



## Jeff H. Bunjes

March 20, 1950 - December 3, 2021

Jeff Bunjes, age 71, of Alta, Iowa went to be with the Lord December 3, 2021 in Alta, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 10:30 am at Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation will take place Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Summit Evangelical Free Church from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Jeffrey Heino Bunjes was born on March 20, 1950, the son of Heino and Margaret (Frasch) Bunjes, in LeMars, Iowa. He attended school in LeMars, graduating from LeMars Central in 1968. Furthering his education at WITCC, Jeff earned a degree in Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration. Jeff first worked at Scott's Refrigeration in Storm Lake for 15 years and later for Casey's Convenience Stores for over 32 years retiring in July 2021.

From January 16, 1969 to December 18, 1972, Jeff served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. During this time, he was awarded the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

On September 27, 1975, Jeff was united in marriage to Carol Petersen in LeMars. This union was blessed with two sons, Wesley and Bradley.

Over the years, Jeff was a diligent and creative wood worker. He created many wood carvings and did wood working in many capacities. He was a former member of the volunteer Storm Lake Fire Department and enjoyed fishing, playing guitar, photography and dancing. Much pride and enjoyment were experienced as he proudly watched his children and grandkids in their many activities in school, church and around the community. Additionally, Jeff had created many strong connections and meaningful relationships with his church family, where he cherished the moments they shared in worship at Summit as well as being involved in Timothy Team. As life progressed, Jeff became more immersed in his faith and spent many hours searching scriptures.

Those left to cherish Jeff are his wife, Carol of Alta; two sons: Wes (Kirstie) Bunjes and Brad (Julie) Bunjes, all of Alta; grandchildren: Blair, Graham, Cade, Braycen, Kinzley and Josie; one sister, Cindy (Kenny) Krienert of Brunsville, Iowa; brother-in-law, Roger (Rosie) Petersen of Merril, Iowa; sisters-in-law: Charlotte (Jeff) Langel of Okoboji, Iowa, and Connie (Bill) Klohs of LeMars; extended family and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Heino and Margaret Bunjes; brother, Steve Bunjes; parents-in-law, Darvin and Jane Petersen; and brother-in-law, Ed Wagner.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn

Alta, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church  
1000 S. Main St.  
Alta, IA 51002

## Funeral Service

DEC 9. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church  
1000 S. Main St.  
Alta, IA 51002

## Burial

DEC 9. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Woodlawn  
Alta, IA

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 08, 2021 at 04:39 PM



“ *Sheila Mills lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Sheila Mills** - December 29, 2021 at 08:37 AM



“ *Mike & Bonnie Goebel lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Mike & Bonnie Goebel** - December 11, 2021 at 09:16 AM

EK

“ Please let me offer my condolences to Carol and the rest of the family.  
I had worked with Jeff for over thirty years at Caseys. He would always seem to call at least every Thursday to ask about something pertaining to work and then we would veer off and start talking about anything but work. He was a good friend and great all around guy.  
I will miss you my friend.  
Rest well in the loving embrace of our Lord and Savior.  
Ed Klingensmith

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**Edward Klingensmith** - December 10, 2021 at 10:57 AM

MF

“ Carol and family-It was a pleasure to get to meet Jeff at various Petersen celebrations and also when he helped at activities at Grace Lutheran Church . He was a friendly man and so full of the Lord and his promises. I am keeping you in my prayers at this time and am thankful to have known him. Margaret Fett ( the late Pastor Fetts wife)

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**Margaret Fett** - December 10, 2021 at 07:06 AM

LP

“ sorry to hear about your loss

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**LOREN PAGELER** - December 09, 2021 at 05:06 PM

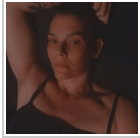


“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.



