



Merrill Rehnstrom

November 3, 1933 - February 27, 2021

Merrill Rehnstrom, age 87, of Alta, Iowa died on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at WEL-Life in Alta following a brief illness.

Memorial service will take place Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Hope Evangelical Free Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. To watch the live stream, click the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88018581391?pwd=eIFDWnJsUUXQait3T3I6eG4rUGtPUT09> and enter the password: funeral.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. Masks and social distancing are recommended. Burial will be at a later date at the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Merrill Eugene Rehnstrom was born November 3, 1933 in Alta to Elden and Viola (Anderson) Rehnstrom.

Growing up, Merrill attended and graduated from Fairview school in rural Alta where he played basketball in high school and continued to enjoy watching games throughout his life.

On September 27, 1953, Merrill was united in marriage to Phyllis Ann Chindlund in Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with three children: Craig, Cherri and John.

Merrill was a longtime member of Center Grove church in rural Alta where he served in many capacities prior to closing. He then became a member of Hope Evangelical Free Church in Storm Lake where he served as a board member, treasurer, and with the AWANAS program.

Merrill served on the Truesdale Co-op elevator board, Albert City Thresherman board and Iowa Crop Improvement Association board.

In his spare time, Merrill enjoyed bowling and attending grandchildren's events. He treasured attending the Albert City Threshermans and Collectors Show, where he enjoyed making ice cream and looking at all the tractors, especially Allis-Chalmers, his favorite tractor. Woodworking was a favorite pastime of his. He enjoyed making benches to give away. Family was important to Merrill and he will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Craig (Mary) Rehnstrom of Alta, Iowa; Cherri (Phil) Driver of Linn Grove, Iowa; John (Louise) Rehnstrom of Alta, Iowa; grandchildren: Jesse (Merly) Driver; Leah (Jim) Kain; Rachel (Greg) Haack; Jacob Rehnstrom and fiancé, Kim Hopf; Amy (John) Dahl; Ange Rehnstrom and significant other, Aaron Shadlow; great grandchildren: Lauralea Neiman, Jace Rehnstrom, and Putu Linn Maulena Driver; extended family and friends.

Merrill was preceded in death by his parents, Elden and Viola Rehnstrom; wife, Phyllis Rehnstrom; and brothers: Harold and Bob Rehnstrom.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hope Evangelical Free Church
2015 W. Milwaukee Ave.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Memorial Service

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (CT)

Hope Evangelical Free Church
2015 W. Milwaukee Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Live Stream*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 08, 2021 at 01:43 PM

EC

“ *My Sympathies to John, Craig, Cherie and their families. Your Dad and Mom and all of you have always been great to me for more than 55 years. The other day, for some reason i was remembering picking up rocks from one of your fields, and talking with your Dad.*

Ed Clay

Ed Clay - March 05, 2021 at 02:27 PM

JK

“ *Jeff & Lory Krummen lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Jeff & Lory Krummen - March 04, 2021 at 08:55 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Merrill Rehnstrom.*



March 04, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Jensen Funeral Homes - March 04, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Kyle, Mallory, Cooper, Landon, & Tucker Rehnstrom purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Merrill Rehnstrom.*



Kyle, Mallory, Cooper, Landon, & Tucker Rehnstrom - March 04, 2021 at 11:15 AM



“ *Pam Henderson lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Pam Henderson - March 03, 2021 at 03:59 PM

CG

“ *Claudina Grienke lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Claudina Grienke - March 02, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Merrill Rehnstrom.*



March 02, 2021 at 05:57 PM

LT

“ *Lyn Theobald lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Lyn Theobald - March 02, 2021 at 12:27 PM

RB

“ *Renee Buddenhagen lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Renee Buddenhagen - March 02, 2021 at 09:42 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



John/Connie Demers - March 01, 2021 at 12:58 PM

JC

“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Jeff/Jean Chindlund - February 28, 2021 at 11:21 PM

PM

“ *I was blessed to know Merrill and his wife, through church... prayers of comfort for family, God bless you all, I still remember how they greeted me on Sunday morning, with a smile, hand shake, I always felt welcomed by them. Pat Mauch*

pat mauch - February 28, 2021 at 11:04 PM

MY

“ *Mark / Chris Young lit a candle in memory of Merrill Rehnstrom*



Mark / Chris Young - February 28, 2021 at 06:40 PM