comfort and peace to you all...especially Cody and Nancy at home...

laura buch - January 20 at 12:58 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Mike. I knew Mike through the pastor’s group I attended. He always brought life to the group. We will miss him greatly. I send my condolences to Nancy and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Joyce Hoyt - January 19 at 05:01 PM

JS

“ Nancy, my deepest sympathy to you and your family

jo sytsma - January 19 at 10:26 AM

PG

“ I've known Pastor Mike years before he became a pastor. He used to drive the church bus for the Nazarene Church, located on south 11th before it burned. He and I would pick up kids every Sunday. He also was the one that got my husband to ask me out. Many many wonderful memories of Mike.

Pat Garoutte - January 19 at 12:47 AM

RC

“ He always called me Minnesota, and was always so kind and inviting my husband and I. Even checked on us when we couldn't come to meetings and was praying for us. Such a wonderful man of God, definitely going to miss him. Love Jeff and Roxanne

Roxanne Cooley - January 18 at 07:50 PM



“ I knew Mike from the food cupboard in Oskaloosa where he would occasionally pick up food for the Rose Hill cupboard. He always had a smile and a good word for everyone. His good works will be remembered and he will be missed.

Cheryl Benson - January 18 at 03:44 PM

JG

Mike was a blessing to all who knew and loved him. You are in our prayers .

jane groet - January 22 at 09:41 PM

LA

“ Sending my deepest sympathy to Nancy and family for your great loss. I always enjoyed Mikes Facebook messages and hearing of his walks with his dog. Mike was a classmate many years ago. He'll be deeply missed. Lou Albers



Lou Albers - January 18 at 03:22 PM

AA

Mike and Nancy are my next door neighbors. Not only will he be missed but it will totally change Nancy and Cody's lives. My father passed at 46. I have 3 younger brothers. It totally changed the outcome of our lives. Not only for his family but his gongregation also. It will be tuff. He will be missed greatly.

Anita Armstrong - January 21 at 05:22 PM