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December 09, 2021 at 10:31 AM



“ *Kelly Richmond lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*

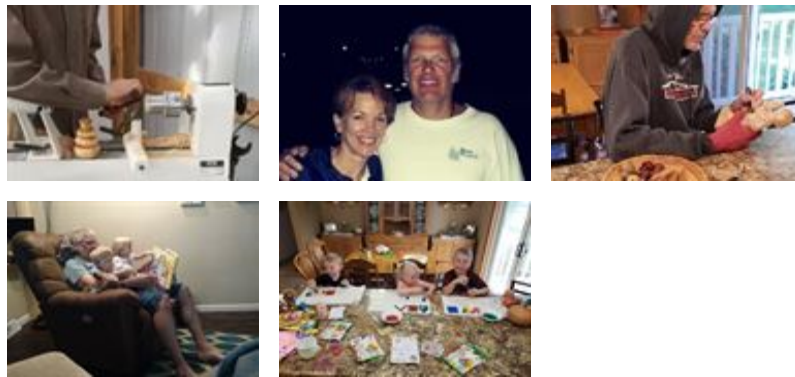


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**Kelly Richmond** - December 08, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *231 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 08, 2021 at 03:45 PM



“ *Becky, Rocky and Tina purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.*



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**Becky, Rocky and Tina** - December 08, 2021 at 03:27 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall

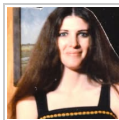


Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - December 08, 2021 at 01:44 PM

GN

“ Sitting here trying to write this message, my eyes start getting moist because, even though we haven't communicated very much in person over the last several years, I can't help but start missing Jeff very much. When we were kids, our family and Jeff's family and Kyle's family would get together often and we kids would take turns staying overnight in each other's homes. At Christmas we would all gather at Grandma Helen's house, in Remsen, and we would always be on the edge of some kind of mischief in her basement. And as happens in all families, we all grew apart and led our separate lives; but those memories formed so long ago stay with us throughout the years. Jeff has left us way too soon; however, I'm comforted by the fact that he has left behind a loving family and so many relatives and friends who will cherish the fact that he was in all of our lives. I'm sure he has been reunited with family and friends who have already left this earth and will be there to greet us as we join him in the future.

Gene Nitzschke - December 08, 2021 at 01:24 PM



Amen, brother...beautifully stated!

Linda Nitzschke - March 20, 2024 at 11:02 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Michelle Munoz** - December 08, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.*



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December 08, 2021 at 09:07 AM

JM

“ *Carol and boys,*

*Sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.*

*Kevin & Julie McKinney*

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**Julie McKinney** - December 07, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.*



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December 07, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.*



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December 07, 2021 at 03:13 PM



“ *I'm so missing Jeff already. Thinking of you, Carol, and Wes, Brad and families. We were lucky to have Jeff as one of our cousins. There will be a hole in our hearts now that he's gone, but never forgotten. Sending love and prayers your way. Tami Marek*

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**Tami Marek** - December 07, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ *Carol and family, we are so very sorry for the loss of your dear Jeff and Dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers!*



*Mary Beth Andrews and Mick Polich*

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**Mary Beth Andrews** - December 07, 2021 at 11:28 AM



“ *Gary And Nancy Snyder And Family lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



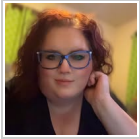
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**Gary and Nancy Snyder and Family** - December 07, 2021 at 08:45 AM

LB

“ Dear Family,  
My heart feels broken. Jeff was one of the nicest guys I have ever met. Genuinely kind ,honest ,trustworthy . He will be missed, but I know he will be celebrating Christmas with Jesus this year.  
Sincerely Linda Barfield

Linda Barfield - December 06, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ Carol & family, My heart goes out to you in this time of loss. God bless you & be with you.  
-- Carl & Stephanie Napp

Stephanie Napp - December 06, 2021 at 03:09 PM

SP

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing. We have many fond memories from the old card club days so many years ago. He always had a friendly hello when we would run into him and Carol. May your memories keep him forever in your hearts and minds until you meet again at the feet of Jesus..  
Loren and Sandy Pearson

sandy Pearson - December 06, 2021 at 12:11 PM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes



Peg Flynn - December 06, 2021 at 10:41 AM

KP

“ *Karla & Gary Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



Karla & Gary Pickhinke - December 05, 2021 at 10:26 PM

DP

“ *Carol and Family,  
We were so sorry to hear of Jeff's passing.  
We have many fond memories of Jeff. Please  
know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Diane and Don Porter*



Diane Porter - December 05, 2021 at 08:20 PM

CG

“ *Carol and Families, our sincere sympathy in your loss, cherish all  
your memories. Thinking of you all during this sad.  
Mark & Candy Galbraith*

candy galbraith - December 05, 2021 at 07:58 PM



“ *Full Heart was purchased for the family of Jeff H.  
Bunjes.*



December 05, 2021 at 06:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.*



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December 05, 2021 at 04:50 PM



“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - December 05, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Marcia Pepper lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Marcia Pepper** - December 05, 2021 at 08:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jeff H. Bunjes.*



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December 05, 2021 at 08:16 AM

LJ

“ We are so sorry to know of cousin Jeff's long illness and feel comfort knowing he is now with family on the other side. We send our heartfelt condolences to his loving support during this difficult time - Carol, Bradley, Wesley & families, his sister Cindy and family, & his many cousins and friends. We will all miss you so much, Jeff, and we light a candle in your honor. We love you.

