



## Bernard Proczak

June 9, 1943 - January 15, 2020

Bernard Proczak, age 76, of Storm Lake, Iowa died January 15, 2020 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, January 20, 2020 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE with a KC Rosary at 7:30 p.m. Memorials may be given to UnityPoint Hospice, 214 S 25th St, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Bernard Proczak, the son of Walter and Victoria Proczak, was born on June 9, 1943 in Germany.

When Bernie was 5 years old, his family came to America. Growing up, he attended grade school and high school at St. Mary's Catholic School.

On September 1, 1962, Bernie was united in marriage to Helen Frances Struck at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake.

Bernie was a long-time member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake.

He was active in the church through being a Knights of Columbus member. He worked in the meat packing industry his entire career, rising steadily in the ranks. He managed plants throughout the United States and before retiring in 2018 managed meat processing plants in his native Poland, and in Romania.

Besides his family and notable career in the meat packing industry, Bernie's favorite pursuits included golfing, boating, fishing, traveling with Fran, and playing cribbage, euchre, or poker for big money that was never paid with his father-in-law and brothers-in-law. In his younger days, Bernie also raced motorcycles and was an accomplished trap shooter who loaded his own shells in his basement where card games would often break out with brothers-in-law and their college buddies crashing there overnight. Incredibly accommodating and devoted, Bernie became the beloved rock of the Proczak and Struck families upon the passing of their parents, always willing to roll up his sleeves and do what it took to resolve any issues that surfaced. The sadness in his passing is immeasurable to them all.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Fran Proczak of Storm Lake, Iowa; three daughters, Leah (Richard) Johnson of Colorado; Gina (Ty) Taylor of Humboldt, Iowa; Amy (Jim) Balm of Boone, Iowa; 10 grandchildren: Amanda (Ryan) Bjustrom of Ackley, Iowa; Nacole (Adam) Lamoureaux of Ankeny, Iowa; Jason (MJ) Lamoureaux of Des Moines, Iowa; Jenifer (Adolfo) Honts of Marshalltown, Iowa; Kelly (Scott) Miller of Arizona; Kristen (Adan) Turnbull of Colorado; Haylie (Brad) Butler of Boone, Iowa; Hanna (Chad) Crooks of Ames, Iowa; Jenna Balm of Boone, Iowa; Jamie (Veronica) Balm of Perry, Iowa; several great-grandchildren; brother, Joseph Proczak; many nieces and nephews; many sisters and brothers-in-law and their families.

Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Victoria Proczak; sister, Mary and brother, Eddy; daughter, Teresa; parents-in-law, Ray and Helen Struck.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 5:00 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>

## Rosary

JAN **20**. 7:30 PM (CT)

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1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Funeral Mass

JAN **21**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Bernard Proczak*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - January 20, 2020 at 03:23 PM

RO

*The video is beautiful! Made me cry! Love you guys!*

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**Rhonda (Gude) OBannon** - January 22, 2020 at 08:58 PM

BT

*..... Fran, my heart sank to learn (a week late) of Bernie's death. You, Bernie, and his brother, Joe, are just the best. It was always a pleasure to visit with you. Your memorial video is priceless. Thank you for sharing a beautiful life. You have my deepest sympathy, love, and admiration..... Bill Tiedeman*

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**Bill Tiedeman** - January 24, 2020 at 05:41 PM

PB

*Fran and family,  
So sorry for your loss. Prayers and sympathy to you and your family.  
Keith and Pat Bjorkgren*

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**Pat Bjorkgren** - January 27, 2020 at 07:07 PM

MH

“ I just happened upon the news of Bernie’s passing. Fran and family you are in the O’Brien’s prayers. Bernie meant so much to Dad. I’m sure their reunion in heaven was very special. Such a kind, caring man. Always made sure he saw Mom and Dad, even in the tough times. I’m so very sorry for your loss.

