



Francis H. Carlson

April 28, 1936 - January 14, 2020

Francis "Fran" H. Carlson, age 83, of Alta, Iowa died Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Francis Herman Carlson, son of Eric Walfred and Ethel Agnes (Schuett) Carlson was born in April 28, 1936 and passed into eternal life in January 14, 2020.

Francis attended country school at Douglas #4 near Washta and graduated from Washta Consolidated in 1955.

Following graduation, Fran built silos for Cherokee Solo Company and worked as a hired man until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1959. He was a signal corps lineman, but spent most of his duty as a sax man in the Fort Gordon-Augusta, Georgia post band. The highlight of his military duty was playing for and meeting President Eisenhower. He was discharged in January of 1961.

Fran was married to Jane Kirkholm in the Alta United Methodist Church in May 29, 1960. Together they raised one daughter, Colleen.

After his discharge, Fran returned to his roots and lived the life he loved best--farming the rich Iowa soil in his trusty red International Harvester. Upon his retirement in 2010, Fran often fired up his restored Farmall for tractor rides and the occasional parade.

During his life, Fran was one of those people who was easy to know. Anyone who knew Fran was well acquainted with his love for a good story, his ability to tell a good joke, his mad polka dancing skills, and his fishing finesse. However, his biggest joy was spending time with his granddaughters---fishing, roasting hotdogs over a bonfire, building hay forts in the loft, or playing a dirty round of Crazy 8. It delighted him when his great-granddaughter wanted to play cards or walk to the park with him to swing.

Francis was preceded to eternity by his wife Jane, brother Howard, sister-in-law Lois, brothers-in-law Irvin and Ed, and niece Janie. He is survived by his daughter Colleen (David), granddaughters Katie (Jessie) and Lauren (Steve), great granddaughter Calypso, sister Irene, sisters-in-law Betty and Margie, brother -in-law Jim, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of true and loyal friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta
301 Alta Vista Street
Alta, IA 51002
(712) 284-2141
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<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

JAN 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Alta
218 Prospect
Alta, IA 51002

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Francis H. Carlson*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 17, 2020 at 11:14 AM

GB

“ *Grant Burger lit a candle in memory of Francis H. Carlson*



Grant Burger - January 27, 2020 at 04:08 PM

RM

“ *Colleen, I was the person who said hello to your Dad at Buffalo Ridge at noon on the day he died. We didn't officially meet, but I wanted you to know that we met your parents through the Alta United Methodist Church and enjoyed both of them so much. They were wonderful people. Our kids remember your Mom and her children's messages that they listened to many times. Your Dad was such a kind man. We are so sorry for your loss.*

Robin Maharry

Robin Maharry - January 20, 2020 at 03:01 PM

BG

“ *Bonnie Goebel lit a candle in memory of Francis H. Carlson*



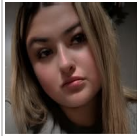
Bonnie Goebel - January 19, 2020 at 12:42 PM

JM

“ *Janice Molgaard lit a candle in memory of Francis H. Carlson*



Janice Molgaard - January 19, 2020 at 11:33 AM



“ *Short amount of time We met you but we sure liked you around here. You had such a spirit that made everyone smile. You will be deeply missed at wellife.*



Liz Trujillo - January 19, 2020 at 12:35 AM

DF

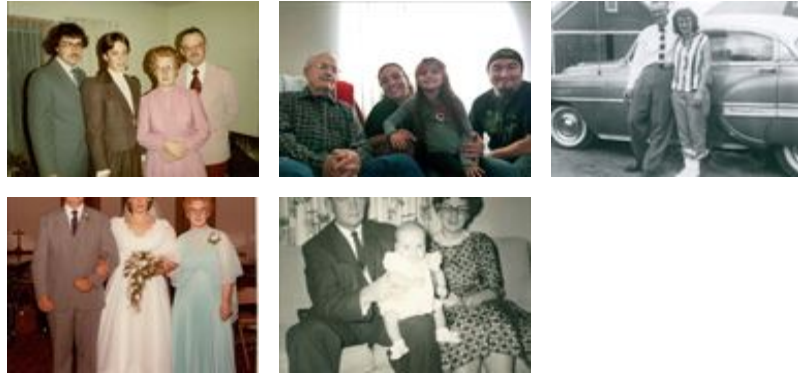
“ *Diane, Rudy And Family lit a candle in memory of Francis H. Carlson*



Diane, Rudy and Family - January 17, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 17, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Francis H. Carlson.



January 16, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ 2 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 16, 2020 at 02:06 PM

CM

“ Corey And Tammy Miller lit a candle in memory of Francis H. Carlson



Corey and Tammy Miller - January 16, 2020 at 12:18 PM

PH

“ Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Francis H. Carlson



Pam Henderson - January 15, 2020 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ Julie Schwartz sent a virtual gift in memory of Francis H. Carlson



Julie Schwartz - January 15, 2020 at 08:45 AM

KP

We so enjoyed both your mom and dad. They were always a positive and happy couple. Your dad would stop by often just to visit. He was a wonderful man. We are so sorry for you loss, but your parents are together once again.

Kim and Susan Piercy

Kim Piercy - January 15, 2020 at 10:24 AM

PH

Just visited with Fran yesterday morning during Kiwanis! I am so very sorry for your loss! What a wonderful, loving, caring and funny guy he was. This is such a shock to me. May God hold you all in the palm of His hand and give you peace!

Pam Henderson

Pam Henderson - January 15, 2020 at 12:50 PM

JM

Fran was a great guy. He will be missed by many.

Janice Molgaard - January 19, 2020 at 11:32 AM

MG

Colleen & Family~Our prayers, sympathy, & thoughts are with all of you for your loss. We have many fond memories of your Dad as an upbeat, fun loving, faith filled man. May memories heal your heartache.

Mike & Bonnie Goebel

Mike & Bonnie Goebel - January 19, 2020 at 12:40 PM