



## Dewey Allan Blatchford

October 30, 1944 - December 24, 2015

Dewey A. Blatchford, age 71, of Alta, Iowa died Thursday, December 24, 2015 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Sioux City, Iowa. Visitation will take place Tuesday, December 29, 2015 from 5-8:00 p.m. with a rosary prayed at 7:15 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Dewey was born on October 30, 1944 in Hartington, Nebraska, the son of Raymond and Imogene (Heikes) Blatchford.

Dewey graduated from East High School in Sioux City, Iowa in 1963.

On June 13, 1964 he was united in marriage to Virginia (Ginger) Simeon in Sioux City, Iowa. They were blessed with two children, Peggy and Todd.

Dewey started his career as a scale technician for Toledo Scales in Sioux City, Iowa in 1964. He then worked for Wilson Foods in Cherokee, Iowa as their scale technician from 1967 until 1986. In 1986, Dewey and Ginger moved to

Omaha, Nebraska where Dewey was field service manager for Fairbanks Scales until 1999. They then moved to Ankeny, Iowa where Dewey was an Industrial Specialist for the USDA in Des Moines, Iowa until his retirement in 2006. Retirement took them to Emmetsburg, Iowa where Dewey enjoyed relaxing on their deck, boating, gardening, wood working and projects in his garage. He also did lots of volunteering at the hospital in Emmetsburg and enjoyed driving their wheelchair van. He also loved playing Santa Claus for the Chamber Office.

Dewey and Ginger made lots of happy memories traveling over the years and enjoying their winters on South Padre Island in Texas where he loved biking and spending time with friends. Most of all he loved spending time with his family. His five granddaughters and his two great grandchildren always held a special place in his heart.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ginger Blatchford of Alta, Iowa; children: Peggy (Terry) Meyers of Alta, Iowa; Todd (Sonya) Blatchford of Woodbury, Minnesota; grandchildren: Katie (Bryan) Schrieber, Kily (Collin) Johnson, Kelsi Meyers, Taylor Blatchford, Riley Blatchford; great grandchildren: Karsyn Meyers and Crosby Schrieber; brothers: Dean (Marnie) Blatchford of Fargo, North Dakota; Dennis (Delores) Blatchford of Sioux City, Iowa; sisters: Leona Young of Sioux City, Iowa; Beverly Jensen of Indianola, Iowa; Ailene (Sam) Gochenour of Lake Park, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Dewey was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Loren and Keith.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 29. 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>

## Vigil Service

DEC 29. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

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## Service

DEC 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

## Interment

DEC 30 (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery -- Sioux City, IA  
6605 Morningside Ave  
Sioux City, IA 51106

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dewey Allan Blatchford*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 29, 2015 at 02:17 PM

JR

“ *We send our deepest sympathy to Ginger and family. Dewey had been a long time friend from Whittier Elementary to high school graduation from East High. In 7th grade I had to start wearing glasses and it was Dewey who called me 4 eyes. Either it was in 10th or 11th grade I received a "F" in one of my classes. I was so scared to have my father see my report card so I ask Dewey to sign his name. Bless his sole he did it! Can't remember if my parents ever found out. Thank goodness we have memories. May God be with you during this time. Dennis and Judy(Kempton) Ray*

**Judith Ray** - December 31, 2015 at 11:51 AM

CH

“ *Dear ginger & Family.  
We were sorry to hear about Dewey passing!  
We have not talked for a long time, but memories of knowing you when you were in Cherokee is in our minds.  
Wishing the best for you,  
Larry and Colleen Harmon*

**Colleen Harmon** - December 31, 2015 at 10:17 AM

CJ

“ I remember Dewey from my youth he would stop down to see my Dad at our house where I grew up on east locust in Cherokee , Always had a smile and was bound and determined to make friends with my sheltie pup always bringing a treat for him with a Big Smile on his face said that pup was going to like him sooner or later and he was right it took a few treats but Dewey was right I remember it like it was yesterday God Bless the Family he's with a lot of angels and pups that he touched over the years Chuck Rosewall Jr or Chuckie as he called me

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**Chuck Rosewall Jr** - December 31, 2015 at 05:45 AM

JW

“ Our condolences go out to Ginger, her children, and the rest of their family since Dewey took his journey home to be with our Lord. I feel blessed to have spent time with Dewey as a child, and as a man later in life. He was a great uncle, a kind person, and a loving friend to everyone. He will be missed. May God comfort his family and all of us who loved him. Janice and Pat Walker

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**Janice Walker** - December 29, 2015 at 11:00 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Funeral Home** - December 29, 2015 at 03:46 PM

TE

“ Tom & Teresa Egli purchased the Peace, Prayer  
s, & Blessings- Yellow and White for the family of  
Dewey Allan Blatchford.



