

Allan Duus

July 20, 1934 - July 26, 2023

Allan Duus, 89, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, passed away July 26 at Community Memorial Health Center in Hartley with family by his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, August 4 at 11:00 at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church.

Allan Bovbjerg Duus was born on July 20, 1934, in Tyler, Minnesota. Allan was the oldest of four children born to Hjarne and Margaret (Bovbjerg) Duus.

Allan attended Tyler High School, graduating in 1952. Allan spent his younger years growing up on the family farm, where he had many fond mischievous adventures before enlisting in the US Army in 1955.

Allan was united in marriage to his high school sweetheart, love of his life, and best friend Lynda Anderson on May 27, 1956. During his service to his country, the couple made their first home in Columbus, Georgia, later moved to Peoria, Illinois. While in Peoria, Allan enrolled in Bradley University and later received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering, where he graduated as a Federation of Bradley Scholar; the highest honor Bradley University could bestow upon a student.

Allan & Lynda started a family in 1957, with the birth of their four beautiful daughters, whom he adored.

In 1961, Allan was offered a position as Director of Engineering & Product Development at Citation Homes in Spirit Lake. Allan was a faithful, dedicated, & loyal employee for 30+ years until his retirement.

Allan was dedicated to his work, family, and friends. His wife was his everything for 67 years. You rarely found them apart. During Allan's life, he was loving, caring and made his family his priority.

He also served many years on the Grace Lutheran Church Council, as well as the Spirit Lake Protection Board.

Allan was known for his sense of humor, and it was not uncommon that he would start his day with a joke. Allan often showed his goofy side while creating scavenger hunts, playing Wild Bill Hitchcock, and playing tickle monster with the grandkids and great grandkids.

Allan made sure his family experienced the outdoors that he loved, by taking them camping to every state in the U.S. While on those camping trips, you would find him riding stick horses, making forts among the bushes and trees, and stopping and exploring every scenic outlook and tourist attraction along the way.

Allan would always bring home some interesting piece of wood that he would find while exploring a remote trail, which typically took the entire family to haul back down the trail. Allan was creative, artistic, and loved to make things out of these treasures he found. His woodworking and carvings were admired by many and those who knew him were blessed to receive a carved cat or deer.

Allan built his “dream” home and life on the Big Spirit Lake and called the lake his “Heaven on earth.”

Allan passed away on July 26, 2023, from complications of Alzheimer’s and Covid. Through Alzheimer’s, his mind may have left him, but his spirit lived on until the end. Left to cherish Allan’s memory are his loving wife Lynda of Spirit Lake; Daughters Terry Wiese of Lake Park; Rebecca (Paul) Hardenberger of Hutchison, KS; Robin (Mike) Nielsen of Springfield, NE; and Cara (Jerry) Beers of Brookings, SD; Grandchildren Justin, Amanda, Jacob, Julia, Kyle Tricia, Jimmy, Shelby, Haley, and Parker; 5 great granddaughters; Brother Doug (Judy) Duus of Spirit Lake along with many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Gloria Grenz, brother Dave Duus and son-in-law Wayne Wiese.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran Church
801 Hill Ave.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Love, The Ammanns purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Allan Duus.



Love, The Ammanns - August 02, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Love, The Ammanns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allan Duus.

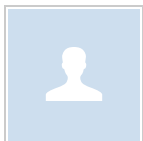
Love, The Ammanns - August 02, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Allan Duus.



August 01, 2023 at 10:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Allan Duus.



August 01, 2023 at 01:50 PM



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

August 01, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ I loved growing up next door to your family. My most memorable moment with Allan was when Robin and I were stranded on the lake after dropping an oar (into the lake). Allan of course rescued us, and asked why we told the neighbor we didn't need any help when obviously we did. Such a kind man who helped raise a wonderful family.

Lori Masad - July 31, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of Allan's death. He was such a wonderful man. We have had so much fun together working on Cliffs sales and the SLPA! Thinking of you Lynda and your family!

Martha Chizen - July 30, 2023 at 10:36 PM



“ Lynda and family, so sorry to hear of Allen's passing. May he rest in peace and may each of you have comfort in knowing he is in his heavenly home. God Bless each of you and may he hold you close. With Our Love and Sympathy.

Alan and Reba



Reba and Alan Munson - July 30, 2023 at 08:02 AM

LH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Allen's passing. My sympathy to you, Lynda and your family.

Lynn Greimann Hassebroek - July 29, 2023 at 08:30 PM

KH

“ So very sorry to hear of Allan's passing! I have so many good memories of the 2 of you! May you have comfort knowing he is at peace and joy! May God hold your family in his arms and bless you! Hugs and love Kathi Hinn

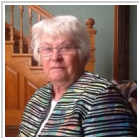


Kathleen Hinn - July 29, 2023 at 02:45 PM

AK

“ Oh, Lynda, we are so sorry to read of Allan's death. We enjoyed our short visits as we met on our walks over these many years. Thinking of you, Tom and Annette Kalkhoff

Annette Kalkhoff - July 29, 2023 at 01:31 AM



“ Marlene Schmidt lit a candle in memory of Allan Duus



Marlene Schmidt - July 28, 2023 at 11:57 PM

BA

“ Beverly Atwell lit a candle in memory of Allan Duus



Beverly Atwell - July 28, 2023 at 08:42 PM

MC

“ We were blessed to have Al as a treasured friend for more than 50 years! Oh, the memories! We miss his sense of humor, and his caring nature! Rest in Peace, Al! You enjoyed your paradise on Big Spirit, your heaven on earth; now you are home with your loving Heavenly Father! 🙏🏻✝️ We extend our deepest condolences to the entire family!
Jim and Mary



Mary Christianson - July 28, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ Mary Ellen Inbody lit a candle in memory of Allan Duus



Mary Ellen Inbody - July 28, 2023 at 04:20 PM



So sorry to hear about Allan! My sympathy!

Mary Ellen Inbody - July 28, 2023 at 04:20 PM

TH

“ Linda we are so sorry to hear of Alan’s passing. Please know that you and family are in our prayers.
Terry and Mary.

Terry and Mary Heidebrink - July 28, 2023 at 04:16 PM

MS

“ Marge Schneidawind lit a candle in memory of Allan Duus



Marge Schneidawind - July 28, 2023 at 03:27 PM

MS

Deepest sympathy to the Duus family.

Marge Schneidawind - July 28, 2023 at 03:30 PM

JB

“ Jim & Annie Bauer lit a candle in memory of Allan Duus



Jim & Annie Bauer - July 28, 2023 at 11:43 AM

KE

“ Dear Duus Family ~

We were saddened to hear of the loss of Allan. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Steve and Konnie Sue Egertson

I SAID A PRAYER

I said a prayer for you today, although you didn't hear.

I asked God to help you with your grief and to lessen your fear.

May each day your grief become more bearable, and give you peace of mind.

You have lost a very special person who was to everyone so kind.

by Konnie Sue Egertson

Konnie Sue Egertson - July 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM

JC

“ Jeff & Linda Christoffer sent a virtual gift in memory of Allan Duus



Jeff & Linda Christoffer - July 28, 2023 at 10:14 AM

DB

“ *My sympathy to your family.*

Dayle Brooks



Dayle Brooks - July 28, 2023 at 09:57 AM

LJ

“ *Larry And Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Allan Duus*



larry and Mary ann Jansen - July 28, 2023 at 09:29 AM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear of Allan's passing, Linda ~ he was such talented and kind man. God's blessings to you and your family*

Kay Wilson - July 27, 2023 at 09:01 PM