



## Michael Reinert

September 30, 1951 - December 10, 2023

Michael P. Reinert, age 72, of Alta, Iowa died Sunday, December 10, 2023 at Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will take place Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will take place Friday, December 15, 2023 from 4-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alta-Aurelia Booster Club and the Indianola National Balloon Classic. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Michael Peter Reinert was born September 30, 1951 to Floyd and Hilda (Henke) Reinert in Cherokee, Iowa. He was baptized and later confirmed at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee. Mike attended school at the Immaculate Conception Catholic School through the 11th grade. In 1970, Mike graduated from Washington High School in Cherokee. After high school, Michael served in the U.S. Army from 1970 – 1972 where he was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska and was a member of the Army's Parachute Club.

On September 28, 1973, Mike was united in marriage to Brenda Walsh at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. They were blessed with two sons:

Jaydon and Chris.

Mike was the Balloon Meister for the Storm Lake Balloon Days, he acted as Assistant Director of the Indianola Balloon Classic, he held the office of Secretary for the Iowa Balloon Association, he donated his time, talent and treasure to Alta-Aurelia Schools and Athletics and to many other organizations.

Mike owned and operated Olsen Welding & Machine in Storm Lake, Iowa for 42 years. He was also a Hot Air Balloonist and was happiest piloting his balloon, Air Forge! He enjoyed traveling to Germany with Scott for a trip of a lifetime. The family recently visited O'ahu in celebration of Mike and Brenda's 50th wedding anniversary, making memories that will be forever cherished. Many of Papa Mike's most cherished moments were spent with his grandchildren, his highlight was attending sporting events and cheering on the Alta-Aurelia Warriors. He became an unofficial grandpa to many other of his grandchildren's friends. He worked hard to provide Brenda and his family an amazing life, one for which they will forever be grateful. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Left to cherish Mike's memory include his beloved wife: Brenda (Walsh) Reinert of Alta, Iowa; children: Jaydon (Sarah) Reinert of Ankeny, Iowa; Chris (Angie) Reinert of Alta, Iowa; brothers: Phillip (Sharon) Reinert, Paul (Susan) Reinert, John (Lorie) Reinert of Cherokee, Iowa; Dale (Lisa) Reinert, Peter (Janet) Reinert of Storm Lake, Iowa; sisters: Mary Jo (Ted) Cline of Cherokee, Iowa; Elizabeth Reinert of Newton, Iowa; grandchildren: Carson Reinert of Alta, Iowa; Camden Reinert of Alta, Iowa; Elin Reinert of Ankeny, Iowa; Nile Reinert of Ankeny, Iowa; honorary son: Scott (Heather) Gudenkauf and children; Alex, Anna and Grace of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Hilda Henke; his father, Floyd Reinert, step-mother, Evelyn Reinert, and brother, Ralph Reinert, mother-in-law, Bonnie Walsh, father-in-law, Noel Walsh; brother-in-law, Bradley Walsh.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn

Alta, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 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>

## Funeral Mass

DEC **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 14, 2023 at 06:35 PM

AL

“ *Dear Reinert Family,  
I am so sorry to hear of Michael's passing.  
I attended grade school with Michael at IC, and 1 year at  
Washington HS. He was a good classmate!  
So very sorry. May your loving memories of Michael sustain you.  
Blessings to all,  
Ann Loughlin*

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**Ann Loughlin** - January 06, 2024 at 04:11 PM

DP

“ *Mike was honorable in all his dealings, a real quality human being.  
What a loss for all who had the pleasure of knowing him.*

*Dave Patton*

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**Dave Patton** - December 16, 2023 at 10:10 AM

PR

“ *Sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace. Phil and Joyce Rupp*

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**PHILLIP and JOYCE RUPP** - December 16, 2023 at 09:36 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 15, 2023 at 04:12 PM

SW

“ We were sorry to learn of Mike's passing. Our condolences to his loved ones. He will be missed. Fly high, Mike! The Creston Hot Air Balloon Committee - Roger, John, Ellen, and Sandy

Sandy Webb - December 15, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 15, 2023 at 08:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 14, 2023 at 07:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 14, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Vetter Equipment planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reinert.

**Vetter Equipment** - December 14, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ The First American Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Reinert.



**The First American Family.** - December 13, 2023 at 10:20 PM

TR

“ Mike though age and miles have distanced us the memories are many. When we were young, we spent hours together. We probably pulled each other's hair and even shared each other's bottle.

A few more were:

stealing apples from MHI when you had to climb a fence to get in  
ripping around on bikes that caused a few road rashes in the cinder alley behind the house

playing cards in your bedroom (remember Paul) did that only once!  
when Aunt Hilda talked you into taking me to a movie (I think we were about 14) " Night of the Grizzly with Clint Walker" my first date  
teeter tottering in your basement. Not every kid had a tetter tot in their basement

lighting the country club grass on fire (Uncle Floyd was not a happy camper}

many many more

Now that you are with Ralph don't let him lift you by your head.  
The only regrets I have is that we never had a few and reminisced.  
Never could figure out why you would ever jump out of a perfectly good plane and mess up your ankle.

Thank you for being my daughter's godfather.

Brenda I hope this maybe raised a smile or 2 though short We as couples had some very good mems too

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**Trish** - December 13, 2023 at 07:22 PM

VM

“ Veronica and Jim McFadden purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Michael Reinert.



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**Veronica and Jim McFadden** - December 13, 2023 at 06:30 PM

VM

“ Veronica and Jim McFadden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reinert.

