



Victor W. Wilcke

March 20, 1952 - December 16, 2018

We mourn the passing of Victor Wendel Wilcke, 66, of Spirit Lake, IA on December 16, 2018. Victor was born at Des Moines, IA on March 20, 1952. He was the son of Ernest W. Wilcke and Elaine M. Hillmann Wilcke.

He attended school in Malcom and Grinnell, IA until he moved to Spirit Lake. There he attended 4th thru graduation in 1970. He then attended Wartburg College. While there, he did further study at the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico and the Alliance Française in Paris, Drew University in New Jersey and The United Nations. He spent 8 weeks in Ghana, Africa receiving credit thru the University of Massachusetts. Victor also studied at Harvard University and then on to the University of Chicago for study in Economics. He gained degrees from Wartburg, and the University of Chicago. He served as President of the Honor Society for 2 years at Spirit Lake High School and 2 years at Wartburg.

Various jobs filled his summers and about 1988, he started helping his father by driving on long road trips. Stamps and coins were his hobbies from second grade on. He also enjoyed chess, fishing and hunting. He was a valued helper for Lutheran World Relief, lifting 3 ton plus 680 pounds 4 times for the next shipment. For a brief period, he did tutoring at Lakes Community College.

Victor was a member of Grace Lutheran Church from 1953-1956 and 1961

until his passing. During that time, he was confirmed by Rev. Fred Peters. He leaves to mourn, his mother, Elaine Wilcke of Spirit Lake, Uncle Dr. Daniel J. Hillmann of Baton Rouge, LA; Aunt Agnes Ruth Mikel of Grinnell, IA and Mesa, AZ; and numerous cousins and second cousins and his kitty, Sophie, who visited him on December 14, 2018.

Deceased are is his father, Ernest Wilcke, Uncle Elmer C. Hillmann, grandparents Elmer and Tina Hillmann and Lulu and Detlef Wilcke.

Please remember Grace Lutheran Church, the Northwest Iowa Humane Society, and Lutheran World Wide Relief in any memorials.

Private graveside services will be held in the Clinton Memorial Cemetery in Clinton, Iowa beside his father and his father's parents. There will be no formal services held.

“Commit your way unto the Lord, trust in Him, and He will act.” Prov. 37:5

Cemetery Details

Clinton Lawn Cemetery

2610 Manufacturing Dr.
Clinton, IA 52732

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Victor was a great guy!! So good in high school football! Kind and gentle to everyone! And SO SMART! Very sad. Say hi to Jim, Victor!!

Cathy Wetzeler - December 21, 2018 at 02:05 PM

DR

“ Don & Jean Watts Reed lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke



Don & Jean Watts Reed - December 20, 2018 at 05:23 PM

LH

“ Laura Hague lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke



Laura Hague - December 19, 2018 at 10:47 PM

RG

“ Ray & Darlene Gustafson lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke



Ray & Darlene Gustafson - December 19, 2018 at 01:32 PM

DK

“ *Deb Christensen Knudson lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke*



Deb Christensen Knudson - December 19, 2018 at 01:14 PM

DC

“ *Dick And Donna Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke*



Dick and Donna Christoffer - December 19, 2018 at 03:24 AM

JC

“ *Jeff And Linda Christoffer lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke*



Jeff and Linda Christoffer - December 19, 2018 at 03:23 AM

DH

“ *What a nicely written tribute to Vic. I always enjoyed our conversations when Vic would stop by the church. Vic is now sitting with his Dad in our Heavenly Fathers home. God bless you and your family Elaine!*

Deb Heidebrink - December 18, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Victor W. Wilcke.



December 18, 2018 at 12:25 PM



“ Elaine, so sorry to hear of Vic's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Reba and Alan Munson - December 17, 2018 at 11:22 PM



“ Julie Lande lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke



Julie Lande - December 17, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Larry Gjerde lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke



Larry Gjerde - December 17, 2018 at 10:38 PM

LJ

“ *Larry/Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke*



Larry/Mary Ann Jansen - December 17, 2018 at 10:02 PM

PM

“ *Elaine, I am so sorry to read of Victor's passing. May you find comfort in knowing you are in our thoughts and prayers.
Patty and Jerry McGuire
(former Spirit Lake residents-Patty at the Library and Jerry at the HyVee)*

Patricia McGuire - December 17, 2018 at 08:48 PM

MM

“ *Elaine,
I'm so sorry to read about Victor. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family
Marcia (Duhn) Morrison*

Marcia Morrison - December 17, 2018 at 06:54 PM

NM

“ *Norm Meinking lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke*



Norm Meinking - December 17, 2018 at 01:30 PM

PR

“ Elaine, I am so sorry to hear this. Prayers to you.



Peggy Rick - December 17, 2018 at 11:28 AM

LJ

“ Larry/Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Victor W. Wilcke



Larry/Mary Ann Jansen - December 16, 2018 at 07:21 PM

DB

“ My sympathy to the family.

Dayle Broocks



Dayle Broocks - December 16, 2018 at 07:08 PM

JR

Our sympathy to you, Elaine, and you will be in our prayers.

Jim & Charlene Radcliffe - January 11, 2019 at 07:51 PM