



Dr. Arthur Ames

November 7, 1936 - September 30, 2014

Dr. Arthur Ames, age 77, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the East Friesland Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Ackley, Iowa. Visitation will take place Friday, October 3, 2014 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Arthur Ames was born on November 7, 1936 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His indomitable spirit and sunny disposition served him well throughout his life. He was born with club foot and underwent more than a dozen operations to walk normally, and at age sixteen he contracted polio. He overcame these early adversities to lead an athletic life filled with tennis, squash, water skiing, sailing, ice boating, and snow skiing.

After growing up in the small town of Mount Holly, New Jersey, he attended Brown University where he was vice president of his class and president of his fraternity, and was even given the honor of driving Eleanor Roosevelt from the airport to the college in his 1955 ragtop Chevy for a speaking engagement. Throughout high school and college he worked an array of jobs including

picking blueberries, digging ditches for the New Jersey Turnpike, waiting tables, delivering mail, and selling men's clothing. He earned his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania and attended Yale University as a surgical resident, where he met a nurse named Karen deNeui. After a whirlwind romance, he proposed, and they were married in April 1965 at East Friesland Presbyterian Church in Ackley, Iowa.

He was drafted into the Air Force and stationed as a surgeon at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. There he and Karen started their family with the birth of their first child, Katherine. In 1967 he was honorably discharged and the family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he continued his surgery training. After a year in Milwaukee, their second child, Mary, was born. At that point, Arthur decided to focus on more family-centered medicine and spent another year training in family practice.

In 1969 Arthur and Karen moved to Storm Lake, Iowa, where Arthur was one of fewer than ten doctors in town. He quickly developed a booming practice and a third child, Jonathan, was born. After eight years, he joined Buena Vista Clinic, where he remained until retirement in 1996. The family continued to grow with the birth of David in 1974, and Julie in 1978. He deeply loved being a doctor and taking care of families, and worked at all hours when needed. By the time Arthur retired he had delivered over 1,000 babies (including some of his own), and on a few occasions he drove a snowmobile across the lake in a snowstorm to reach the hospital on time. Arthur did his best to help his patients anyway he could, including house calls, and seeing patients in his own home on weekends. His door was always open to those in need.

Arthur was an avid fan of cars. He enjoyed teaching his children to drive, and was known in town for his red Porsche 911, often inviting his patients and friends to take it for a spin. Being on the water was one of his great pleasures: swimming, sailing, boating, skiing, and teaching his children to ski were

among his favorite activities. After his retirement, Arthur and Karen loved spending their days working in the garden together. He traveled across the U.S. for vacation and to visit family, but his favorite place was back in Storm Lake with his wife.

Arthur passed away on September 30, 2014 at the age of 77, after a long battle with cancer, during which he never lost his sense of humor and gratitude. He will be missed by Karen, his wife of 49 years; his daughter Katherine and her three children Jayde, Oceana, and Aloha; his daughter Mary, son-in-law Ken, and their two children Zephyr and Indigo; his son Jonathan, daughter-in-law Brenda, and their two children Arthur and David; his son David, daughter-in-law Noelle, and their two children Bria and Rielle; and his daughter Julie, son-in-law Daniel, and their son Asa.

Cemetery Details

East Friesland Presbyterian Church Cemetery -- Ackley, Iowa

Ackley, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

OCT 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

Lakeside Presbyterian Church --Storm Lake
110 E. Third Street
Storm Lake, AK 50588
<http://www.stormlakepresby.org/>

Interment

OCT 4 (CT)

East Friesland Presbyterian Church Cemetery -- Ackley, Iowa
Ackley, IA

Tribute Wall

AB

“ So sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of Dr Ames. Praying for peace and comfort for the entire Ames family during this most difficult time.



