



## Melvin Ray Ripke

April 10, 1941 - April 22, 2024

Melvin Ray Ripke, age 83, of Rembrandt, Iowa died Monday, April 22, 2024 at UnityPoint St. Luke's in Sioux City, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Rembrandt, Iowa. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held Monday, April 29, 2024 from 6-8:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Mel was born April 10, 1941 in Storm Lake, Iowa, the son of Raymond and Marie (Gerke) Ripke.

He attended grade school at Zion Lutheran Parochial School, Storm Lake, Iowa and graduated from Albert City High School in 1958. He was confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church. Later, he became a long-time member and served as an usher at Our Saviours Lutheran Church in Rembrandt, Iowa.

On August 5, 1961, Mel was united in marriage to Judith Owens at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with three children: Randy, Michelle and Melanie.

Mel was a farmer; farming was his occupation and hobby. He spent time being a 4-H leader and a school board member. He enjoyed going to his grandchildren's activities and spending time with his great grandchildren.

Left to cherish Mel's memory include his son: Randy (Beth) Ripke of Rembrandt, Iowa; grandchildren: Michael (Dallas) Ripke of Marathon, Iowa; Bradley (Brandy) Ripke of Rembrandt, Iowa; Christopher Ripke of Rembrandt, Iowa; Tyler (Kelsey) Huff of Port Neches, Texas and Jasmine Huff of Manor, Texas; great grandchildren: Breckyn Ripke, Brooks Ripke, Baylor Ripke and soon to be Hadley Huff; nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Mel was preceded in death by his wife, Judy; daughters, Michelle Ripke and Melanie Ripke; parents, Raymond and Marie Ripke; parents-in-law, Melville and Anna Owings, sister and brother-in-law, Norene and Marion Martin. Mel will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

# Cemetery Details

## Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery

875 IA-7  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Melvin Ray Ripke*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 29, 2024 at 03:29 PM



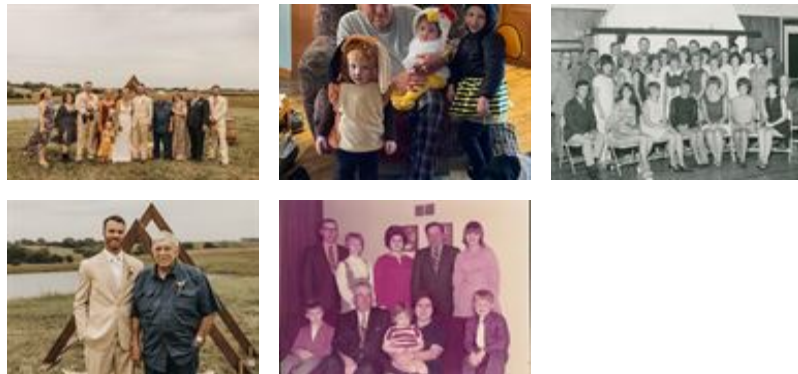
“ *Doyle Engebretson lit a candle in memory of Melvin Ripke*



Doyle Engebretson - April 30, 2024 at 11:52 AM



“ *41 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 29, 2024 at 03:26 PM

VS

“ Vicki Sorbe lit a candle in memory of Melvin Ripke



Vicki Grote Sorbe - April 29, 2024 at 12:11 PM

JK

“ Jeff Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Melvin Ripke



Jeff and Lory Krummen - April 29, 2024 at 02:02 AM

EI

“ Ethan, Jessica, Willow, and Ivy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melvin Ray Ripke.



Ethan, Jessica, Willow, and Ivy - April 26, 2024 at 02:22 PM

CR

“ connie roche lit a candle in memory of Melvin Ripke



connie roche - April 25, 2024 at 05:13 PM

WF

“ With Love from the Owings family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Melvin Ray Ripke.



With Love from the Owings family - April 25, 2024 at 02:20 PM

WF

“ With Love from the Owings family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin Ray Ripke.

With Love from the Owings family - April 25, 2024 at 02:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin Ray Ripke.



April 25, 2024 at 01:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Melvin passing. Prayers for all of family and Melvin.



Sally Rassler - April 24, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SM

“ R.I.P Mel your in a better place.



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**Steph Mickelson** - April 24, 2024 at 10:08 AM

DZ

“ *deborah zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Melvin Ripke*



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**deborah zerfoss** - April 23, 2024 at 09:17 PM

CR

“ *connie roche lit a candle in memory of Melvin Ripke*



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**connie roche** - April 23, 2024 at 04:53 PM