



Dana M. Petersen

December 7, 1951 - April 4, 2022

Dana M. Petersen, age 70, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Monday, April 4, 2022 at Cherokee Regional Medical Center in Cherokee, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life Gathering will take place Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Dana Martin Petersen was born prematurely to Robert L. and Zoe M. Petersen on December 7, 1951. His family was in a car accident that caused his mother to go into early labor. His early childhood was in Palmer, Iowa. The family moved to Storm Lake in 1954 as his father was hired as an elementary principal for the Storm Lake School System. Dana's involvement in school was the Webolos, band, basketball and golf. He graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1970. Summer vacations revolved around his dad's army reserve obligations and fishing at The Lake of the Woods in Minnesota. After graduation, he attended USD in Vermillion, SD for 2 years, then transferred to UNC at Greeley, CO and graduated with a BA majoring in English and minoring in History.

After graduation, Dana moved back to Storm Lake, where he worked at the Red Barn for several years, IBP until it closed and then construction, pouring concrete for several contractors. He developed many back issues as a result

of this job. He then went back to BVC to renew his teaching degree. He taught at Newell-Fonda substituting and then a temporary full-time position. Mr. Phil Casey at Newell-Fonda encouraged and recommended Dana apply at Storm Lake. Dana followed his advice and was hired by SLCSD for their new Alternative High School Program. He helped develop the program from the ground up and was there for 15 years. He then transitioned into a traditional classroom and taught World Cultures at the High School until he retired in 2014.

Dana was a constant learner, sometimes reading as many as three to four books at a time. He was a Mr. Fix-it type of person. If something needed fixing and he didn't know how, he would scour the internet until he found the answer. If any family or friends needed anything, they asked him if he had the item; nine out of ten times he did or would have another solution for them. He was savant-like, if someone had a question, he surely would have the answer.

Dana enjoyed his retirement. He loved antiquing, reading, garage sales, horses, German Shepherds, farm cats, all animals, and fishing. He was always busy with a project on the acreage, where he woke up every day with a goal. He enjoyed cooking and eating, all things cowboy and watching college basketball. His favorite teams were Iowa, Iowa State and Creighton. He also loved riding his 2003 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail with his friends and took summer vacations visiting many neighboring states. A highlight of Dana's week was TT (Thirsty Thursday Club Food and Fellowship) where he is the current president.

Dana was a very fun loving, kind, and gentle man. He was a friend to all and had many lifelong friendships. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Dana did have a mantra that as he grew older and especially after retirement

was heard more frequently: "Don't Make Plans For Me"
He is now on a new journey making his own plans.

Dana is survived by Julie Hoft, significant other and best friend, brother: David (Audrey) Petersen, nieces: Kristin (Kyle) Hartje and Jacalyn Petersen, numerous other relatives and friends.

Dana was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Zoe Petersen and infant sister, Lynn Kristin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Cherokee Regional Hospice, 300 Sioux Valley Drive, Cherokee, Iowa 51012.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

APR **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 09, 2022 at 10:39 AM

CS

“ *Julie, I am so sorry for your loss!*

Cindy Sippel - April 11, 2022 at 11:51 AM

LZ

“ *Larry And Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Larry and Sue Zwemke - April 09, 2022 at 03:27 PM

SG

“ I'm thinking of you Julie! Sending you and Dana's family hugs and prayers. I had a lot of fun with you, Dana, & Tom. I remember the huge 4th of July party at the farm. You and Dana always seemed so happy. Dana had the best laugh....it was one of those laughs that made you laugh too. I won't be able to attend the memorial service Julie, but you will be in my thoughts. Dana was such a great person and I know he will be missed by many.

Sharon Cavanaugh Gray - April 09, 2022 at 12:49 PM

SG

“ Sharon Cavanaugh Gray lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen



Sharon Cavanaugh Gray - April 09, 2022 at 12:44 PM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Fratzke & Jensen - April 09, 2022 at 11:16 AM

MO

“ Mike And Diane Overmohle lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen



Mike and Diane Overmohle - April 08, 2022 at 01:46 PM

CW

“ *My condolences to Dana's family and friends. He was so very kind and considerate. He will be missed by all who were fortunate to know him.*

May he rest in peace.

