

## Steve Swank

October 2, 1947 - February 21, 2023

Steve Swank, 75, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday evening, February 21, 2023, at the Sioux Center Health Care in Sioux Center, Iowa.

Steven Lloyd Swank was born in Oskaloosa on October 2, 1947, to his parents, Lloyd Jacob and Marge Mae (VanDenBaard) Swank. Steve and his siblings, Yogi, Bonnie, and Wes, grew up on farms in the New Sharon and Otley areas. Steve, known then as Curly, graduated from Pella High in 1965 and immediately joined the army but not before getting the crops in with his dad. He served in Germany and Vietnam. He was so proud to be a veteran and was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. In 2017, Steve was chosen to travel to Washington, D.C., with the Honor Flight.

Trucking was a big part of his life; he began driving trucks at a young age on the farm and then worked as a mechanic on trucks and tanks in the service. In 1975, Steve leased a truck to DRS Transport and, in doing so, had a career there until his retirement in 2018. Upon retirement, Steve worked part-time, driving for Pella Corp.

During his time at DRS Transport, Steve met his lifelong, loving wife, Kathy. They married on December 20, 1986, at the First Christian Church in Oskaloosa. Together they raised three wonderful children, Tiffany, TJ, and Trey. As a family, they loved their large chaotic fun-loving gatherings. Steve, nicknamed Spanky or Papa Spank, was the brunt of many jokes and teasing by his kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews. It was all in fun, and he loved it. His favorite place to be was Swank Acres in Otley – fishing, working, sitting by

the bonfire, riding four-wheelers or his ranger, and just hanging out with family. Steve took great pride in his home, lawn, and garden. He was famous for his tomatoes, and he and Kathy canned many quarts each summer. One of the highlights of every year was his annual “Dudes” trips; he and his family traveled to various destinations and enjoyed their male bonding. Steve also loved grocery shopping; it was always time-consuming because visiting with the many acquaintances he met may have been more important to him than his actual purchases.

Steve was baptized and made his profession of faith in 1987 at Central Reformed Church. He served as an elder and was always willing to help in any capacity. He enjoyed his visits with shut-ins and the elderly while on the consistory. Steve also enjoyed meeting with his Sunday evening Small Group for many years, a time that helped enrich his faith and friendships.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Lloyd and Marge Swank; his in-laws, Jerry and Ruby Rozenboom; twin infant granddaughters: Chloe and Claire Snakenberg; a brother, Lyle “Yogi” Swank; sister-in-law, Karla Riches, and brother-in-law, Marvin Bloem.

His family includes his wife, Kathy; his children: Tiffany (Scott) Snakenberg, TJ Criss, and Trey (Casy) Swank; his grandchildren: Coy, Cade, Carys, and Cora Snakenberg, Kamden and Kobie Criss, Ruby Swank, and a new granddaughter arriving in the summer. Also surviving him are his siblings: Bonnie (Willie) Rozenberg of Pella, IA, Peggy Swank, and Wes (Janet) Swank of Otley; his sisters-in-law, Kim Bloem, Kris (Ron) Mitrisin, and Kelli (Glenn) Breuklander, all of Oskaloosa and their children and grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Steve will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Central Church, with Pastor Jon Nelson officiating. A family prayer service will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the sanctuary. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Friday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Memorials can be made

to the Central Church Kitchen Fund or the American Legion Post #34.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **24**. 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 4-7 p.m.*

## Prayer Service

FEB **25**. 10:15 AM.

Lower Level Of The Sanctuary

## Funeral Service

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FEB **25**. 10:30 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 Steve Swank*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - February 24, 2023 at 12:42 PM

CE

*Beautiful tribute. Loving family. My heart breaks for all of you 💔💔*

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**Cheryl Eissens** - February 24, 2023 at 02:45 PM

CM

*Steve was a wonderful guy, always happy and friendly. He adored his wife and loved his family. He was a proud Father and grandfather and he will be missed. Prayers to Kathy and family 🙏*

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**Carol McGraw** - February 24, 2023 at 05:10 PM



“ *Steve Swank*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

NI

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Nikki - February 24, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - February 24, 2023 at 12:40 PM

MK

*I watched the whole tribute and it was awesome! So glad you have all these memories! I'll have you in my prayers as you walk this new traveled road. God be with you!! xo Mary*

Mary Kelly - March 07, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - February 23, 2023 at 07:36 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Steve Swank.



