



Dale R Hemmingsen

November 8, 1934 - October 27, 2021

Dale R. Hemmingsen, age 86, of Storm Lake, Iowa died October 27, 2021, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake, Iowa.

There will be no services at this time. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake, Iowa is in charge of arrangements.

Dale R. Hemmingsen was born November 8, 1934, in Brooten, Minnesota. After graduating High School at Newell-Providence in 1952, Dale attended college at Buena Vista University.

Dale was married to Joyce Gertsmeier in 1957. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1957 and was honorably discharged in 1962. He was a Chaplain's Assistant stationed in both Arizona and Florida. He and Joyce later divorced, and Dale married Susan Grieme on April 6, 1968. At that time, Dale was an organist for Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. After Susan and Dale divorced in 1980, they remained lifelong friends. Dale was blessed with a daughter, Angie.

Dale owned and operated Tri-State Piano & Organ with as many as four stores in the 1970s and 1980s for 40+ years.

Dale was affiliated with All Saints Episcopal Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. He recently was an organist for the church.

Dale loved to travel, planning routes to take along with his family all across the country. He enjoyed fine dining, all types of music from ABBA to Fergie to Lawrence Welk, but especially organ music. He entertained many on the organ at The Rink in Storm Lake, as well as at the legendary Cobblestone in the 1950s and 1960s. He was intelligent, warm, and kind. He loved his family very much and his bright smile and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Those left to cherish his memories are his daughter, Angie (Dan) Maloy of Fonda, Iowa; grandson, Nathaniel Titus of Alta, Iowa.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Marlys Hemmingsen; his brothers, Dick and Bill; and ex-wife, Susan Bales.

Tribute Wall



“ Angie and family,. So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I will always remember all the house shows that he played the organ for. He was a very talented man.
Midge Townsend

Midge Townsend - November 10, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Dale R Hemmingsen



Sally Rassler - November 02, 2021 at 12:27 PM

FH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 01, 2021 at 11:13 AM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Dale R Hemmingsen



Peg Flynn - October 31, 2021 at 09:15 PM

JM

“ I had the honor of getting to know Dale over the last couple of months. He was certainly an amazing man! He shared many amazing memories - of his own, of his family, and of history in general, and it was so easy to become completely mesmerized by his knowledge. He had a great sense of humor, and enjoyed a wholehearted laugh during almost every visit. I cannot imagine the loss his family is feeling at the moment, but please take comfort in knowing that he loved you all very much, and I can't even count the number of times I heard him say he was proud of you (Angie & Nate). Thank you for allowing me to meet and get to know Dale. Many hugs and prayers to you.

Jennifer Moral - October 30, 2021 at 10:25 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF DALE HEMMINGSEN. OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO ANGIE, DAN & NATE. MAY GOD'S PEACE BE WITH YOU. KNEW DALE FROM YEARS AGO.
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE



PATTY GUNVILLE - October 29, 2021 at 07:15 PM

PR

“ Dale was always smiling and happy! He was my brother's sponsor and spent many birthdays and special events at my parents house. He love music and was so good at it.
He will be greatly missed!

Peg Rohlk - October 29, 2021 at 12:15 PM

CC

“ I've known Dale from the 1960s when I was in high school and visiting his music store regularly! He was always so helpful and friendly in the store. He even allowed a friend and I to come to the store and play 2 piano duets. Many years later, I took his place as the musician at the Episcopal Church when he could no longer do it. He was a wonderful guy--he will be missed by the music community.
Candy Clough

Candy Clough - October 29, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ I had many beers with Dale, and many memories, but I certainly loved spending Halloween with Dale. He would dress up like the grim reaper, turn in spooky music and hand candy out to the kiddos. He would even use a clicker to count the kids, one he had from a mess hall in the military if I remember right. Dale's smile and laugh will certainly be missed. Love and hugs to you, Angie, Dan, and Nate.

Brandy Tomasek - October 29, 2021 at 08:04 AM