



David Kwikkel

March 19, 1958 - June 1, 2019

David Kwikkel, age 61, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. with a vigil at 7:30 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Burial will be on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Riverview Cemetery in Rock Rapids. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund in David's name has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

David R Kwikkel was born March 19, 1958 in Sioux Center, Iowa the son of Arnold and Donna (Boeyink) Kwikkel.

Growing up in Rock Rapids, Iowa, David attended school at Central Lyon where he graduated in 1976. Following high school graduation, David attended the University of Northern Iowa where he graduated in 1981. David then took an Industrial Arts teaching position at Newell Providence where he coached football and basketball from 1981-1987. He continued his education at Drake University where he earned his master's degree in 1986.

On August 1, 1981, David was united in marriage to Juli Ihry in Royal, Iowa.

Together, they were blessed with two children: Alex and Jaye.

Education was very important to David and he worked for many years in administration. He was a high school principal for Crestland High School from 1987-1989. Schaller-Crestland Middle School Principal from 1990-1993 and a TK-8th grade principal for Schaller-Crestland from 1993-2003. David also was a superintendent for Schaller-Crestland from 2003-2010 and for Galva-Holstein and Schaller-Crestland (Ridge View) from 2010-2015 until he retired. He was proud to help mentor and serve not only students but faculty and staff as well.

David was a member of SAI, NAESP, and AASA. He was the Elementary and Middle School Principal of the Year in Northwest Iowa; and Superintendent of the Year in Northwest Iowa. David received Citizen of the Year for the Storm Lake Times; and served on the Highway 20 Board for this region. David was also a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa.

David was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and enjoyed cheering on the Hawks. In his spare time, he loved watching and building trains and tinkering with his own train sets in his basement. Family was very important to David and he treasured spending time with Juli, Alex and Emma, Jaye, and baby Lydia especially at Pop-N-Doc's in the summer. He will be lovingly remembered as a son, husband, dad, grandpa, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Juli Kwikkel of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Alex (Emma) Kwikkel and their daughter, Lydia of Decatur, Nebraska; Jaye Kwikkel of Alta, Iowa; parents: Arnie and Donna Kwikkel of Rock Rapids, Iowa; brothers: Doug Kwikkel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mark Kwikkel of Decatur, Nebraska; sister-in-law, Jill Kwikkel of Waterloo, Iowa; nieces; nephews; cousins; extended family and many friends.

David was preceded in death by his brother, Steven Kwikkel.

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

1509 S Tama St
Rock Rapids, IA 51246

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Vigil Service

JUN 6. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *What a touching tribute to a true gentleman, a loving and attentive husband and father. Always loved connecting with him at NAESP events. Dave has that special gift of genuinely making everyone feel like a friend he’s happy to see! I will always cherish his warm smile and amazing humor! He will be missed and will live on in our memories! So very sorry for your loss, Juli. Keeping you and your family in my ❤️!*

Mary Kay Sommers - June 10, 2019 at 09:09 AM

EL

“ *I didn't know David very well but I'm a very good friend and former classmate of his daughter Jaye. My prayers are with you always Jaye. I'm available to talk if you need a friend.*

Elizabeth - June 07, 2019 at 08:21 PM

JA

“ *I had the pleasure to work with Mr. Kwikkel ,and enjoyed the videos he would share with Cole Statz (a student)and I about his train sets, Such a Nice Guy.Rest in Peace Mr. Kwikkle . I'm sorry for your loss Mrs. Kwikkel and family 🙏*



Juany Aguilar - June 07, 2019 at 02:35 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of David Kwikkel.*



June 06, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - June 06, 2019 at 01:57 PM



God bless and keep you until we all see you again in Heaven!

Ann Russell Tone - June 06, 2019 at 03:35 PM



Dave was an excellent Principal and Superintendent for the Schaller/Crestland School District. Our kids attended from 1991 through 2006 and our kids grew up with his. A great man who will be missed by so many. Rest In Peace, Dave ❤️ Jay and Julie Barlow, Adam and Allison, Garrett and Amanda, and Brittany.

Julie Barlow - June 06, 2019 at 07:04 PM



My sympathies and thoughts go out to Dave's family. I enjoyed working under Dave's supervision. He was respected and his caring of students and staff was obvious.

Sandra (Meighan) Wallburg - June 08, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 06, 2019 at 12:29 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of David Kwikkel.



June 06, 2019 at 10:35 AM



“ Jules - My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Dave was a neat guy! My favorite memory was the night you two got engaged in college. You were both over the moon when you came back to the dorm that night! You were my favorite roomie! Hugs - Brenda

Brenda Truelsen - June 06, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ I worked for Dave for 12 years. He was my friend. I was thinking of making a trip back to the Storm Lake area and I was looking forward to telling him about everything that has happened over the last few years. I guess I waited too long. I knew he had had cancer, but last i knew he had a clean bill of health. I just didn't know. He will be missed.