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February 23, 2023 at 05:28 PM



“ *Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank*

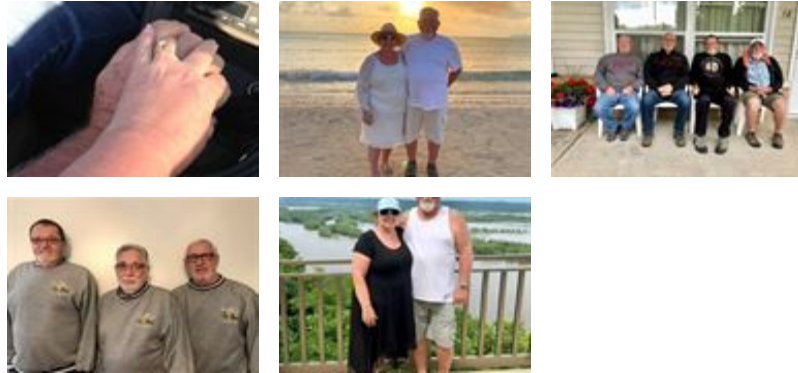


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**Jeff & Jill Ferguson** - February 23, 2023 at 05:19 PM



“ 186 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - February 23, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Steve Swank.



February 23, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Kathy Besco* lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank



**Kathy Besco** - February 23, 2023 at 01:20 PM

PP

“ Prayers for all of you,he was a great man.



Pat Probst - February 23, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ What a great guy!! Will miss his humor and hugs!!

Alice Nunnikhoven Van Wyk - February 23, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Steve Swank.



February 23, 2023 at 12:24 PM

HH

“ Kathy and Family - the world is missing someone truly wonderful. May you all find peace and comfort in Christ and each other.



Holly Hughes - February 23, 2023 at 11:59 AM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss Kathy. Prayers lifted up for you and all your family. Cherish all the wonderful memories you shared, and now hold dear to your heart.

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**Jean Binns** - February 23, 2023 at 01:44 AM

TH

“ I'm so sorry for ur loss Steve was one heck of a nice guy may he RIP & may God wrap his loving arms around U all in this difficult time

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**Tim Hol** - February 22, 2023 at 09:59 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Moore lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank



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**Jennifer Moore** - February 22, 2023 at 08:47 PM

RA

“ Rick And Denise Anderson lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank



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**Rick and Denise Anderson** - February 22, 2023 at 08:08 PM

LA

“ Kathy and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Steve's passing. Sending my sympathy and prayers to get you all through the difficult days ahead.

Lou Krusemark Albers



Lou (Krusemark) Albers - February 22, 2023 at 07:57 PM

JF

“ Jeff & Vickie Farver lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank



Jeff & Vickie Farver - February 22, 2023 at 07:43 PM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank



Becky Netten - February 22, 2023 at 07:25 PM

KH

“ Kim & Jaci Hansen lit a candle in memory of Steve Swank



Kim & Jaci Hansen - February 22, 2023 at 07:21 PM

PM

“ So very sorry to hear of Steve’s passing. Our sympathies to you Kathy and your family.

Patti Mitrisin - February 22, 2023 at 07:21 PM

JP

“ Sending love and prayers to your family. Steve will be missed!!

joann plate - February 22, 2023 at 07:20 PM

KS

“ Steve will definitely be missed... He certainly brought humor to any get together... Kathy and the whole family are in our thoughts and prayers...

Kelli - Aimee - Justin Smith  
Tom and Judy Stone

Kelli Smith - February 22, 2023 at 07:08 PM

SH

“ Kathy and family, so sorry for your loss



Sandy Hildebrand - February 22, 2023 at 07:00 PM