



## Kenneth Payne

January 28, 1931 - May 4, 2023

Kenneth Payne, age 92, of Alta, Iowa died Thursday, May 4, 2023 in Lakeland, Florida.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the East Lawn Cemetery in Sheldon, Iowa. To view a livestream of the service, use the following link: <https://bit.ly/kennethpayne> and enter password: funeral.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Storm Lake Education Foundation. <https://www.storm-lake.k12.ia.us/page/slcsd-foundation-alumni>

Kenneth Eugene Payne was born January 28, 1931 to Jess and Nina (Bell) Payne in Hitchcock, South Dakota. He graduated in 1949 from Seward High School in Seward, Nebraska. Kenneth went on to attend college at Doane University in Crete, Nebraska. He joined the U. S. Navy in 1951 and served until 1955. While deployed, Kenneth worked aboard a heavy repair ship, the USS Jason, in Internal Communications during the Korean War.

On January 29, 1961, Kenneth was united in marriage to Marlyse Storm in Sheldon, Iowa. The couple was blessed with two children: Gregory and

Anthony. Marlyse passed away in 2002. Kenneth married Carolyn Young in Alta, Iowa on June 3, 2015 and welcomed in her three sons: Dennis, Wayman, and Blake.

Kenneth was a member of the St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, Iowa where he served on various boards. He was also a member of the Alta VFW, Lions Club and Serpaci Club. He enjoyed going to Dinner Date. Kenneth loved sports, especially football. He was honored to help his son, Tony, with the Sioux City Bandits and Omaha Nighthawks. Kenneth was also a big fan of racing. He attended the Indy 500 many times. While Kenneth was active in the sports world, his kids' and grandkids' events were his favorite. He could be counted on to support each of them in their various activities.

Left to cherish Kenneth's memory include his wife, Carolyn Payne; children: Greg (Janet) Payne of Lakeland, Florida; Tony (Amy) Payne of Jefferson, South Dakota; step-children: Dennis (Cathy) Caruthers of Stapleton, Alabama; Wayman Caruthers of St. Petersburg, Florida; Blake (Carey) Caruthers of Duette, Florida; grandchildren: Adam (Crystal) Payne; Madison and Sydney Payne; great-grandchild: Isaac Payne; extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Jess and Nina (Bell) Payne; first wife: Marlyse Payne; sister: Donna Switzer.

# Cemetery Details

## East Lawn Cemetery

700 Union Ave  
Sheldon, IA 51201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Live stream of service



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 18, 2023 at 04:52 PM

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“ I have been fortunate enough to have had 5 brothers-in-law. Ken was the first when I married his sister in 1953 while he was serving in the Navy off the coast of Korea, He set a standard for those who came after. We had many good times together, especially the several weeks together in Florida after the death of my wife. Will miss you BROTHER!!

Dan G Switzer - May 17, 2023 at 05:49 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - May 17, 2023 at 05:04 PM



“ 18 files added to the album *Ken Payne Memories*



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**Amy Howell Payne** - May 17, 2023 at 04:58 PM

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“ Our condolences go out to the family of Kenneth. A great *Sioux City Bandits* fan will be watching and cheering from above.

*Sioux City Bandits* coaches, players, staff, and owner.

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**Don Belson** - May 16, 2023 at 05:40 PM

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“ All I have is fond memories of Ken and the visit and time with him and Donna.

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**Larry** - May 15, 2023 at 02:42 PM

AP

“ If you know Kenny, then you know there is always a story. And you also know, he would talk to anybody, having a interesting conversation with a stranger was common place for him.

*Dad lived a good life. It was only recently he decided to quit riding his Can-Am Spider. However, even last fall, he was seen out mowing the yard. I am going to miss him dearly. But, all that he has taught me will remain and I will smile every time I have a memory of what Kenny would say or do.*

*So, in closing, have a beer, and raise your glass, and Salute.  
Tony*

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**Anthony Payne** - May 15, 2023 at 01:25 PM