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**Tom & Teresa Egli** - December 29, 2015 at 11:45 AM

Bob  
Edmundson

“ One of the greatest friends I have ever had, one of the best next  
door neighbors a person can have. We shared many memories  
together for many years in Anguilla and South Padre Island. Dewey  
will be sorely missed, I could always count on him if I needed help  
and advice on a project of any sorts, or if we just wanted to talk. He  
is now with our Lord and Savior in heaven looking down on us rest  
in Peace Dew

*Bob and Carolyn*

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**Bob Edmundson** - December 29, 2015 at 10:48 AM

MS

“ Mario and Shara purchased the Classic Sympath  
y Dish Garden for the family of Dewey Allan  
Blatchford.



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**Mario and Shara** - December 29, 2015 at 10:38 AM

PT

“ *Palo Alto County Relay for Life Committee and Teams purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Dewey Allan Blatchford.*



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**Palo Alto County Relay for Life Committee and Teams -**  
December 29, 2015 at 10:16 AM

AR

“ *We enjoyed very much visiting with Dewey at the Community Garden in Emmetsburg. He was such a pleasant, very likeable gentleman. Prayers to the family. Howard & Rosie Argabright.*

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**Argabright's -** December 29, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Dewey Allan Blatchford.*



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December 29, 2015 at 09:48 AM

DS

“ *Todd, Sonya, and family, we are thinking of all of you. Celebrating Dewey's life will bring you many tears and smiles, he was a great dad and grandpa. May all the wonderful memories and special moments fill your hearts with his love.*

*Love to you,*

*Mike and Darla*

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**Darla Schaffer -** December 29, 2015 at 08:43 AM

PE

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



peggy - December 29, 2015 at 08:09 AM

SB

“ *Brian & I send our deepest sympathies & love to each of Dewey's family. Dewey was liked by all who met him, you never saw him without a smile. Such a good guy. We will miss him dearly. We are so very sorry for your loss Ginger, Peggy, Todd, & families. Much Love, Brian & Stephanie Blatchford West Fargo, ND (son of Dean Blatchford)*

SM Blatchford - December 28, 2015 at 07:43 PM

SB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



SM Blatchford - December 28, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dewey Allan Blatchford.*



December 28, 2015 at 03:38 PM

JS

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy!  
Joe & Linda Schaller (Immaculate Conception Parish Family in  
Graettinger)*

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**Joe & Linda Schaller** - December 28, 2015 at 01:00 PM

CB

“ *I will truly miss him. He was such a great volunteer at Emmetsburg  
hospital. He was great discipline of God while here on earth. He is  
now wearing his angel wings. GOD bless you Ginger and your  
family. Candy Bisenius.*

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**Candy Bisenius** - December 28, 2015 at 11:38 AM

LV

“ *Ginger, we would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and  
your family. We are so sorry for your loss and will continue to keep  
you in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts go out to you. Mike and  
Linda Vrieze*

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**Linda Vrieze** - December 28, 2015 at 08:49 AM

LM

“ *Dewey and Ginger were on of the best neighbors a person could  
ever dream of. Dewey shared the importance of family, friends, a  
well equipped garage, and how to enjoy the perfect Gin and Tonic in  
the driveway with a role model that will never be forgotten. Cheers  
to a good fight and may our soles be reunited. God Bless.*

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**L. Scott Momsen** - December 28, 2015 at 08:44 AM

DC

“ There are many memories to share and I do not know where to begin. I am so sorry for your loss. It is so good you are now close to Peggy & family. This will help get through the ruff days. Please know that prayers have and still are being sent your way.  
*Dick & Darla Casady*

Darla Casady - December 27, 2015 at 10:36 PM



“ Dewey always had a smile, a laugh, and a keg in the garage - he was just too cool.