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**Leslie and Rick James** - December 04, 2021 at 11:30 PM

MR

“ So sad to hear of the passing of Jeff! Always enjoyed his greetings n visits while walking in the neighborhood. He was a special guy with a special talent. Never been around anyone that could work wood like he could. Our deepest sympathy to you Carol,Wes,Brad n all the families! May He Rest In Peace! Margie n Eddie Rahe

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**Margie n Eddie Rahe** - December 04, 2021 at 10:52 PM

LN

“ I am so lucky and grateful and proud to have had Jeff in all of my life as my cousin, having been raised only a few miles apart, allowing for many, many fun times together. And, I'm also so happy that, thru me (by accident, so I can't take credit, really), Jeff found Carol...they both deserved the best, and that's what they got in each other. Carol, Wes, and Brad, and grandkids...during the hardest times, try remember..."it's just for now." Love you all. Godspeed.

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**Linda Nitzschke** - December 04, 2021 at 09:16 PM

JD

“ *Jon And Barb Droegmiller lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Jon and Barb Droegmiller** - December 04, 2021 at 09:09 PM

CS

“ *Colleen And Steven Swanson lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Colleen and Steven Swanson** - December 04, 2021 at 08:39 PM

TC

“ *So sorry for the sadness in you hearts and in your home. Watching the struggle somehow helps when you have to say goodbye.... but it's still a shock. May your strength as a family unit help each one of you find your way.... God Bless, Jeff*

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**Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh** - December 04, 2021 at 04:40 PM

RS

“ *Carol and family so sorry to hear about Jeff passing away .he was such a nice guy and I enjoyed helping the two of you on caterings .you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Robin stephan** - December 04, 2021 at 04:32 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF JEFF BUNJES. MAY HE NOW RIP. TO HIS WIFE CAROL & HIS FAMILY ARE PRAYERS & SYMPATHY.

PEACE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE



PATTY GUNVILLE - December 04, 2021 at 02:52 PM

TB

“ jeff was such a nice guy always there to help ,sorry to hear



Terry,Mary Bruns - December 04, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AK

“ Carol , Frances and I extend our condolences to You and your family for the your loss and will pray for you and your family for strength snd peace during these very difficult times

Art and Frances Krull - December 04, 2021 at 11:46 AM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss, cherish your memories  
❤️



Kathy Grienke - December 04, 2021 at 09:53 AM

KS

“ *Ken And Janet Strouse lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Ken and Janet Strouse** - December 04, 2021 at 09:02 AM

RS

“ *Jeff was such a nice guy .I loved helping him and carol do weddings .he will be missed .he also did nice wood work and had them showing all in his house .*

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**Robin stephan** - December 04, 2021 at 06:30 AM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**connie roche** - December 03, 2021 at 11:44 PM

BS

“ *Carol and family,*

*We are so sorry to hear this . Please accept our sincere condolences. We trust your memories will help carry you through this difficult time.*

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**Brad and Maureen Strader** - December 03, 2021 at 08:46 PM

GN

“ Grace Neuroth-Casson lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes



Grace Neuroth-Casson - December 03, 2021 at 08:26 PM

PB

“ Pat Barnett lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes



Pat Barnett - December 03, 2021 at 07:49 PM

PB

“ Pat Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes



Pat Barnett - December 03, 2021 at 07:48 PM

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Pat Barnett - December 03, 2021 at 07:48 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**connie roche** - December 03, 2021 at 06:16 PM

TC

“ *Lit a candle in memory of*



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**Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh** - December 03, 2021 at 04:08 PM

SB

“ *Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Jeff H. Bunjes*



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**Scott Bodholdt** - December 03, 2021 at 03:45 PM