



Raymond Meinders

April 26, 1937 - May 7, 2022

Raymond Meinders, 85, of Oskaloosa, passed away May 7, 2022, at the Mahaska Health Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Raymond Leroy Meinders, son of Tymen H. and Nellie (Slagter) Meinders, was born, April 26, 1937, at Oskaloosa, Iowa. He attended school in Fremont and was a 1954 Pella Christian High School graduate. After his education, he farmed with his father. On June 18, 1959, Ray was married to Janice Ann Veldhuizen at the First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. They made their home on an acreage just outside Oskaloosa on the Pella Highway. In 1964, Ray started working at Mahaska Farm Service; he held many different positions over the years. He retired from full-time in 2002 but continued to assist part-time through the busy seasons.

Ray was a charter member of the Cedar Christian Reformed Church. After moving to Oskaloosa, he became a member of the First Christian Reformed Church, where he served as a deacon and elder of the church council and Young Peoples leader, Cadet leader, and Sunday school teacher. Ray served as a Lincoln Township Trustee for several years.

His family includes his two sons and a daughter-in-law: Kevin and Diana Meinders of Pleasant Hill and Brent Meinders of Los Angeles, CA; a daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Russ Sytsma of Oskaloosa; five grandchildren: Dana Ann (Ron) Robinson of Crystal Lake, IL, Kandis (Nate) Folkert of Largo, FL, Travis Meinders of Boston, MA; Eric (Julie) Sytsma and Joshua (Cally) Sytsma, all of Oskaloosa; eight great-grandchildren: Sophie, Nella and Tymen

Robinson of Crystal Lake, IL, Cora Sytsma of Oskaloosa, Lane and William Sytsma of Oskaloosa and Lincoln and Easton Courtney of Oskaloosa. He is also survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law: Eileen (Harold) Van Weelden and Janet (Thomas) Kelderman, all of Oskaloosa.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Janice, his parents-in-law, Bill and Nellie (Neels) Veldhuizen, and brothers-in-law, Kenneth D. Malloy and Darryl Veldhuizen, and a sister-in-law, Elaine Malloy.

Ray's funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at First Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa, with Rev. Jon Spronk officiating. A 1:45 p.m. family prayer service will precede the funeral in the fellowship hall. The burial will be in Forest Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 3 p.m., Monday, at the First Christian Reformed Church; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Ray's final arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Mahaska Health Foundation for the Hospice Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Open Visitation

MAY 9. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church
815 North 11th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
firstcrcosky@mahaska.org
<http://www.firstcrcosky.org>

Friends and Family

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Reformed Church
815 North 11th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
firstcrcosky@mahaska.org
<http://www.firstcrcosky.org>

Family Prayer Service

MAY 10. 1:45 PM (CT)

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<http://www.firstcrcosky.org>

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Meinders*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Brent Meinders: I'm sorry about the loss of your father. I think of you often. Mary (Heslinga) Lane me-lane@wiu.edu*

Mary Lane - May 09, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Eileen and Harold sorry to learn of your brother's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mae Van Steenis

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Meinders.*



May 09, 2022 at 12:00 PM

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“ CINDY ALBRIGHT lit a candle in memory of Raymond Meinders



CINDY ALBRIGHT - May 09, 2022 at 10:29 AM

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“ Ray was a true and great friend to me and countless others! He was one with knowledge and willing to help and encourage. He was a go to guy as I was first learning to fit in at Mahaska Farm Service in 1995. We worked together doing “As all other assigned duties.” Meaning everything. He worked teaching me LP service mainly. And we were on an award winning Safety Team at FS. We talked tractors and living on a farm growing up. Janice helped me as well feeling comfortable in my insurance needs. We couldn’t visit enough so we often shared an evening meal at there house.! (I was single and enjoyed home cooking) Janice was a great cook. Her homemade bread was much like my mom’s!! I learned to make elderberry jelly growing up on moms homemade bread so would share with Ray and Janice. I felt loved and at Home. So proud to know them both. And now comforted knowing them to be together in their Forever Home.! ❤️🙏
Sincerely, Rich and Judy Rains

Rich Rains - May 08, 2022 at 08:08 PM