



Karlton Lane Kunath

November 10, 1925 - August 1, 2017

A memorial service for Lane will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Spirit Lake with Father Tom Early officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Military Funeral Honors will be performed by American Legion Timpe Post #23 and the John W. Kidd VFW Post #4515 at the St. Alban's Episcopal Church Columbarium. The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Lane was born on November 10, 1925 in his family's home in Spencer to Sumner and Bertha (Miller) Kunath. He graduated from the Spencer High School in 1943.

After graduation, he enlisted in the US Navy during World War II. He reported to boot camp and Radio School in Farragut, ID. He served his country during the battles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa on the USS Hinsdale APA-120. He witnessed the flags go up at Iwo Jima. Lane was honorably discharged as a Radio Man 2/C on Sunday, Mother's Day May 12, 1946. He was a Life Member of American Legion Post #1 and Life Member of VFW Post #3159 Clay County.

After returning home from the war, Lane attended and graduated from Jewelry

Repair at the Kansas City School of Watchmaking and the School of Watch Making at Elgin Watchmakers College in Elgin, IL. He worked in Waterloo, Webster City and Spencer. He was united in marriage to Lorma Robinson on November 24, 1949. She preceded him in death on October 7, 1993.

Lane was a on the Iowa State Board of Examiners in Watchmaking. He was also a member of British Horological Institute, Civil Air Patrol and served as a Lieutenant in the 50's. He was aa Advanced Class Armature Radio Operator, licensed in 1961. He also served as a Storm Watcher for many years on Amateur Radio. Lane climbed and erected many towers for HAMS and other radio installations.

He is survived by his sons David (Kristin) Kunath of Mankato, MN; and Mark Kunath of Brownton, MN; grandsons, Benjamin and Even Kunath, Nick Kunath, granddaughter Allison Kunath and sister in law Bonnie Kunath of Spencer, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother H. Kay Kunath and infant brother.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Spirit Lake, IA

Service

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Spirit Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

SB

“ Mark and David Sorry for your loss. It was great to see him at my brother Ron's funeral.

Sandra Robinson Borwig - March 12, 2024 at 10:04 PM

LO

“ David and Mark, Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. We only met you briefly at the nursing home, but Lane was a close friend of Merrie's dad, Stub Veitch. They both enjoyed old cars and driving around Spencer looking at changes that were being made through out the community. Keeping you and family in our prayers.
Larry and Merrie Olsen

Lawrence Olsen - August 14, 2017 at 10:35 AM

PR

“ Pam and Rodney purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Karlton Lane Kunath.



Pam and Rodney - August 08, 2017 at 04:38 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Karlton Lane Kunath.



August 08, 2017 at 02:54 PM

PR

“ *Mark and David,*

I was saddened to hear of your father's recent passing. My parents (George and Joanne Mallory) knew both your parents for many years. Lane was a gentleman and an extremely talented watchmaker. In fact, I have an antique pendulum desk clock in our guest bedroom that he fixed for my dad. I am especially grateful for Lane's friendship with my father after Mom passed in 2003. He helped my dad go down from Spencer to KC to visit his granddaughter, something that really meant a lot to Dad. On their way back, they stopped in Lincoln to visit my husband, John, and me and have a lunch. I know you have many happy memories of happier days. May they sustain you through the difficult days ahead.



*With sympathy,
Pat (Mallory) Robidoux*

Pat Robidoux - August 07, 2017 at 06:57 PM

PL

“ Dave and Mark, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I stopped in to visit him at Longhouse just a year ago. We had a very good conversation about the "old days." I have known Lane since the early '50's when he and Lorma attended St. Mark's Church in Waterloo. My parents thought very highly of them, as do I. When Karen and I moved our family to Spencer in 1970, he and Lorma were such a big help to us and such good friends. Now he gets to be with his sweet Lorma again. We had such good times at St. Stephen's Church over the years. They were a mainstay of that parish.

Blessings to you and your families. Lane will truly be missed.

*Paul Lamson
Lee's Summit, MO*

Paul Lamson - August 07, 2017 at 01:05 PM

DJ

“ Lane was a good friend whom I first met when we moved to Spencer from Michigan with the Eaton Company. He and Lorma were always there when St. Stephen's had their famous spaghetti suppers. When St. Stephens closed and we joined the congregation of St. Alban's in Spirit Lake, Lane was a faithful member and continued with our faithful St. Stephen's group as we transferred to St. Alban's. I will miss him.

