



Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug

November 14, 1935 - June 27, 2021

Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug of Spirit Lake, Iowa, died June 27, 2021, at age 85. Keith was the youngest of twelve children born to parents Jennie and Gerrit Oostenbrug in rural Primghar, Iowa, on November 14, 1935.

He lost his mother as a young boy and his father as a young teen. He was raised and supported by his extended loving family in Northwest Iowa.

He graduated from Primghar High School in 1953 and holds the Iowa Track and Field title for longest Football Throw. He attended Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa in 1953 and 1954. He attended the American Institute of Business in Des Moines in 1955.

He married Carol Jean DySard in 1956. They raised their family in Sioux City, Iowa, and retired to their Center Lake home in Spirit Lake in 1999.

Keith spent his early years working for Federated Insurance Company. Mid career he worked several years in Industrial Sales for Diamond Vogel Paint from Orange City, Iowa, covering a four state region. He ended his working years as a Certified Financial Planner for IDS in Sioux City and then LeMars Bank and Trust.

Keith was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Sioux City and Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. He particularly enjoyed his Men's Group and Sunday school class in recent years. He was an active Siouxland Optimist and Sioux City Lions Club and Spirit Lake Kiwanis Club member.

In July of 1970, Keith survived a brain aneurysm. Thanks to the encouragement from a local neurosurgeon and the generosity of friends and

church family, he was able to go to Zurich, Switzerland, to have surgery performed by a pioneer in the very early days of using a microscope in brain surgery. The kindnesses received in those days was never forgotten by his family.

Keith loved meeting new people and never met a stranger. He had an uncanny memory for names and faces and loved telling people's stories. He loved fishing and golf and playing cribbage with his friends and family. He was the most attentive and loving host.

He is survived by his loving wife Carol, after celebrating 65 years of marriage in January, and his five children and their families: Susan and Michael Ferris, Jeffrey Oostenbrug, Joel and Teresa Oostenbrug, Laura Musselman, and Thomas and Pamela Oostenbrug. He is survived by grandchildren Thomas and Erin Ferris, Adam Ferris and Chandi Nicholson, Jenna and Ferrell McGhee and Grant Ferris; Becky and Grant Glover, Katy and Nathan Willingham and David Oostenbrug, Kelly and Josh Knaack, Patrick and Arielle Sachau and Sara and DJ Anderson, Natalie Oostenbrug and Raechel Oostenbrug. He is survived by sixteen great grandchildren, sister and brother-in-law Edy and Don Kammerer and many beloved friends.

Special thanks to the dedicated staff at Lakes Regional Healthcare for their compassion and care. Memorials to Lakes Regional Healthcare designated for Hospice Care in Spirit Lake, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 1, 2021 at the Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held at a later date in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

6605 Morningside Ave.
Sioux City, IA 51106

Previous Events

Service

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
1812 Gary Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug*



Robinson Funeral Home - June 29, 2021 at 06:26 PM

DJ

“ *My deepest condolences to Keith's family and friends. I went to high school with Susan and worked with both Susan and Joel at Osco Drug. I remember him as a great father who was always smiling, and his kids loved him.*

Diann Hurrele Jacobson - July 01, 2021 at 07:14 PM

DK

“ *Diana Kies lit a candle in memory of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug*



Diana Kies - July 01, 2021 at 10:01 AM

DR

“*Doug And Barb Ricke lit a candle in memory of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug*



Doug and Barb Ricke - June 30, 2021 at 10:37 PM

GD

“*Guy and Dena purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug.*



Guy and Dena - June 30, 2021 at 03:19 PM

KC

“*My deepest condolences to your beautiful mother, to Susan and her siblings, Jeff, Joel, Laurie (Odie!) and Thomas for the loss of your wonderful, warm and loving father. I have treasured memories from 6th grade with Susan and many hours of playing together up on 35th Street - it was a home full of love, lots of laughter and lots of activity. I know he worked hard to make it all possible and you could tell how much he loved all of you. May that love and all of your memories bring you comfort in the days ahead. Keeping you all in my prayers.*

*Katie Kelly Colling
Sioux City*

Katie Colling - June 30, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug.



June 29, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Christine Luu and Mary Rice* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug.



Christine Luu and Mary Rice - June 29, 2021 at 03:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug.



June 29, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug.



June 28, 2021 at 03:04 PM

AB

“ I met Keith O in the early 1950s when dating his older brother Glenn (Dutch). He was a remarkable young man who really didn't have his own home from aged 5 until he married Carol. They raised five children who loved him and led a life of faith in the Lord Jesus. I'm honored to have had him for a brother-in-law. Ardella Butler

Ardella Butler - June 28, 2021 at 02:07 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Keith Merlyn Oostenbrug.



June 28, 2021 at 10:44 AM

JR

“ Keith was a great friend and neighbor. Our neighborhood will sure miss his laughter and his big smile! We will be praying for the family of Keith. Jo Rozema & Keith Van Meeteren.

Jo Rozema - June 28, 2021 at 09:54 AM

SL

“ We send our sympathy to Carol and family. God is good. Keith is now in heaven. We send our prayers and we wish you well. Take care. Love to you all.



Stan Colleen Lemkuil - June 28, 2021 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ *The Oostenburgs were neighbors in Sioux City. I was always impressed by the way the parented their children. My mother helped get Mr. Oostenburg on a flight to have surgery. Thank you for being such a good example for me.*

Jayne McGuire - June 28, 2021 at 05:20 AM

GJ

“ *Keith has been a much loved friend among the men at Spirit Lake United Methodist Church. He has been an active participant in our Wednesday morning coffee gatherings and we have enjoyed his companionship for years. Rest in Peace "Double O".*

Gary Jones - June 27, 2021 at 11:48 AM