



## Jerry Stellinga

June 5, 1942 - September 25, 2013

Gerald "Jerry" Stellinga, age 71, of Spirit Lake, passed away Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake. He was born on June 5, 1942, in Rock Rapids, Iowa, to Allen "Red" and Ellen Harmsen Stellinga.

Jerry graduated from Rock Rapids High School in 1961. He was united in marriage to Rosemary Moser on June 21, 1963, in Inwood, Iowa. Jerry worked for Hy-Vee in the Meat Department at several Northwest Iowa stores, spending most of his years in Spirit Lake.

After his retirement Jerry enjoyed taking motorcycle rides, spending time with his family, mowing lawns and the many adventures he had driving the limo. He always enjoyed making new friends!

Jerry is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rosemary Stellinga of Spirit Lake; two daughters, Deb (John) Joseph of Waukee, and Sandi Stellinga (Mike Moses) of Spirit Lake; two sisters, Betty (Bruce) Kelley of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Beverly (Tim) Starr of Tea, South Dakota; three brothers, Marlin (Marlys) Stellinga of Sheldon, Bob (Linda) Stellinga of Sheldon, and Ken Stellinga of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; three grandchildren, Tucker Stellinga, James Joseph and Ryan Joseph; and his close friends, Rollie (Margy) Engbarth. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00A.M. Monday, September 30, 2013, at the First Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held Sunday, from 3:00P.M. until 5:00P.M. at the Schuchert Funeral Home. Burial will be at

Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Jerry's name.

The Schuchert Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“*Rosemary & girls: I worked with Jerry in the 80s at HyVee in Spirit Lake. What I remember most about Jerry is his sense of humor and his quick wit. I remember him as being a very kind and gentle person. We (Bob, Dick, Al, Jerry & I) had A LOT of laughs and fun working together. Jerry worked hard and had a killer giggle when he laughed.*

*Funniest memory I have is when we all went to Dick's house and short sheeted the bed & did other harmless pranks to his house!*

*I wish you the best and know Jerry is looking down at us sitting on his bike with a smile on his face.*

*My thoughts are with you, Cindy*

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**Cindy Hanby** - October 07, 2013 at 12:59 PM

JM

“*Rosemary, Deb, Sandy, and Families,  
We were saddened to hear of Jerry's passing. He will be missed.  
Find comfort in knowing you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jerry and Patty McGuire** - October 03, 2013 at 01:43 PM

BW

“*Rosemary and family. So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Bev Wittler** - October 02, 2013 at 08:42 PM

WK

“ We wanted you to know that our thoughts are with you. Memories of the Hy-Vee days at the original Spirit Lake store. Such a kind man.

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**Wayne and Diana (Doocy) Koppen** - September 29, 2013 at 07:42 PM

ST

“ Rosemary and family, So sorry for your loss. Our I love and prayers are with you and your family.

*Sally (Harmsen) Terlisner*

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**Sally (Harmsen) Terlisner** - September 29, 2013 at 03:04 PM

KT

“ Rosemary, Deb, Sandy, and families. So sorry for your loss.

*Kathy*

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**Kathy Thompson** - September 28, 2013 at 01:34 PM

BE

“ I had the pleasure to work with Jerry at the Estherville HyVee~ he was a great man and I enjoyed him very much. My condolences to your family.

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**Beth** - September 28, 2013 at 09:46 AM

DM

“ Rosemary and Family - we are so sorry for your loss. a bright light indeed has gone out. in deepest sympathy,

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**Dr. Paul & Patricia Martin** - September 27, 2013 at 05:45 PM

MV

“ Rosemary (and family)so thankful I am hooked up with the Rock Rapids site on Facebook else I would have never known! We used to ride to work together to RR-I was just married and you were still living with your parents. I went to HS with Gerald-he was one year behind me but we were good friends and if I may say so-momentarily my boyfriend! His dad ground feed for my dad for years-they were amazing friends and Red spent many hours drinking coffee with my parents. Thought of you guys often over the years. So now I am wondering-did he have health issues? Trusting you are still well.

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**Marg Vis** - September 27, 2013 at 05:07 PM

CS

“ Jerry Stellinga

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**Chad Schuchert** - September 27, 2013 at 03:20 PM

RD

“ Rosemary, Deb,and Sandy. You have our condolence and prayers for you loss. Jerry was a very special person to alot of people and will be missed by many.  
Marlin, Bob and Ken, also so sorry for your loss. Grew up knowing Jerry and your family and he will be missed. Prayer also to you and your family.