Debbie Jenkins

Deb Jenkins - August 07, 2017 at 12:09 PM

CN

“ My condolences to Mark and David. I knew Lane and Lorma back in the 70's & 80's. I bought my first decent wristwatch from Lane only to have it stolen at the old time photo booth at Arnold's Park. Lane was repairing my Grandpa's pocketwatch when his shop was broken into and that was also stolen. I guess you could say my experiences with Lane are "timeless." I'll always remember coming over to visit and finding the garage and house wide open but apparently no one home. Getting back in my car, I heard "Hey Meathead!" from high above to find him atop his radio tower. He harassed me constantly until he found out I had been in the Army Signal Corps and helped operate a MARS radio station during Viet Nam. Then I was a ok. i reconnected with him via Facebook and telephone a number of years ago but never found him home when I passed through Spencer. However I always found myself looking up at the radio tower before I left. I will miss him. Chuck Nash, Omaha

Chuck Nash - August 07, 2017 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ I consider Lane one of my best friends. Moved to Spencer after I got out of the Navy in '73. Our first connections were with ham radio and continued in many ways. He honored me by nominating me for Spencer citizen of the year back in the 90's. I didn't win that position, but I still won. Lane worked for me occasionally in the 80's when I had my Motorola radio business. He helped erect many towers. Then when I got into the organ repair business, he held keys for me for many years when I had to tune pipe organs. My life and the lives of many others was enhanced by this wonderful man. Will see you someday in Heaven my friend.

Tom Fuchsen
Spencer

Tom Fuchsen - August 07, 2017 at 10:33 AM

SF

“ Deepest sympathy to the Kunath family. I knew Lane as a church friend. He was one of our little "breakfast club" that used to meet for lunch at the bolling alley for a "home cooking" breakfast after church, Bonnie and Kay were among them.

Lane was such good company, always pleasant and helpful. His e-mails were fun. I have missed him in the past two years and due to my own health issues, was only able to get to Spencer twice after he went to Longhouse. He told me way back then that he was "ready." We do not want our loved ones to linger in pain nor misery, and it is comforting to know that he is at peace with our Lord. Thank you for contacting me.

Instead of flowers, I plan to donate to the couch Scholarship Fund in his name.

Sue Fontaine

Sue Fontaine - August 05, 2017 at 08:34 PM

KM

“ Lane was such a sweet man with a big heart, gentle smile and delightful sense of humor. I so enjoyed knowing him and appreciated his friendship with my mom and out family.

Kristi Kanago Miller - August 04, 2017 at 10:44 PM

PL

“ So sorry to learn of Lane's passing. He was our neighbor for over 50 yrs., spent a lot of time with both he & Lorna at their house. A gentle person & wonderful watch repairman. So wish he could have repaired my father-in-laws' gold pocket watch. I miss not seeing him wave to me as he was driving by our house. RIP, may the angels accompany you to the Heavenly gates. Pat & Eldon Larsen

PAT LARSEN - August 03, 2017 at 01:59 PM

DR

“ Knew Lane from Ham Radio and the Lakes Radio Club, was one of the last of the old school hams, gonna miss him. From KBOURP.



Dan and Fawn Rogers - August 02, 2017 at 09:23 PM

LN

“ Lane was true friend . His sense of humor was well known. We always felt that Norma & Lane were loyal friends. We always knew where they stood on political issues or other situations. They were very proud of their family. We especially enjoyed Lane with "ham radio" activities. We recall one time my husband was ill & he offered to drive the big Caddy to Sioux Falls whenever we needed to see specialist. He was very special.
RIP, dear friend now with Norma. Hugs, Lisa & Phil Nelson

Lisa & Phil Nelson - August 02, 2017 at 05:07 PM

FM

“ Lane was always faithful in coming to Bible Study, and I loved the videos he sent me with all of the miniature engines. God bless you brother!

Fr. Carl

Fr. Carl Mann - August 02, 2017 at 10:03 AM

RS

Lane was a good friend. We always enjoyed a cup of coffee before church at St. Albans on Sunday morning. God bless!

Roy Stroud.

Roy Stroud - August 03, 2017 at 03:02 PM

MH

Rest in peace, my friend and neighbor! I'm sure Lorma was there to greet you! Mickie (Moklestad) Hansen

Mickie Hansen - August 03, 2017 at 07:11 PM

DJ

*I've known Lane ever since we moved to Spencer when he was one of St. Stephen's members. He and Lorma always were there to share in the famous speghetti suppers that St. Stephens put on every fall. When we closed the church and moved to St Alban's he was always there for bible study and our church services. A "good" guy!!
Debbie Jenkins*

Deborah Jenkins - August 04, 2017 at 10:14 AM

KF

We first met Lane when I was working for my brother at Comm Spec. He popped in once or twice a week and was always very interesting and fun to talk with. We shared a lot of good lefty political discussions and always a joke and a laugh. We shall miss our regular emails until recently and the nearly yearly visits from Australia and going out to lunch. Rest in peace, mate.

Ken and Liz Fuchsen

Ken and Liz Fuchsen - August 04, 2017 at 09:13 PM

NB

Our friendship started with Lane, way back in high school. My husband, Floyd Breidinger (deceased) were in the same class--a year ahead of me. Over the past years, Lane has held the class of 1943 together--so many classmates have reported to him what has been happening in their lives and he sent the information on to many of us, via email. May you rest in peace, Lane. My sympathy to your family. Norma Fisk Breidinger

Norma Breidinger - August 04, 2017 at 09:36 PM

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Sue Fontaine - 1 second ago

Sue Fontaine - August 05, 2017 at 10:55 PM

SF

that is the CHURCH scholarship fund

Sue Fontaine - August 05, 2017 at 11:01 PM