*Maureen (O’Brien) Hall daughter of Bob and Nella.*

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**Maureen Hall** - January 28, 2020 at 06:21 PM

DP

“ What a wonderful, kind and intelligent man. I truly enjoyed him. He was so kind to me during my many years with St. Mary’s Parish and Schools and working with the alumni. I attended two reunions at their home, socializing and taking photos of the “kids” in Bernie’s and Fran’s class. He also allowed me to interview him about his wonderful life for the alumni newsletter. Such a gentleman and so humble about his accomplishments! He will be missed by many.

*Dawn Prosser, former development director for Storm Lake St. Mary’s Parish and Schools*

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**Dawn Prosser** - January 22, 2020 at 10:59 AM

RP

“ Ron & Georgia Preston purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Bernard Proczak.



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**Ron & Georgia Preston** - January 20, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ 210 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - January 20, 2020 at 03:00 PM



“ *Mike & Cindy Hoffard lit a candle in memory of Bernard Proczak*



**Mike & Cindy Hoffard** - January 20, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Dentistry At Somerset family purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Bernard Proczak.*



**Dentistry At Somerset family** - January 20, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 19, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Proczak.



January 19, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ Fran and Family,  
We are so sad at the passing of Bernie and send our heartfelt sympathy. Your many fond memories will help you through this time of grief. Bernie was a great friend and we will miss seeing him so much. Although we will miss him we will always hold dear his sense of humor, wit, straight talk and the polish beer.  
--Marlin & Sherry Lode

Marlin & Sherry Lode - January 18, 2020 at 08:29 PM

KM

“All the ties of love and affection that knit us together in life do not unravel in death.” That prayer always strengthens and encourages my faith. May these words be that for you all now. My sister Marsha and her husband John loved Bernie so much. I feel their pain at the death of their brother in law and pray for you all.  
*Karen LaFollette Marohn*

Karen LaFollette Marohn - January 17, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Bernard Proczak.



January 17, 2020 at 08:09 AM



“ White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard Proczak.



January 17, 2020 at 05:05 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard Proczak.



January 17, 2020 at 04:57 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Bernard Proczak.* ”



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January 17, 2020 at 04:53 AM

DN

“ Fran,

*I was deeply disturbed by the news of Bernard's passing away.*

*As you know, I had the pleasure of working with Bernard in Europe. It is said that only by working with people one can truly learn their character, and I worked with Bernard for a long time. We shared laughter, highs and lows of the business world, successes and disappointments. I did like and respected him a lot, and will miss him.*

*Bernard was an extraordinary person. His knowledge, passion for work, and dedication to developing people was remarkable. When I arrived to Europe in 2006 and was asked to save a broken Polish company, Bernard was the partner I could always count on. Besides being a great meat specialist, he was also a wise businessman, and I relayed on his wisdom many times.*

*I have learned from Bernard about his respect and love for you, and his pride of the family.*

*I will always remember him. Great person with the big heart, and with deep love for his family.*

*I will greatly miss him.*

*I am so sorry for your loss and wish you the very best.*

*Darek Nowakowski*

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Darek Nowakowski - January 16, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Bernard Proczak.*



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January 16, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *FRAN so sorry to hear of Bernies' passing!  
Will Miss seeing him on Fridays  
To Have HAPPY Short visit!  
GOD BLESS YOU!  
RUSS & DIANE MEYER*



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**diane meyer** - January 15, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ *OUR MOST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY &  
PRAYERS TO YOU, FRAN & ALL THE  
FAMILIES. SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.*



*LOVE & PRAYERS,  
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
325 SENECA ST. APT. B  
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

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**PATTY GUNVILLE** - January 15, 2020 at 05:22 PM

SY

“*Fran we are so very sorry to hear the sad sad news. We have so many memories from years ago. The years have passed too quickly haven't they. May God bless you and all your family. We will see you next week.*

*Steve and Nancy*

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**Steve Young** - January 15, 2020 at 02:46 PM