Gaylen Graybill - December 27, 2015 at 09:16 PM

AW

“ there was never and I mean never that with all Arlens hospital stays that Dewey was not there for me and him. Loved you for your support.

Arlen and Pat Wiggs - December 27, 2015 at 07:28 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dewey Allan Blatchford.



December 27, 2015 at 05:53 PM

VJ

“ *Ginger and family,  
Thank you for sharing Dewey with us at PACH. Worked with him at registration and was always good to see him when he was around there doing something else as a volunteer.  
Such a pleasant, friendly and kind man. Try to remember the good times. He will be missed by the many friends he had besides his family. Take care and God Bless.*  
Velma Johnson

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**Velma Johnson** - December 27, 2015 at 04:06 PM

LH

“ *We are sad to lose our wonderful uncle but rejoice that he is now with the Lord and also with my daddy among other family members who have gone on before. We will miss Dewey a lot and send our prayers of comfort to the family in this time of sorrow. Love, Lorna and Wayne Hall*



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**Lorna Hall** - December 27, 2015 at 12:55 PM

CM

“ *Thank you for volunteering at PARC Hall. Our parents loved seeing your smiling face and always a greeting. Stopping by the bakery to get a special treat for Mom and Dad (Mammen) they loved it when you would stop in. RIP Dewey. From your friends Chuck and Kim Mammen (kids of Jerry and Leona Mammen)*

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**Chuck & Kim Mammen** - December 27, 2015 at 12:47 PM

VM

“ I remember going to their house in Cherokee and Peggy and Todd just got brand new mopeds and my parents didn't want me to drive one around, but Uncle Dewey said I could, and I'll never forget that. He didn't care that I had no idea what I was doing. Lol. He was a wonderful uncle. I will miss him. Val Frank Maxfield.

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**Val Frank Maxfield** - December 27, 2015 at 11:48 AM

MM

“ Dearest Family,  
We are so very sorry to hear of Dewey's passing. Please know that we send our love and condolences. We love you all.  
Millissa, Kris and Krista Martin (Blatchford, Dean's Granddaughter by Brian, and her family.)

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**Millissa Martin** - December 27, 2015 at 11:01 AM

CG

“ Worked with Dewey at Wilson Foods and he was one of the most fun loving persons I have ever met, time spent with him was time laughing.  
So sorry for your loss, our time here is much too short.  
Carl Grover

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**Carl Grover** - December 27, 2015 at 10:26 AM

KM

“ What a wonderful man and a great volunteer. He will be missed by all.

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**kathy merrill** - December 27, 2015 at 10:23 AM

JC

“ Dewey was always ready to help us with our garden and any way he could to help others. He was such a kind man and a great friend to my husband. We missed him when he moved from Emmetsburg. He was a joy to visit with when we were at the hospital for tests, etc.

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**Jim and JoAnn Coakley** - December 27, 2015 at 08:33 AM

JP

“ Our sympathy, Ginger & family. We enjoyed visiting with Dewey at church breakfasts, etc and having him help us at the hospital. Lloyd & Joleen Petersen

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**joleen petersen** - December 27, 2015 at 06:27 AM

LH

“ Emmetsburg was blessed to have Dewey in our town - a wonderful volunteer and a wonderful person. He will be greatly missed. Sympathy is expressed to Dewey's family. Lou Ann Huberty

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**Lou Ann Huberty** - December 26, 2015 at 10:47 PM

PM

“ So enjoyed knowing Dewey --great volunteer -- those of us at Palo Alto Comm. Health in Emmetsburg loved to see and visit with him. To his family -- sympathy at this time of loss. He was a caring and giving person.

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**Peg McNally** - December 26, 2015 at 08:30 PM

DO

Dewey was one of a kind. He had a way with all types of people. When you would meet up with Dewey, you could always count on a positive, fun, story telling conversation. Dave and I feel your loss Ginger. We will keep you in our prayers!

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**Dave and Mary Lee Orr** - December 27, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JK

*So blessed that he was a member of our family-by Ginger saying yes to marry Dewey over 50 years ago. A help to everyone and anyone who asked and lots of time you didn't have to ask he was just there for you. He will be greatly missed by all.*

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**Joe/Marlene Kruse** - December 28, 2015 at 11:00 PM