Veronica and Jim McFadden - December 13, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 13, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 13, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 13, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.*



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December 13, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *If there was a listing "good people" in the dictionary, surely we would see Mike's picture next to it. He was a great gentleman! Bernie and I thought him to be one of life's best. Our sincere sympathy to Brenda, Jaydon, Chris and their entire family. This world's loss is Heaven's great gain.*

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**Ann Onnen** - December 12, 2023 at 11:45 PM



*Our hearts were broken when we received word that Mike has passed. Ryan spent many hours at your house and we knew Mike would keep he and Chris in-line. Our prayers are with you Brenda, Jaydon , Chris and families. God will be your strength as you walk this path together with Him. Mike left many wonderful memories for you to cherish. God Bless each of you.  
Randy & Tanya Wilkinson*

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**Tanya Wilkinson** - December 13, 2023 at 11:25 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.*



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December 12, 2023 at 09:57 PM

PO

“ Mike was a great guy, he and Dale and Pete could fix anything...  
May he Rip!

Pat O'Leary - December 12, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of Michael Reinert.



December 12, 2023 at 08:56 PM

KM

“ Our sympathy to the Reinert family. May you  
find peace in the many memories you made  
and shared together. Kevin & Julie McKinney



Kevin & Julie McKinney - December 12, 2023 at 07:48 PM

SH

“ Sandra Hogrefe lit a candle in memory of  
Michael Reinert



Sandra Hogrefe - December 12, 2023 at 06:46 PM

SS

“ *Scott Kathy Schwaller lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Scott & Kathy Schwaller** - December 12, 2023 at 06:22 PM

SN

“ *Sheila and I wish to convey our condolences to Brenda, Jadon, Chris and the entire Reinert family. It was shocking to read of Mike's passing this morning. We have lost a good man.*

*We enjoyed many years of a business and friend relationship with Olsen Welding, Mike, and his talented brothers. I remember back to the first time I met Mike as he became the owner of Olsen Welding. Ivan Olsen told us that Mike would take good care of us and he did for many years! This introduction took place at the original location. Mike and Brenda really developed an excellent shop and business over the years that followed.*

*So sad for his family and friends, may Mike rest in everlasting peace.*

*Steve & Sheila Neuroth Ft. Worth, Texas*

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**Steve Sheila Neuroth** - December 12, 2023 at 04:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.*



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December 12, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert



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Lynn Snyder - December 12, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ Jennifer Lauderville lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert



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Jennifer Lauderville - December 12, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ Rob & Tara Hach planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reinert.

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Rob & Tara Hach - December 12, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



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December 12, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.*



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December 12, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Jeff/Jean Chindlund** - December 12, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Mike passing. Prayers and thoughts to the family. Back in the day, remember my association with Mike through IBP and TYSON, when we would have him do some work for us, either at the shop or at the plant. He was always a friendly guy, and nice to do business with.*

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**Robert Wetherell** - December 12, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Steve, Mark, and Dan Gudenkauf planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reinert.*

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**Steve, Mark, and Dan Gudenkauf** - December 12, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.*



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December 12, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Barry Shelly Hammen lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Barry & Shelly Hammen** - December 12, 2023 at 10:46 AM



“ *Dave Merten lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Dave Merten** - December 12, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Mike was a wonderful person. We so enjoyed getting to know him through ballooning. Gerald and Barb Knoll.*

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**Gerald Knoll** - December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss Dave and Shanda Bannister



David R Bannister - December 12, 2023 at 08:13 AM

RS

“ What an extraordinarily kind and generous man! The Iowa ballooning community has lost one of the best of us. May we all try to live up to his incredibly high standard of what a good person should be.

Randy Stone - December 12, 2023 at 07:18 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 12, 2023 at 05:15 AM

TT

“ The Iowa Thompson's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reinert.

The Iowa Thompson's - December 12, 2023 at 05:15 AM

TJ

“ Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert



Tracy Johnson - December 12, 2023 at 03:54 AM

TJ

“ So sorry for your loss. May God keep you all wrapped in his loving arms. Keep his memories alive.

Tracy Johnson - December 12, 2023 at 03:53 AM

TF

“ The Ford family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Reinert.

The Ford family. - December 11, 2023 at 11:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Michael Reinert.



December 11, 2023 at 11:16 PM

DM

“ Deepest Sympathy to the families of Mike , May he Rest in Peace.

Duane Mummert - December 11, 2023 at 11:05 PM



“ Mike was a mild mannered top notch guy. Always friendly! He will be missed.

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**Greg Mattson** - December 11, 2023 at 10:08 PM

BS

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mike.  
Craig & Bev Simonsen

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**Bev & Craig Simonsen** - December 11, 2023 at 10:01 PM

JR

“ I am saddened to hear about your loss. Prayers go out to the Family of Michael Reinert. Mike will be missed.

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**Joel E Runyan** - December 11, 2023 at 09:11 PM

DD

“ Dave Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert



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**Dave and Cheryl DeMan** - December 11, 2023 at 09:06 PM

SM

“ To the families may he rest in peace. He is in a better place with no bad days and no suffering.



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**Steph/Sharon Mickelson** - December 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM

PB

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. What a lovely man!*



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**Paula Burns** - December 11, 2023 at 08:35 PM

SB

“ *Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Scott Bodholdt** - December 11, 2023 at 06:43 PM

  
Whitney  
Gibbins

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss.  
Whitney & Tyler Gibbins*



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**Whitney Gibbins** - December 11, 2023 at 05:45 PM

GB

“ *Gene Pat Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Michael Reinert*



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**Gene and Pat Barnett** - December 11, 2023 at 05:08 PM

KM

*Our deepest sympathy to Brenda, Jadon and Chris. A wonderful friend.  
He will be deeply missed by everyone. May Mike rest in Peace.*

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**Kevin and Jan McKenna** - December 13, 2023 at 03:51 PM