



Melvin Schoeppner

May 23, 1943 - January 3, 2021

Melvin J. Schoeppner, age 77, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at Parkview Rehabilitation Center in Sac City, Iowa due to health complications from his military service.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Masks and social distancing are required for guests in attendance. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to an animal rescue organization of the donor's choice. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Melvin J. Schoeppner was born May 23, 1943 to Urban and Alvina (Huegerich) Schoeppner of Carroll, Iowa. As an infant, he was baptized into the Catholic faith at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll and was later confirmed there. Melvin attended school at and graduated from Kuemper High School in 1961. Following graduation, he attended the University of Iowa where he was a member of the graduating class of 1967 and received his BA in Geography.

On March 4, 1967, Melvin entered the United States Army where he

honorably served his country in the Vietnam War. He was on temporary duty for thirty days in support of the Olympic Games in Munich, Germany in August of 1972. On September 14, 1973, Melvin was honorably discharged.

On December 17, 1977, he was united in marriage to Diana Wonder in Schleswig, Iowa.

Melvin worked as a Quality Assurance Tech at Sara Lee Foods until he retired on January 5, 2010. He enjoyed collecting and watching NASCAR, Iowa Hawkeye Football, going to balloon races, helping with Ragbrai and marathons. His biggest love was Santa's Castle where he served on the board of directors.

Those left to cherish his memory include his sisters, Bernice Daniel of Lytton, Iowa and Joan Schwaller of Carroll, Iowa; nephews, Scott (Sheila) Daniel of Pleasant Hill, Iowa and Jerry (Rachel) Schwaller of Des Moines, Iowa; nieces: Deanna Vauble of Carroll, Iowa; Julie (Joel) Weichman of Des Moines, Iowa; Carla (Bill) King of Lytton, Iowa; extended family and friends.

Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Urban and Alvina; and his wife, Diana.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Until we meet again, rest in paradise uncle Mel*



Fallon Vauble - January 08, 2021 at 09:34 PM

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“ *Mel was special. After Diane passed we corresponded occasionally but it seemed, invariably, that our letters would cross in the mail. After this happening many times Mel suggested that when I write to him I do it before the 15th of the month and he would write after the 15th, We carried forth monthly letters for a lot of years and I thoroughly enjoyed our exchanges. My last letter arrived with his Christmas card and it will remain in my memory. My sincere sympathy to his family. He will be missed. Bonnie Wonder Reynolds*

Bonnie Wonder Reynolds - January 06, 2021 at 05:03 PM



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Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - January 06, 2021 at 11:30 AM

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“ Will miss seeing you Mel at church and at Santa’s castle volunteering. We will have a mass said for you. Dewyne and Shirley Stucynski

dewyne stucynski - January 06, 2021 at 10:08 AM

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“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF MEL. DIDN'T KNOW HIM WELL, BUT WOULD SEE HIM IN CHURCH. MAY HE RIP.

LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE



PATTY GUNVILLE - January 05, 2021 at 05:18 PM

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mel. I have many fond memories of times that Mel and I spent together. One of our favorite things was getting together for all of the Storm lake car shows. The 4th of July show at Chautauqua Park was always fun. The Labor Day car show also at Chautauqua park was always a time to get together. I also remember the time that we ran into each other at the car show downtown Storm Lake for the I believe it was called Tour Iowa. That night, we were downtown while many of the car owners had gone to their Motel rooms. I think it was after 9:00 pm before we gave it up. Mel was a very special person.

Roger Wonder

roger wonder - January 04, 2021 at 05:28 PM