

Allan Pedersen

August 29, 1944 - February 12, 2017

Allan R. Pedersen, age 72, of Alta, Iowa died Sunday, February 12, 2017 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Memorial services will take place Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Allan Richard Pedersen was born August 29, 1944 in Cherokee, Iowa, the son of Murray and Alta (Maust) Pedersen.

He attended school at Fairview, and later graduated from Alta High School in 1962.

On March 13, 1965, Al joined the United States Army. He served as Staff Sergeant in the 1st Air Cavalry Company C of the 5 Battalion, 7th Brigade during the Vietnam War. Throughout his service, Al earned the awards of National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Al was honorably discharged on December 1, 1969.

After his discharge, Al returned home to the family farm. He was united in marriage to Diane Nielsen on August 15, 1970 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta. The couple moved to their current farm where they began raising their three children: Lisa Marie, Ronald Jay, and Tyler James.

Al was an active member of Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta where he served as an Elder. He was also a member of the Alta VFW Post #6172.

Farming was a passion of Al's. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether it be fishing, boating, water skiing, or snow skiing. Most of all, he loved traveling with his wife, Diane and spending time with his children and grandchildren. The memories and love he shared will be remembered forever.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Diane Pedersen of Alta, Iowa; children: Lisa (Craig) Lewis of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; Ron (Kelli) Pedersen of Alta, Iowa; Tyler (Cara) Pedersen of Alta, Iowa; grandchildren: Ethan and Zackary Lewis; Kodey, Kash, and Kerrigan Pedersen; Parker, Brock, and Addison Pedersen; sisters: Kathleen Stoughton of Alta, Iowa; Nancy (Jerry) Andrews of Shafer, Minnesota; mother-in-law, Martha Nielsen of Alta, Iowa; brothers-in-law: Pete (Cindy) Nielsen of Alta, Iowa; and Rob (Jane) Nielsen of Alta, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, Murray and Alta Pedersen; and father-in-law, Charles Nielsen.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church
1000 S. Main St.
Alta, IA 51002

Memorial Service

FEB **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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1000 S. Main St.
Alta, IA 51002

Interment

FEB **16** (CT)

Storm Lake Cemetery
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Allan Pedersen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 15, 2017 at 10:07 AM

DR

I have many memories of Allen from church and Sunday school and Bible school! We visited Ed and Mary often when we were little! I am so thankful for the afternoon Kristin and I spent visiting with Allen! Many prayers for your families! He and Murray were so kind to us when we lost our Dad at such a young age. Very honored to be related to such a remarkable man!

DeAnn Ramsey - February 21, 2017 at 10:56 AM

KF

So thankful that I was able to spend time with Allan over the years discussing mostly our mutual family history but also things like county drainage districts and crude oil pipelines... you are all in my thoughts during this difficult time. Thanks so much for the video. I knew Allan and Diane were adventurous but did not realize just how much they did!

Kristin Frish - February 22, 2017 at 05:40 PM

LJ

“ Love John and Janice purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Allan Pedersen.



Love John and Janice - February 16, 2017 at 01:45 PM

JS

“ Al was a friend and high school classmate of mine. We kept in touch through email, phone calls and at class reunions. On several occasions, I have spoken with Diane regarding his first, intestinal issues, and then about his brain tumor. He was such a positive person whose politics were closely aligned with mine, so we had many things to discuss. We put together a class book of experiences for our reunions and for our 50th, Al and Diane had a beautiful contribution in their chapter which included memories from their work, travels and family. My favorite picture was of them in their barn loft on a summer evening. A classic which captured the spirit of America at its best. Al will be sorely missed by everyone and I wish Diane and her family the best in these difficult times. Diane told me that Al was at peace with the world and went to his Maker with the class that he always showed in his character. RIP Al - John A. Soderquist

John A. Soderquist - February 16, 2017 at 12:21 PM

JO

“ Jeff & Marjean O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Jeff & Marjean O'Bannon - February 15, 2017 at 06:50 PM

PF

“ My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. May the cherished memories and the loving kindness' of family and friends comfort you. Also may the God (Psalms 83:18) of comfort and tender mercies, comfort you and keep the family together.

pfl - February 15, 2017 at 01:42 PM

AK

“ Angie Kutz lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Angie Kutz - February 15, 2017 at 10:53 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - February 15, 2017 at 09:55 AM

JC

“ Jim And Luann Cooper lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



jim and Luann Cooper - February 15, 2017 at 02:22 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Allan Pedersen.



