



Mark W. Sippel

December 23, 1951 - December 18, 2025

Mark W. Sippel, age 73, of Schaller, Iowa died December 18, 2025 at his residence.

Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Early. Visitation will be held Monday, December 22, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. with Rosary at 6:30 p.m. followed by Prayer Vigil, all at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mark William Sippel was born December 23, 1951, in Conrad, Montana to William F. (Bill) and Betty (Stuenkel) Sippel. In 1960, the family returned to Iowa to live on the family farm near Schaller. The rural life, a love of nature, and caring for animals continued to form Mark's way of living throughout his nearly 74 years.

With five siblings at home and 13 cousins across the road, there was never a dull moment. The Sippel kids could start a baseball or football game at a moment's notice. There were chores to be done, but there were ponies to ride, motors to work on, dirt bikes to race and time to swim and fish at the nearby gravel pits. Mark attended grade school at Sacred Heart School in Early and graduated from Storm Lake St. Mary's.

Mark, his brother and his friends were in a restaurant when Mark laid eyes on a beautiful waitress, Julie. It was love at first sight. In 1975, Mark married his lifelong love, Julie Segebart. With Julie, Mark's life became a love story. For 50 years they were nearly inseparable, facing together all the challenges that life brings. In his final weeks, Julie was devoted to his care, just as she was throughout their lives. His appreciation for her was deep, as he shared with a family member how hard she worked to make him comfortable and to care for him.

Mark's hobbies included raising show pigeons, a hobby he shared with his brother, Steve. They attended various pigeon shows throughout the area together over the years.

Cherished German shepherds Khaleesi and Kaya were Mark's pet companions in recent years.

Mark retired from Tyson Meats Maintenance Department in Storm Lake in October of 2020.

Together Mark and Julie raised eight children who survive and will miss him dearly. Heidi Sippel of Early, Iowa; Adam (Dulaura) Sippel of Albert City, Iowa; Christopher (Krista) Sippel of Kelley, Iowa; Melissa Azure (Patrick) of Gillette, Wyoming; Laura Sippel of Sac City, Iowa; Jacob Sippel (Erin), Yulee, Florida; Molly Sippel of Ames, Iowa; and Henry (Jordan), Pocahontas, Iowa. Celebrating the love of their grandfather are 20 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa

Church St.
Early, IA 50535

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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>

Rosary

DEC 22. 6:30 PM (CT)

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with Prayer Vigil to follow

Funeral Mass

DEC 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church --Early, Iowa
501 Church Street
Early, IA 50535
<http://www.nemahaweb.com/sacredheart/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mark W. Sippel*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 22, 2025 at 01:21 PM

NC

Julie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Peace to you and your family. God bless...

Nancy Clark - December 23, 2025 at 10:33 PM

GI

“ *Gino&Molly purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mark W. Sippel.*



Gino&Molly - December 22, 2025 at 01:30 PM

GI

“ *Gino&Molly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. Sippel.*

Gino&Molly - December 22, 2025 at 01:30 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 22, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ 328 files added to the album LifeTributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



December 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Jane and Steve Bartunek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. Sippel.

Jane and Steve Bartunek - December 22, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Granzen Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



Granzen Family - December 21, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Granzen Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. Sippel.

Granzen Family - December 21, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



December 21, 2025 at 04:24 PM

SM

“ Condolences to the families of Mark Sipple



Susan Mason - December 21, 2025 at 03:27 PM

LT

“ Love Alyce Sippel, Mindy Thompson&Billy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



Love Alyce Sippel, Mindy Thompson&Billy - December 21, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



December 21, 2025 at 01:20 PM

GT

“ Gilbert Kindergarten Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. Sippel.

Gilbert Kindergarten Team - December 21, 2025 at 01:20 PM

RS

“ Ron and Maureen Sippel purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



Ron and Maureen Sippel - December 21, 2025 at 11:59 AM

TB

“ prayers ,condolences for family Terry and Mary Bruns



Terry Bruns - December 20, 2025 at 09:50 PM

LD

“ Love, Emily, Hailey, Aubrey, Emma, Dede purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mark W. Sippel.



Love, Emily, Hailey, Aubrey, Emma, Dede - December 20, 2025 at 07:39 PM

LD

“ Love, Emily, Hailey, Aubrey, Emma, Dede planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mark W. Sippel.

Love, Emily, Hailey, Aubrey, Emma, Dede - December 20, 2025 at 07:39 PM

KB

“ Kathleen Bauer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mark Sippel



Kathleen Bauer - December 20, 2025 at 02:08 PM

BP

“ Sending our deepest sympathies to the entire Sippel family...

Brenda &Tim Peters - December 20, 2025 at 01:57 PM

TM

“ Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance lit a candle in memory of Mark Sippel



Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance - December 19, 2025 at 07:44 PM

DW

“ Dale and Doris Wiley lit a candle in memory of Mark Sippel



Dale and Doris Wiley - December 19, 2025 at 07:42 PM

GN

“ Grace Neuroth-Casson lit a candle in memory of Mark Sippel



Grace Neuroth-Casson - December 19, 2025 at 07:13 PM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Mark Sippel



Peg Flynn - December 19, 2025 at 05:47 PM