



## Willie Van Weelden

May 17, 1946 - June 10, 2023

Willie Van Weelden, 77, of New Sharon, passed away Saturday, June 10, 2023, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Henry Willis Van Weelden, son of Sjoerd Henry and Grace (Meppelink) Van Weelden, was born May 17, 1946, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Willie graduated from Oskaloosa Christian Grade School in 1960 and Pella Christian High School in 1964. He then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force; he served in Alaska and Italy and was honorably discharged in 1969. While in the service, Willie married Bonnie Lou Veldhuizen on February 17, 1967, at the Central Reformed Church in Oskaloosa. After returning from the service, Willie and Bonnie settled on a farm near New Sharon, and Willie farmed it with his good friend, Jack Goodman. After three years of farming with Jack, Willie purchased the farm, which remains the family home today. Willie maintained a dairy herd and raised grain and alfalfa. Willie held various jobs in addition to farming: he worked at Kelderman Manufacturing, served as a Mahaska County Supervisor from 2002 to 2018, did custodial work at his church, mowed lawns for Totalscape Lawn Care, and served as a bus driver for William Penn University. Willie was also active in several organizations: a Fellowship Bible Church and Oskaloosa Rotary Club member, Mahaska County Conservation Board President, and on the Oskaloosa Christian Grade School and Pella Christian High School boards. He also volunteered for the V.A. driving veterans to appointments. Willie loved his animals, dogs, cats, and chickens, and they always brought a smile to his face. Willie never lost his love of the land; he enjoyed gardening and sharing its bounty with friends and family. Some of his favorite times were starting his days with friends over coffee at Hy-Vee.

Willie's faith in Jesus was integral to who he was. During his lifetime, his faith helped determine his daily interactions and long-term goals. And as important, it helped him maintain a sense of calm and purpose throughout his life's highs and lows. His life work was complete because he passed his faith onto his family, and in facing death, he knew his eternal destiny.

His family includes his wife, Bonnie of New Sharon; daughters: Valerie (Brendan) Terpstra

of Pella, Jennifer Baham of San Jose, CA, and Melissa (Charlie) Bowen of Oskaloosa; nine grandchildren: Nathaniel (Emily) Terpstra of Pella, Taylor (Abby) Terpstra of Leighton, and Breanna (Jordan) Slotten of Pella, Camille and Erin Baham of San Jose, and Amelia, Aubrey, Amara, and Declan Bowen of Oskaloosa; and six great-grandchildren: Clayton and Matthias Terpstra, Tabitha and Boaz Terpstra, and Alexa and Orville Slotten. He is survived by a sister, Donna Frisby of Pella, and Bonnie's extended family.

In addition to his parents, Willie was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Gene Frisby.

Funeral Services for Willie will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 16, 2023, at the Fellowship Bible Church in Oskaloosa. Burial will be in Old White Cemetery with Military Honors by the Oskaloosa Honor Guard. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-7 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to the Music Program at the Oskaloosa Christian School or the Mahaska County Conservation.

# Cemetery Details

## Old White Cemetery

Oskaloosa, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 15.** 1:00 PM (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.*

## Funeral Service

**JUN 16.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church  
1000 A Ave. West  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Van Weelden*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 13, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Livestream of Willie's Funeral Service in memory of Willie Van Weelden*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 13, 2023 at 12:56 PM



“ *Willie Van Weelden*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



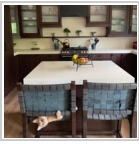
“ *Bonnie, Valerie, Jennifer and Melissa: So sorry to hear about the loss of your husband and dad. I have such fond memories of growing up with your family. The many afternoons we spent playing together were such great times and are never forgotten. I always felt like part of the family from all of you whenever I was at your house. You were the best neighbors! You are in our thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Hugs to you all!*

Diane (Rozenboom) Te Slaa - June 16, 2023 at 09:06 AM

JB

*Diane--What a blessing to hear from you. I saw your Dad this week and share fond memories with your family. Sending love your way, Jen*

Jennifer Baham - June 18, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ *Willie was a true gentleman. He cared deeply about his community and worked continuously to bring people together for the good of the county. He will be sorely missed.--Jim Hansen*

Jim Hansen - June 14, 2023 at 11:16 AM

ME

*Thank you for the kind words Jim.*

Melissa - June 27, 2023 at 06:27 AM



“ *111 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 13, 2023 at 04:50 PM

C'

“ *Connor Muff, WPU Volleyball '2022 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie Van Weelden.*



Connor Muff, WPU Volleyball '2022 - June 13, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willie Van Weelden.*



June 12, 2023 at 12:26 PM

RO

“ Rotary Club of Oskaloosa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Van Weelden.

Rotary Club of Oskaloosa - June 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM

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“ Rotary Club of Oskaloosa purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Willie Van Weelden.



Rotary Club of Oskaloosa - June 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM

GK

“ Willie was such a great guy. His sense of humor was rivaled only by his compassion and strength. He will be sorely missed.

Geneva Knobbe - June 12, 2023 at 11:04 AM

JJ

“ Our condolences to your family.  
Mark and JoAnn Jackson

JoAnn Jackson - June 12, 2023 at 10:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Willie Van Weelden.

June 12, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Willie Van Weelden.



June 12, 2023 at 10:01 AM

RE

“ Willie. Was one of the best supervisors Mahaska County had.

reba - June 12, 2023 at 09:33 AM

KP

“ Oh So sorry Bonnie and family, he was great, fun guy.□

Karen Powell - June 11, 2023 at 11:34 PM

DW

“ So much respect for Willie as a person and as a County Supervisor.  
He certainly supported us at Secondary Roads Dept.  
Prayers for Bonnie and family.  
RIP Willie. You will be missed.  
Debbie and Tom Walling

Debbie and Tom Walling - June 11, 2023 at 07:14 PM

DW

“ Debbie And Tom Walling lit a candle in memory of Willie Van Weelden



Debbie and Tom Walling - June 11, 2023 at 07:05 PM

FB

“ From Baham &. Bailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Willie Van Weelden.

From Baham &. Bailey - June 11, 2023 at 05:26 PM

FB

“ From Baham &. Bailey purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Willie Van Weelden.



From Baham &. Bailey - June 11, 2023 at 05:26 PM

VL

“ What a wonderful guy who will be greatly missed by many! Thoughts and prayers to Bonnie and his family!

Vicki Latcham - June 11, 2023 at 04:39 PM