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**Rich and Lori DeBuhr** - September 27, 2013 at 01:03 PM

BS

“ Rosemary, Deb, Sandy and Family,

*Bill Jr. sent me the link to Jerry's obituary. Please accept my thoughts and prayers as you move through the time of reflection and remembering your husband and father. My memory is that he was GREAT!*

*Bill Sr.*

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**Bill Holland Sr.** - September 27, 2013 at 09:39 AM

GL

“ *My memories begin with Butch and end with Jerry. Butch was so intimidating to me but I was in such awe when he married "that beautiful" Rosemary. Then when I grew older, and he wasn't quite so much older than me, I was aware of those smiles. The photo on this website is just how he will remain in my memories. May God bless you Rosemary and help you hold onto the good memories. Jerry is now your guardian angel. Marlin (Sunny), Bob and Ken (miss you), Betty, Bev, and all your families, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Even though I don't see you often, you are always my loved cousins. Hugs, Gloria, and Dave Hastings*

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**Gloria** - September 27, 2013 at 08:33 AM

BS

“ *Rosemary, Deb, Sandy and families we are so sorry to hear about Jerry. We have many fond memories of all of you from when we lived in Spirit Lake. Always enjoyed seeing Jerry at Hy Vee in Estherville when we came back to visit my family. He will be missed by many. May God bless you with His peace and give you strength for the days ahead. You are in our thought and prayers.*

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**Bob & Mary Severson** - September 27, 2013 at 07:48 AM

BH

“ Rosemary, Was so sad to hear of Jerry's passing. He always was a bright smile in the day. When he quit Estherville Hy-Vee and retired, I really missed him. He would stop in every so often but hadn't seen him for awhile. You are in my prayers. God bless and keep all of Jerry's happiness forever in your heart.

Bonnie Handeland  
Estherville Hyvee

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**Bonnie Handeland** - September 27, 2013 at 06:56 AM

MD

“ We are so sorry for your loss! He will be missed very much! He was an outstanding person!

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**Matt&sheri Daniels** - September 26, 2013 at 08:42 PM

DB

“ Rosemary, Sandy, Deb and families, We are so sorry about the loss of your husband and father. Gerry was a Great man, he loved people always had a smile and wink that made you smile back. We are so happy that he was able to spend time in Texas at Circle T, how he liked the swimming pool and how he wanted to stay and go to the pool after you were already packed to go back home. Our trips to Mexico and little boys wanting to polish his tennis shoes and did get them done. So many fond memories we will keep in our hearts. Gerry is a very special Angel who will watch over all of you and will watch us all carry on the smile and winks where he left off. God Bless a Wonderful Man. Gerry will be missed by so many.

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**Dave & Barb** - September 26, 2013 at 08:39 PM

BW

“ Jerry Stellinga

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**Bev Wittler** - September 26, 2013 at 07:38 PM

PR

“ So sorry to hear of Jerry's passing. I remember seeing him on those lawn mowers keeping Spirit Lake in tip top shape. Prayers to you all.  
Peggy

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**Peggy Rick** - September 26, 2013 at 06:52 PM

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“ I am saddened at the passing of Jerry. He was a great person and friend, always enjoyed chatting with him. Sending prayers to the whole family.

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**Rhonda Meyer (Hilliard)** - September 26, 2013 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ Sandy: so sorry , sending prayers to you all .

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**Sally Haas** - September 26, 2013 at 04:18 PM

DB

“ Sandy and family,

*I'm so sorry to hear about Jerry. Lots of prayers were out there for him to get better. He was such a great guy and always had a smile. God be with you.*

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**Dayle Broocks** - September 26, 2013 at 03:36 PM

TC

“ I am sorry to hear about Jerry. I drove limousines with Jerry for several years. I always looked forward to his smile and humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

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**Troylene Cooper** - September 26, 2013 at 03:11 PM

TS

“ *Sandi, Deb, & Rosemary,  
I am so sorry for your loss! There are so many great memories I have of Jerry. Your family was such an important part of my life when I was in chaos. Jerry always had a smile and was pretty fun to be around....unless we were in trouble. :)  
Jerry was a great Dad, and I am sure a super Grandpa! He will be missed and remembered lovingly.*

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**Trudy Bak Schumacher** - September 26, 2013 at 01:41 PM

AD

“ *Jerry was always smiling and it made a trip to the grocery store a lot more fun for so many people.  
He has touched many hearts and I have all of you in my prayers.*

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**Adrienne** - September 26, 2013 at 01:08 PM

JS

“ *Sandy, Rosemary, Tucker, Debbie and Family I am sorry for your lose. He was just a great joy to sit next to at the soccer games and to watch his face when he and Tucker would talk. He was a great inspiration to me and my kids. We all loved him. Hugs and prayers are coming your way from me and my family.*

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**Jennifer Stukey** - September 26, 2013 at 11:06 AM

DD

“*Rosemary, Sandy & Family,  
What a truly Awesome man. We are so blessed to have known  
Jerry. He has touched our lives, I consider his presents in my life a  
special gift from God. Always a kind word and a smile. I am so  
fortunate to have worked with him at HyVee, he always made me  
smile. I will never see a pair of shoes the same again.  
Loving thoughts and prayers.  
Dee Rae and Dale*

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**Dee Rae & Dale** - September 26, 2013 at 10:49 AM

BO

“*Rosemary, Sandy, Debbie & Guys  
Sending you love and prayers.  
Good bye "Mr. Awesome"*

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**Bonnie** - September 26, 2013 at 08:03 AM