February 14, 2017 at 09:07 PM



“ *Jim And Laurie Foley lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen*



Jim and Laurie Foley - February 14, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ *Karen & Saul Selby lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen*



Karen & Saul Selby - February 14, 2017 at 12:18 PM



Blessings to you as you grieve and celebrate his life and and rejoice with His joining our Savior and Father in Heaven.

Karen - February 14, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Lynn Snyder - February 14, 2017 at 12:03 PM

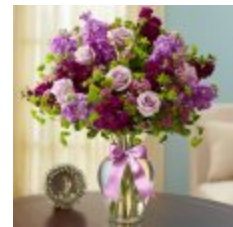


“ Diane and family--So sorry for you loss. May God's arms surround you at this sad time
Karen Buchholz

Karen Buchholz - February 14, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Allan Pedersen.



February 14, 2017 at 08:56 AM



“ Steve And Sharon Badertscher lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Steve and Sharon Badertscher - February 14, 2017 at 08:50 AM

BE

“ *Diane, we extend our sincere sympathy and prayers. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Steve and Betty Ehlers

Betty Ehlers - February 13, 2017 at 10:38 PM

LI

“ *Kelli, Ron and family
We are so sorry for your loss...God Bless you!!
Lloyd & Linda Myers*



Linda - February 13, 2017 at 09:56 PM



So sorry to her about Alan Diane,he was truly a great man. Are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Runae Brake - February 14, 2017 at 07:22 PM

ZM

“ *Zeke And Stacy Meyer lit a candle in memory
of Allan Pedersen*



zeke and stacy meyer - February 13, 2017 at 09:36 PM

MR

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Diane, and all the family. A good man who was a good model. May he rest in peace. Margie and Eddie Rahe



margie and eddie rahe - February 13, 2017 at 08:06 PM

BD

“ Barbara Derksen lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Barbara Derksen - February 13, 2017 at 08:00 PM

BD

Allan and Diane were some of our first friends when we moved to the US. We have fond memories of fellowship in their home. Allan's welcoming smile always made us feel at home both in their house and in their country.

Barbara Derksen - February 13, 2017 at 08:02 PM

HD

“ Allan was an honourable man and good friend. He and Diane were helpful in helping Barbara and I become members of Summit church. I was honoured to serve with him on the elder board. We had a wonderful conversation when we saw you in December. The Lord will make good use of you my friend. Look forward to seeing you again. Diane and family, please accept our condolences. Henry and Barbara Derksen

henry derksen - February 13, 2017 at 07:50 PM

JA

“ Jerry, Nancy, & John Andrews purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Allan Pedersen.



Jerry, Nancy, & John Andrews - February 13, 2017 at 07:16 PM

KD

“ Kara Davis lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Kara Davis - February 13, 2017 at 05:40 PM

TP

“ Tim & Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Tim & Kathy Peterson - February 13, 2017 at 05:09 PM

TW

“ Tom & Debbie Witt lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Tom & Debbie Witt - February 13, 2017 at 04:34 PM

RT

“ Roger Trimble lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Roger Trimble - February 13, 2017 at 03:15 PM

DM

“ Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Dave Merten - February 13, 2017 at 12:26 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - February 13, 2017 at 10:05 AM

Ann Marie Fiorendino

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Ann Marie Fiorendino - February 13, 2017 at 09:46 AM

SS

“ *Staci And Mike Struthers lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen*



Staci and Mike Struthers - February 13, 2017 at 09:31 AM

JB

“ *Al was such an honorable man full of knowledge and wisdom, who took great pride in his faith, family, farming and John Deere green. He will truly be missed by all those who had the chance to know him. Fly high Al, fly high.*



Jarren and Jessica Badertscher - February 13, 2017 at 08:42 AM

PH

“ *Diane and family,
You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Paul and Eileen*



Paul & Eileen Howie - February 13, 2017 at 08:17 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen*



John and Connie Demers - February 13, 2017 at 07:37 AM



“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Allan Pedersen*



Heidi Howard - February 13, 2017 at 07:15 AM