Kurt Mckenney - June 05, 2019 at 11:13 PM

KC

“ My very first memory of Mr. Kwikkel was when he was principal at Schaller-Crestland. He came to my rescue when I was a kindergartner. I had missed the bus for home and was out on the playground crying. He gave me a ride to my house out in the country. I was terrified and shy but he was so very nice. A great man. My condolences to the family.



kate chan - June 05, 2019 at 03:56 PM

DV

“ Juli and the entire Kwikkel Family, I am so sorry to hear the news about Dave. He was always such a great guy. I feel fortunate to have recently reconnected at a couple of Hawkeye football games. He never changed, always smiling and joking. He will be missed!
David Vogel

David Vogel - June 05, 2019 at 12:24 PM

 Amy Barber

“ Kwikkel Family,

I am very sorry for your loss. I have many memories of Dave while growing up as a neighbor in Newell. He always smiled and was a kind man with a great sense of humor. Thoughts and prayers to your family at this difficult time!

Amy (Nieland) Barber

Amy Barber - June 05, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ Stephanie Smith lit a candle in memory of David Kwikkel



Stephanie Smith - June 05, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of David Kwikkel.



June 04, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ Carla Flores lit a candle in memory of David Kwikkel



Carla Flores - June 04, 2019 at 11:53 AM



“ Multicolor Pastel Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of David Kwikkel.



June 04, 2019 at 10:39 AM

MB

“ *Juli and Family: We are so sad to hear of Dave's passing. We will miss those hilarious Christmas letters and his great personality. I still laugh when I think of Dave and Jody's Carmaske skits and the many zingers they threw my way. I can still remember hiring you two for your first jobs in education, and becoming your friends, not just your work colleague. We followed your careers in administration and were so proud of both of your successes. We wish you and your family peace and strength in your time of sorrow.*

Merle & Jean Boerner

Merle & Jean Boerner - June 04, 2019 at 08:57 AM

RB

“ *You and your family are in our prayers*

Rich Barbacane - June 04, 2019 at 08:48 AM

KS

“ *Julie, the battle for Dave and you is now over. He is at peace and you will have a new “normal” to adjust to. I will be praying for you in the days and weeks ahead. I’m sorry but I won’t be able to be at the visitation or funeral. I will be in Africa on a mission trip at that time. I’m sure family and friends will surround you with beautiful memories. Take care. Kris Skelton*

Kris Skelton - June 03, 2019 at 11:26 PM

RC

“ Julie, My deepest Sympathies. Dave was a wonderful man. I truly enjoyed are time spent teaching in Newell together. Spending time in your home also. My one memory is embarrassing. One day I saw him driving a bus in Carroll. Thinking he was just driving around I ran down the bus and he stopped and I went to say Hi and he said he was taking a bus driving test to renew his license. DUH!! Joke was on me.



Hugs and love to you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers.

Ruth (Burrack) Carter

Ruth Carter - June 03, 2019 at 04:58 PM

LJ

“ Love, Jahn and Jon purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of David Kwikkel.



Love, Jahn and Jon - June 03, 2019 at 02:28 PM



“ Suana Wessendorf lit a candle in memory of David Kwikkel



Suana Wessendorf - June 03, 2019 at 01:45 PM

AK

“ Angie And Adam Kutz sent a virtual gift in memory of David Kwikkel



Angie and Adam Kutz - June 03, 2019 at 12:10 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers to Juli and family on Dave's call Home. Enjoyed over the years our contacts as educators with Juli and Dave. May God grant you His Peace in knowing Dave's suffering has ended and joy in the memories created by his presence in your lives.

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - June 03, 2019 at 11:45 AM

KI

“ Kim lit a candle in memory of David Kwikkel



Kim - June 03, 2019 at 08:31 AM

SW

“ This is dad to hear. This man always had a positive attitude and a smile on his face. His career in educating students was important and I am glad I had a chance to work with him. My sympathies out to the family. God bless

Sandra Meighan Wallburg - June 02, 2019 at 10:31 PM

SW

“ *Sandra Meighan Wallburg sent a virtual gift in memory of David Kwikkel*



Sandra Meighan Wallburg - June 02, 2019 at 10:25 PM

JP

“ *Jennifer Peters lit a candle in memory of David Kwikkel*



Jennifer Peters - June 02, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Dana Seivert lit a candle in memory of David Kwikkel*



Dana Seivert - June 02, 2019 at 10:09 PM

 Sammy Butler

“ *I am so saddened to learn of Dave's passing. He was one of the most influential teachers I had at Newell in the early '80's and he and Juli were the reason I chose UNI. They both hold a special place in my heart! Juli...you and yours are in my thoughts and prayers!!!*

Sammy Butler - June 02, 2019 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ *Mr.Kwickel was such a kind and loving man! I only got sent to his office twice as a kid, he always listened before handing down his punishment. (Both times I was found innocent of the offense.) I will never forget the day he called me as an adult because my oldest was not listening and kept telling the teacher and him that they weren't the boss, grandma was! You could tell he was trying not to laugh! He will be greatly missed!*

Jill Steffen - June 02, 2019 at 09:04 PM