



Gerald John Hedstrom

January 5, 1927 - July 14, 2016

Gerald J. Hedstrom, age 89, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at Bethel Baptist Church in Newell, Iowa. Burial will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the Kiron Community Cemetery in Kiron, Iowa. Visitation will take place Sunday, July 17, 2016 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Memorials may be made to the Bethel Baptist Church in Newell. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Gerald John Hedstrom, the son of Jubel Franklin and Florence Mae (Johnson) Hedstrom, was born January 5, 1927 in Odebolt, Iowa, the oldest of 6 children and the only one born in a hospital. His home was full of love, activity and faith. In his youth, he attended an evangelistic meeting with his family and realized he was a sinner, separated from God by his sin. He accepted Christ's free gift of salvation on "Decision Sunday." At the age of 11 or 12, out of obedience to God's Word, Gerald was baptized at the Kiron Baptist Church. Gerald attended school in Kiron, graduating from high school in 1944.

In April 1945, Gerald was drafted into the United States Army. After basic training in Texas, he served his country during World War II in Fort Meyer,

Virginia. Since he played cornet in school, he played taps for the base. Gerald was selected for the honor guard, guarding various visiting dignitaries including President Eisenhower. While stationed there, he worshiped at the same Baptist Church that President and Mrs. Trumann attended. He was honorably discharged October 1946. Returning home, Gerald started farming with his father and brother, and drove a Standard Oil delivery truck.

On June 25, 1950 (the day the Korean War broke out), Gerald was united in marriage to Gladys Mae Jensen in Schleswig. Together they were blessed with three daughters: Glenda, Gail, and Glee. They farmed Gladys' father's farm south of Ida Grove. Gladys died suddenly on March 28, 1965. Gerald's sister, Evangeline Hedstrom, came back from her mission work in Peru to help her brother and care for her 3 nieces.

Gerald married Shirley Josephine Daley of Sioux City, a friend from his youth, on January 15, 1967. They passed on a good and godly heritage, raising their 3 daughters to know, love & serve the Lord, to work hard but trust God's providence, and to love others. After almost 46 years of marriage, Shirley died on December 16, 2012.

In addition to God and family, Gerald enjoyed farming and travel. He & Shirley traveled to Europe and Scandinavia several times, Alaska, Hawaii, and Gerald served on mission trips 3 times to Nicaragua. He was proud to have served in the army and really enjoyed taking the honor flight to Washington D.C. But, his favorite place to be was with family, often bringing his fry pan and treating everyone to "Gerald's Famous Pancakes."

Gerald's faith in the Lord always came first in his life. He grew up in the Kiron Baptist Church and was a member for many years, serving and leading in many capacities, but he especially impacted many young lives as a high school Sunday School teacher. Gerald and Shirley moved to Storm Lake

about 10 years ago and became members of Bethel Baptist Church in Newell where he served on the Mission Committee and prayed faithfully for the church and pastors.

His hope & prayer for his family was “that they continue to seek & trust God, read & apply the Bible, and live lives that are godly and full of dignity. I thank the Lord daily for His faithfulness and all the ways He has directed the paths of my life.” (reference to Proverbs 3:5,6)

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters: Glenda (Irvin) Larsen of Urbandale, Iowa; Gail (Doug) Lacey of Sioux City, Iowa; Glee (Dr. David) Crippin of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Ann (David) Davis, Eric (Melanie) Larsen, Amy (Michael) Schrodt, Dr. Benjamin (Katie) Lacey, Jen (Nathaniel) Feddes, Jill (Shane) Furgason, Alexander (Laura) Crippin, Dr. Nicholas (Dr. Brittany) Crippin; great grandchildren: David III, Abigail, and Clare Davis; Isaiah, Elliott, and Judah Larsen; Corbin and Weston Schrodt; Evangeline, Daphne, Vivian, and Bianca Lacey; Jonathan, Callen, and Owen Feddes; brother, Bueal Hedstrom of Schleswig, Iowa; sisters: Evangeline Webster of Denison, Iowa; Maydelle Oslund of Ashburn, Virginia; Evelyn (Jim) Moller of Spirit Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law, Jan Abbott of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; special friend, Shirley Rippstein of Phoenix, Arizona; extended family and friends.

Gerald was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Gladys and Shirley; brother, Burdette; sister-in-law, Deloris Hedstrom; brothers-in-law, William Webster and Harvey Oslund; great granddaughter, Piper Jean Schrodt.

Cemetery Details

Kiron Cemetery

Kiron, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 17. 5:00 PM - 7:30 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>

Service

JUL 18. 10:30 AM (CT)

Bethel Baptist Church -- Newell
313 Highway 7
Newell, IA 50568
<http://bethelnewell.org/>

Interment

JUL 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kiron Cemetery
Kiron, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gerald John Hedstrom*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - July 17, 2016 at 05:05 PM

PP

“ *Patty Pardo lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Hedstrom*



Patty Pardo - July 14, 2019 at 04:55 PM

EL

“ *Gerald was the father of my sweet. friend Glee who played the piano for my middle school choir*

Elizabeth - July 23, 2016 at 02:28 PM

HH

“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Gerald John Hedstrom*



Heidi Howard - July 18, 2016 at 07:02 AM

MG

“ Gerald and Shirley were always such an encouragement to me over the years when I would come back from South Africa for a visit. There prayers for me and the ministry God has given me were sincere and valued. May the legacy of His love for the Lord and care for others be the chapters of memories which will be read over and over by friends and family. The special strength of His Spirit to the family.

Peace, Margaret Gustafson, Cape Town South Africa.

Margaret Gustafson - July 17, 2016 at 02:42 PM

KS

“ Always enjoyed Gerald and Shirley when we were neighbors and so glad we visited with him on the Fourth of July at the park. He is where he wants to be and we are here with the memories they gave us. Peace!

Ken and Janet Strouse - July 16, 2016 at 08:27 PM

PP

“ We miss Gerald's warm smile & laugh already.

We will always remember his kind manner with others, his working hard and still smiling- despite physical pain, his devotion to distributing Bibles to those who had hit hard times, and - most of all- his beaming pride of his three daughters!

Sending prayers of comfort and peace to all of the lives Gerald's kindness touched,

Patty & Jose Pardo

Patty Pardo - July 16, 2016 at 05:36 PM

KC

“ Kevin and Francie Carver purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Gerald John Hedstrom.



Kevin and Francie Carver - July 16, 2016 at 12:39 PM

AC

“ Alleen & Jeff Fraser and Carlos purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Gerald John Hedstrom.



Alleen & Jeff Fraser and Carlos - July 16, 2016 at 12:07 PM

JP

“ Glenda, Gayle and Glee,
So very sorry to hear of the death of your father. I have many good memories of times spent with Shirley and 'gals', on our birthdays. I remember seeing him a few years ago at the Storm Lake parade on the 4th. He always had a great smile and was very friendly. My husband, Leon died on June 4th of this year. My heart is sad because I miss him, but know that he is resting in our Heavenly Fathers arms. I'm sure you are sad also, but know he is in Heaven too, because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What comfort that brings to all of us. My condolences to all of you.
My love and prayers, Joan Petersen

Joan K. Petersen - July 16, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *Cherished Memories - Multicolor Pastel* was purchased for the family of Gerald John Hedstrom.



July 15, 2016 at 05:25 PM