



## Cornelius Wabeke

July 23, 1935 - December 19, 2018

Cornelius Wabeke, age 83, of Newell, Iowa died on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Good Samaritan Center in Newell.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Newell. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will start at 2:00 p.m. and last until the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Newell is in charge of the arrangements.

Cornelius Wabeke Jr., the son of Cornelius and Helen (Muilenburg) Wabeke, was born on July 23, 1935 in Pipestone, Minnesota

In his youth, Connie was baptized and raised in the Methodist faith. He attended school in Pipestone until he was 9 and then his family moved to Sioux Center, Iowa. Connie continued his education in Sioux Center and graduated from high school in 1953. After high school, Connie attended Northwestern Jr. College in Orange City where he played football and met his future wife, Dolores. He later attended Buena Vista College and earned a bachelor's degree.

On April 7, 1958, Connie was united in marriage to Dolores Goeringer. The couple lived in Dundalk, Maryland where he was stationed in the U.S. Army. That fall they were transferred to Detroit, Michigan. While in the Army, Connie

was in Military intelligence and served his country from October of 1957 until September of 1960.

While working odd jobs after his service in the Army, Connie was hired by Gilbert Hill to be a loan officer at the First National Bank until his retirement in 1995.

Throughout his time in Newell, Iowa, Connie was a huge supporter of Newell-Providence, Newell-Fonda schools, and their booster clubs through scholarships. He also served on numerous committees for the City of Newell which helped build the nursing home, city park, and pool. Connie always partook in the Homecoming Parade where he would throw out hundreds of popcorn balls.

Connie was also active in his church, St. Peter Lutheran Church, through being a Lutheran Vicar, Elder, treasurer, Sunday school teacher, and superintendent. He was also a member of the Lions Club. While a Lutheran Vicar, Connie served congregations in need and performed weddings. In his free time, Connie like hunting, golfing, woodworking, locksmithing, and watching NCIS.

Those left to cherish his memory include: two children, Cordell (Marcia) Wabeke of Ankeny, Iowa and Wendy (Michael) Dawson of Springfield, Missouri; grandchildren: Abby and Cameron Wabeke; Emma, Jack, and Christian Dawson; brother, Gerrit Wabeke; and many relatives and friends.

Connie was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dolores; brothers: Arie, Jake, Frank, John, and Cap Wabeke; and sister, Christina Pike.

# Cemetery Details

**Newell Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

St. Peter Lutheran Church -- Newell  
314 South Clark  
Newell, IA 50568

### Service

DEC **22**. 3:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Though it has been 3 years, will always remember Connie & Dolores as family. The watermelon he served on his front yard on many 4th of July's as we watched the fireworks is one of many memories I cherish! Family retreat at Camp Okoboji in my youth shared with Connie and his family truly was a huge part of my faith journey. Pheasant hunting with Connie and Jake with my dad is a memory that I will never forget.

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**Brenda Russell** - October 31, 2021 at 03:40 PM

PT

“ Oh my goodness, I had no idea Connie had passed. I'm so sorry for your loss. I just happened to be glancing at obituaries and came across this. Of course, I worked with Connie at the bank for a couple of years and we remained friends ever since. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless.

*Pam Tidemann*

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**Pamela Tidemann** - July 06, 2019 at 12:03 AM

AT

“ Alice Tauber lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke



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**Alice Tauber** - December 22, 2018 at 10:59 AM

CS

“ *Cathy Sanders lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*



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**Cathy Sanders** - December 21, 2018 at 10:22 PM

CH

“ *Will never forget how much you loved our Wyatt, and how proudly you stood up for him on his baptism day as his God Father. Also lost count on how many dollar rings you made miss Sophia. You will always be Grandpa Connie to the kids. Cordell and Wendy you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Christie Van Houten** - December 21, 2018 at 08:56 PM

MF

“ *Mary Farrell lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*



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**Mary Farrell** - December 21, 2018 at 05:28 PM

CH

“ *Christie Van Houten lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*



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**Christie Van Houten** - December 21, 2018 at 05:11 PM

WV

“ With Love, Larry, Debbie and Val purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red for the family of Cornelius Wabeke.



With Love, Larry, Debbie and Val - December 21, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 21, 2018 at 03:04 PM

DH

“ Doris Harvey lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke



Doris Harvey - December 21, 2018 at 11:48 AM

DH

“ My deepest sympathy to Cordell and Wendy and Connie's family and friends. You are in my thoughts and prayers. So many memories of your dad! He was one of the good guys.

Doris Harvey - December 21, 2018 at 11:48 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Cornelius Wabeke.*



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December 21, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Cornelius Wabeke.*



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December 21, 2018 at 10:43 AM



“ *Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*



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**Vicki Sorbe** - December 21, 2018 at 10:39 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wabeke Family*

*--Damon & Jessica Staton*



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**Jessica Staton** - December 21, 2018 at 09:54 AM

JH

“ Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke



Jason&Shawn Holtgrewe - December 21, 2018 at 09:49 AM

JC

“ John Wabeke, Judy Perpparos and the Conditis purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Cornelius Wabeke.



John Wabeke, Judy Perpparos and the Conditis - December 21, 2018 at 09:16 AM

Leigh Schultz

“ Leigh Schultz lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke



Leigh Schultz - December 21, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Cornelius Wabeke.



December 20, 2018 at 09:33 PM



“ *I really enjoyed coming into ur shop growing up*

**Kenny Popp** - December 20, 2018 at 09:10 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers to Cordell and Wendy and families. So enjoyed kidding with Connie over the years. His sense of humor was a pleasure. We think of all Connie did for his community and for our school. He was a special humanitarian with a heart of gold. God's Peace and blessings.*

**Randy and Marilyn Schmitt** - December 20, 2018 at 08:55 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Cornelius Wabeke.*



December 20, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Connie was such a great person. He definitely will be missed. He is now in heaven with his sweet wife*



**Rita. Fitzgerald** - December 20, 2018 at 07:07 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*

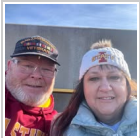


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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - December 20, 2018 at 06:21 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of his passing! He always shared a little sunshine when he gave the kids jewelry. We still have necklaces he gave my daughter at home!*

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**Sandy Robinson** - December 20, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sandy Robinson lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*



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**Sandy Robinson** - December 20, 2018 at 04:12 PM

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“ *Theresa Galbraith Tymeson lit a candle in memory of Cornelius Wabeke*



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**Theresa Galbraith Tymeson** - December 20, 2018 at 03:41 PM