



Harlan "Huck" Ehlers

May 1, 1951 - December 31, 2024

Harlan "Huck" Ehlers, age 73, of Albert City, Iowa died December 31, 2024, at St. Luke's UnityPoint Health in Sioux City, Iowa following a short battle with cancer.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery. Time of Gathering visitation will be held Friday, January 17, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Huck was born on May 1, 1951, in Storm Lake, Iowa to Gordon and Margie (Zadow) Ehlers. He was baptized on May 13, 1951, and confirmed his faith on April 11, 1965, at Zion Lutheran Church, where he remained a lifelong member. Huck attended Zion Lutheran Parochial School through the eighth grade and attended high school at Albert City-Truesdale High School. He participated in football and wrestling, and graduated in 1969. After graduation, he went to Northwest Iowa Vocational School in Sheldon, Iowa, and graduated with a degree in carpentry.

On March 22, 1972, Huck was united in marriage to Valerye Dummett. They were blessed with one son, Hugh. The couple was later divorced.

Following college, he served in the Seabees branch of the Navy and specialized in carpentry while serving. After his service, he returned to the Albert City area and worked for Harold Carlson until moving to Walker, Minnesota where he worked for Bailey Lumber Company, Lambert Cabinets, The Goalpost Bar and Lounge, and did handyman jobs on the side. His greatest joy while in Minnesota was when he built a home for his parents. Huck moved to the Southern California area near Bakersfield in 1986 and worked for Jerry C. Troyna Construction Company. Later he moved to the Palm Springs area and became a licensed California contractor working with Ronald VanMeetran remodeling homes. He moved back to Iowa in 2008 and worked for Mark Rebhuhn until his retirement.

Huck enjoyed fishing year round at Leech Lake near Walker, Minnesota. He loved watching westerns, COPS, LivePD, and other reality shows. During the warm months, you could find Huck riding his motorcycle, gardening, and fishing. He was always willing to help anyone in need, was very kind and loveable, and will be greatly missed.

Left to cherish Huck's memory include his son: Hugh (Tracy Bultena) Ehlers of Sheldon, Iowa; brother: Fredrick (Sue) Ehlers of Albert City, Iowa; sister: Doris Erickson of Albert City, Iowa; several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and special friend Kelli Barklind.

Huck was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Margie Ehlers and his infant sister.

Cemetery Details

Zion Lutheran Cemetery

1725 555th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Time of Gathering

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
1725 555th St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BN

“ *Bob Nehring lit a candle in memory of Harlan Ehlers*



Bob Nehring - January 16, 2025 at 09:07 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 16, 2025 at 06:09 PM

RM

“ *Ron, Norma, Alexis & Adrian Van Meeteren purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Harlan "Huck" Ehlers.*



Ron, Norma, Alexis & Adrian Van Meeteren - January 13, 2025 at 09:48 AM

SA

“ *Sally lit a candle in memory of Harlan Ehlers*



Sally - January 09, 2025 at 02:08 PM

FK

“ *From Joe and Kerri purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Harlan "Huck" Ehlers.*



From Joe and Kerri - January 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM

FK

“ *From Joe and Kerri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harlan "Huck" Ehlers.*

From Joe and Kerri - January 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM

DJ

“ *Deb Jesse lit a candle in memory of Harlan Ehlers*



Deb Jesse - January 05, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ *Michelle Henderson lit a candle in memory of Harlan Ehlers*



Michelle Henderson - January 03, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *So sorry to lose Huck. What a nice guy, every time we met. May you/we be blessed with good memories of Huck in our lives and make someone else's day better when we meet them.*

Erik and Mosbo "Hondo" - January 02, 2025 at 08:34 PM