



## Lloyd E. Boettcher

October 31, 1931 - March 19, 2026

Lloyd Ernst Boettcher went to be with Jesus on March 19, 2026.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Persons wishing to make a gift in memory of Lloyd might consider Mission Central Mapleton, Iowa or Hospice Support Foundation. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements.

Born on a farm October 31, 1931, on Reformation Day, his parents thought about naming him Luther, but were concerned he could never live up to that name. Nevertheless, he was a devout Lutheran. He did not like school, but despite this he graduated from Newell High School in 1949. He went into farming - the occupation he loved - with his dad in Grant Township. He served in the US Army 1952-54 as an anti-aircraft specialist with Western Air Command based in the Seattle area. He met the love of his life at a Walther League gathering in 1954, and married JoAnn Hinkeldey on Easter Sunday April 1, 1956. It should be noted Lloyd was born on Halloween and married on April Fool's Day.

This marriage was blessed with four children: Kevin, Iris, Ione, and Kayla. He

was very proud of them and their accomplishments and had many occasions to lose the buttons on his shirt as they popped in pride.

Lloyd and JoAnn farmed in the Alta area for ten years, the first five with only outdoor plumbing. They moved their family to Providence Township in 1966, where Lloyd established a farming operation that grew to 860 acres of crops and a farrow-to-finish enterprise raising top grade pork. He was passionate about innovative automated farm operations, including a computerized feed mill and distribution system to his hog buildings. He was one of the first in the area to own a self-propelled combine and he erected an automated grain drying system. One of his sources of joy and accomplishment was working in his shop fixing equipment and creating solutions to mechanical problems. Lloyd and JoAnn retired in 1996 to Storm Lake and built a new house across the street from the lake, fulfilling one of JoAnn's dreams to live by the lake.

As Lloyd mourned the loss of JoAnn in 2008, he became actively involved as a volunteer with Mission Central, helping to film interviews with visiting missionaries and make those videos available for interested supporters. He would often bring friends along on these frequent trips to Mapleton, both to keep him company for the drive, but also to introduce them to the work of Mission Central. One of these travel companions was Elnora Baker; their friendship blossomed during this time together and the two were married on July 5, 2013.

Lloyd was a dedicated member of Grace Lutheran Church, attending weekly Sunday service as well as serving as Trustee, fixing things and coming up with solutions to problems he encountered. This led to engineering a table mover, called Table Ease, allowing one person - especially a custodian - to move 8' wooden tables and maintain clean floors. For this invention he was awarded a U.S. Patent in 2003.

Lloyd continued to help with farm work in his retirement. He also enjoyed visiting his children who had spread across the US from eastern Pennsylvania to Alaska. He spent time putting together 3D wooden and jigsaw puzzles. He loved sitting on his porch, visiting with friends and neighbors over many cups of coffee or maybe his favorite drink, a Stinger. He dearly loved Zoom calls with family, and seeing every face fill a "Hollywood Square."

He is preceded in death by his parents (Helmuth and Ida), his five siblings (Lorraine Clausen, Lorenz "Bud" Boettcher; Ruth Harpstead; Martha "Mardie" White; Carol Maas), his first wife JoAnn, and Elnora's son Michael Baker. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife Elnora; brother-in-law Ed Maas; his children: Kevin (Kristi), Iris, Ione (Gary) Butler, and Kayla (Matthew Turner); his grandchildren: Hannah and Emma Boettcher, Sophia (Brett Brones), Kristina (Brian Craig), and Jon Butler; Elnora's children James Baker and Julie Baker; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

MAY 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KA

“ 3 files added to the album Lloyd Boettcher photos



Kayla - March 27 at 04:47 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Lloyd Boettcher



John/Connie Demers - March 26 at 05:04 PM

WT

“ Wilbur/Karen Triplett



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - March 26 at 10:17 AM

JC

“ I remember visiting with Lloyd on many occasions while I was at my grandparents and whenever I would see him in Walmart. Thoughts and prayers to Lloyd's family.



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**Jessica Casey** - March 24 at 10:25 PM

SM

“ Steph/Sharon Mickelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Lloyd Boettcher



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**Steph/Sharon Mickelson** - March 24 at 09:41 AM

JW

“ I went to the senior center to eat with Lloyd occasionally he was a good story teller all good of course may he rest in peace.jeff Watson

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**Jeff Watson** - March 23 at 05:39 PM

RR

“ Rich Robinson lit a candle in memory of Lloyd Boettcher



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**Rich Robinson** - March 22 at 11:22 AM

DJ

“ *Deb and Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Lloyd Boettcher* ”



Deb and Kevin Jesse - March 22 at 07:10 AM



“ *During my visits to Otsego Place, I enjoyed my visits with Lloyd very much. He was such an interesting man and so easy to talk to. He will truly be missed--Candy Clough* ”

Candy Clough - March 21 at 12:11 PM

SF

“ *Sympathy to the Boettcher family! Lloyd was great friend and church worker!* ”



Steve Frank - March 21 at 08:23 AM

CR

“ *connie roche lit a candle in memory of Lloyd Boettcher* ”



connie roche - March 20 at 05:39 PM

SM

“ *Stephan Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Lloyd Boettcher*



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**Stephan Mickelson** - March 20 at 04:33 PM

JC

“ *Jeff and Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Lloyd Boettcher*



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**Jeff and Jean Chindlund** - March 20 at 02:07 PM