Chad Welch

Chad Welch - April 08, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Pat Tevepaugh-Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Pat Tevepaugh-Wilkins - April 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM

TT

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Dana's family. May warm memories of his warm and gentle spirit bring you peace and comfort.*

Tina VanOosbree Taylor

Tina Van Oosbree Taylor - April 08, 2022 at 08:54 AM

TT

“ *Tina Van Oosbree Taylor lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Tina Van Oosbree Taylor - April 08, 2022 at 08:50 AM

JM

“ *Jane Siefer May lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Jane Siefer May - April 08, 2022 at 12:14 AM

JE

“ *Our sympathy & prayers Julie. May your precious memories help ease your pain at this sad time. Jan & Bill Engler. Sac City*

Jan Engler - April 07, 2022 at 07:54 PM

PT

“ *Pamela Trudo lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Pamela Trudo - April 07, 2022 at 06:27 PM

KB

“ *Keith And Pat Bjorkgren lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Keith and Pat Bjorkgren - April 07, 2022 at 05:34 PM

B(

“ Prayers sent to Julie, Dana’s brother Dave and their friend family!

I was very surprised and shocked to hear of Dana’s passing! As I sat in my living room after hearing the news, I remembered attending some classes with him and how several of us girls had a crush on him in junior high. Including me. He was a very dear kind and generous fellow who will be missed by his family, friends and fellow classmates. Rest in peace Dana. †



Barb Monson (Brown) - April 07, 2022 at 04:44 PM

MM

“ Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen



Michelle Munoz - April 07, 2022 at 02:02 PM



“ Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen



Sally Rassler - April 07, 2022 at 01:53 PM

TC

“ *That impish grin... smiling with his eyes.... Never in a bad mood or saying a bad thing about anyone.... Always seemed to have all of the time in the world when you engaged in a lively conversation with him....great sense of humor....big hearted...just someone you enjoyed being around... loved Julie big... no wonder he will be missed by so many...God blessDana*

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - April 07, 2022 at 01:19 PM

HM

“ *Fond memories of a fine man, but gone too soon. May God's peace that passes all human understanding be with you Julie and family, now and always.*

Hondo Mosbo - April 07, 2022 at 12:29 PM

PF

“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Peg Flynn - April 07, 2022 at 11:02 AM

JW

“ *Rest In Peace Dana. We will always miss you. Hugs and prayers to you Julie! Love, Mike and Jen Whelan*

Jennifer Whelan - April 07, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dana M. Petersen.*



April 07, 2022 at 10:18 AM



“ *Marcia Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Marcia Johnson - April 07, 2022 at 08:55 AM



“ *Sending thoughts, prayers, and deepest condolences to Dana's family. So very sorry to hear of his passing.*
Marcia Allen Johnson



Marcia Johnson - April 07, 2022 at 08:45 AM



“ *Paula Faine Roberts lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Paula Faine Roberts - April 06, 2022 at 09:41 PM

KD

“ *God's loving peace, strength, and comfort to Dana's family and friends.*

Kathy Humes Davis - April 06, 2022 at 09:35 PM

JM

“ *JEFF MYERS lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



JEFF MYERS - April 06, 2022 at 09:13 PM

MM

“ *Melinda Mills lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Melinda Mills - April 06, 2022 at 07:52 PM

NH

“ *Sorry for your loss. I will miss my visits with Dana*



Nicki Harrington - April 06, 2022 at 02:45 PM

PJ

“ I hope Saint Peter lets you play Bun Darts in Heaven. RIP my friend. Paul & Donna Jesse

Paul Jesse - April 06, 2022 at 01:41 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Dana's passing. He was the first teacher I taught with in Storm Lake at the Alternative School and later at the high school. Dana was a good mentor and a good friend. May you rest in peace my friend.

Jason Stoltzfus - April 06, 2022 at 01:34 PM

MR

“ Mark And Terri Rebhuhn lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen



Mark and Terri Rebhuhn - April 06, 2022 at 01:20 PM

BY

“ Julie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Brian and Cheryl Young

Brian Young - April 06, 2022 at 08:40 AM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen



John and Connie Demers - April 06, 2022 at 08:11 AM

LW

“ Julie, Dave and family, I was so shocked to hear about Dana. I'd known him since we were probably about 5! I especially remember 3rd grade when we both were part of a hula dance we performed in Sioux City at our teacher's mom's class.

He was a good hula dancer! And he was Tom's best friend. Dana was always a nice guy. I think half the girls in our class had a crush on him. I so enjoyed our 40th reunion and spending time with you and Dana. I pray that Dana and Tom are now together again having fun. Prayers for your family.

Lyn (Loomis) Wheatley

Lyn Wheatley - April 05, 2022 at 10:50 PM

MM

“ *Mona Mason lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



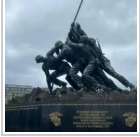
Mona Mason - April 05, 2022 at 09:09 PM

MY

“ *Mark/Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



Mark/Chris Young - April 05, 2022 at 08:09 PM



“ *R.I.P. friend*



Steph Mickelson - April 05, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Dana M. Petersen*



connie roche - April 05, 2022 at 06:39 PM