Amy Graen Batatta - October 15, 2014 at 09:48 PM

MF

“ Dr. Ames delivered our first child 38 years ago tomorrow (Oct 7) and was never forgotten. He was a great family practice doctor and one that we trusted with our lives. We have never found a physician that compares to him!! Prayers are with you as you mourn this special man!! Margaret Fett Maplewood, Mn

Margaret Fett - October 06, 2014 at 04:24 PM

KG

“ My prayers and sympathy for your entire family through this difficult time. He was a kind, caring, and generous man. All of which made him a great doctor. He was able to touch so many people and make a difference. Storm Lake was fortunate to have such an amazing doctor and humanitarian within it's community. Take Care
Kim (Kruse) Gaubatz

Kim (Kruse) Gaubatz - October 06, 2014 at 12:03 PM

MJ

“ Dear Karen and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. Ames. I have many wonderful memories of the time I spent living in the basement apartment of your home on West 5th while attending B.V. Kathy, Mary, and John were beautiful children, and your family helped shape me for the future parent I would become. Thank you for always caring. Marcia (Allen) Johnson

Marcia Johnson - October 03, 2014 at 10:13 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Arthur Ames.



October 03, 2014 at 10:08 PM

TR

“ Karen, I was saddened when I heard the news. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Tami Rohde - Kingsley, Iowa



Tami Rohde - October 03, 2014 at 08:54 PM

JD

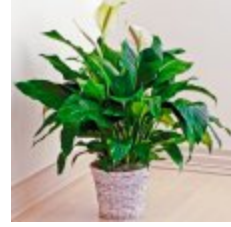
“ Jaime Nichols and Tinesha Daniel purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of Dr. Arthur Ames.



Jaime Nichols and Tinesha Daniel - October 03, 2014 at 08:26 PM

JF

“ *Janice F. purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dr. Arthur Ames.*



Janice F. - October 03, 2014 at 09:28 AM

JH

“ *Jane Hill lit a candle in memory of Dr. Arthur Ames*



Jane Hill - October 02, 2014 at 07:46 PM

JH

My sympathy to the family of Dr. Ames. He will be missed.

Jane Hill - October 02, 2014 at 07:46 PM

RT

Dr. Ames literally saved my life. In 1976, I had contracted a staph infection in my foot as I had a "gym wart" from playing High School basketball. Our local Doctor had lanced it and cautioned me not to play the following evening. Well, I played, picked up the infection from the shower (because in those days we had nothing to step in before we showered). Within days, I had boils running up my leg, could not sleep because of the pain. My Mother, God bless her, thought a little "Epsom salt and hot water would take care of it". She was wrong. My folks brought me to the hospital in Storm Lake. Dr. Ames was the ER Doctor that evening. He immediately diagnosed blood poisoning and did surgery within the hour to drain the poison. If he had not taken this emergency measure, at the very least, I could have lost my foot, if not my leg or my life. Thank you Dr. Ames and Rest in Peace.

Richard Tischer - October 03, 2014 at 09:20 PM

AO

“ Dr. Ames was a very good, kind man and an exceptional doctor. My family was blessed to have him as our family physician...he diagnosed my son's heart problem and probably saved him a lifetime of problems by finding it early enough that a permanent solution was possible. My thoughts and prayers will be with his family. Ann Onnen, Schaller

Ann Onnen - October 02, 2014 at 03:42 PM

RP

“ Dr Ames and his wife, Karen have been our neighbors since 1993! Our deepest sympathies go out to Karen and the entire Ames family! We share your sorrow at the passing of a very kind and caring person! Art will be greatly missed! The Pertzborn Family

Roxi Pertzborn - October 02, 2014 at 03:20 PM

TC

“ tresa C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Arthur Ames.



tresa C. - October 02, 2014 at 11:24 AM

TC

“ *Dr Ames delivered all three of my children and was my doctor for yrs. I am a nurse and have never found a better or kinder person than him. He will be greatly missed by many. I have never had another doctor who was always so nice to his patients and staff.*

<http://storage.lifetributes.com/Candles/new/candle-9.png>



tres a cerny - October 02, 2014 at 10:28 AM

AD

“ *He was our doctor my whole life! He also delivered my baby he had great kindness he came to my highschool grad and helped me thru a very diff icult time in my life he will never be forgotten he touched sooooo many lifes. April Dwyer*

april dwyer - October 02, 2014 at 07:58 AM