



## Neil L. Quirin

February 12, 1934 - June 3, 2018

Neil L. Quirin, age 84, of Alta, Iowa died on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at the Sunset Knoll Care & Rehab Center in Aurelia.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at the Summit Evangelical Free Church in Alta. Burial will be in the Elk Township Cemetery in Alta. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Neil L. Quirin, the son of Louis and Elda (Grohe) Quirin, was born on February 12, 1934 in Schaller, Iowa.

In his youth, Neil attended grade school and later graduated from Fairview High School in 1951. He decided to further his education at Iowa State University. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agronomy.

On March 21, 1953, Neil was united in marriage to Verna L. Heath. To this union, four children were born: Greg, Mitch, Julie, and Jill. The couple later divorced and on June 7, 1979, Neil married Lavonne Van Berkum at the Milford Baptist Church.

After graduating from Iowa State, Neil started at Spencer Fertilizer Sales

Agronomy. He continued, working for Swift & Co Sales and Agronomy covering Southwest Iowa and Southeast Nebraska. Then he was an Extension Agent for ISU Extension. Neil came back to Alta to farm for four years before working for the Gulf Oil Corporation out of Kansas City, Missouri where he focused in Agronomy and served in the areas of the central and western United States, as well as the Prairie Provinces in Canada. Neil stayed working in Kansas City, Missouri as a Director of Seed Division for Farmland Industries.

Neil came back to Alta in 1975 where he started PSA Seed and purchased Mellow-Dent Seeds. In 1982, he organized Co-op Seed with Co-op's home office in Alta. He continued this work until he sold PSA Genetics to Garst Seed in 2000. In this same year, Neil also started cattle feed and farming while doing centralized seed production for other companies. Neil ended his long and successful career seed production in 2013.

Besides being involved in his work community, Neil served on different boards such as Buena Vista Mutual Insurance, Industrial Development Storm Lake, and Iowa Seed Association. Neil was also involved in the Good News Community Church in Okoboji where he was a member, Elder, and helped on the church's building finance committee.

In his free time, Neil liked driving his John Deere tractor and church planting. Neil enjoyed his work and shared his experience through many speaking engagements.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Lavonne Quirin; children: Greg Quirin of Kansas City, Missouri; Mitch (Kim) Quirin of Storm Lake, Iowa; Julie Dunn of Overland Park, Kansas; Jill Vecchio (Tom) Littleton, Colorado; step-children: Kevin (Sherie) Van Berkum of Alta, Iowa; Nolan (Shelley) Van Berkum of Milford, Iowa; Leon (Gitta) of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Sheryl

(Terry) Marsh of Oceanside, California; grandchildren: Joshua (Sandra) Quirin; Sarah (Coleman) Blom; step-grandchildren: Jayden (Tayler) Van Berkum; Brenden Van Berkum; Olivia Van Berkum; Katie Van Berkum; Morgan Elwood; Blaise Elwood; great-grandchild, Kai Contreras; sister-in-law, Sally Quirin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins; and extended family and friends.

Neil was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Elda Quirin; brothers, Earlyn and Dean Quirin; brother-in-law, Terry Marsh; and sister-in-law, Violet Quirin.

# Cemetery Details

## Elk Township Cemetery -- Alta

Alta, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Summit Evangelical Free Church  
1000 S. Main St.  
Alta, IA 51002

## Service

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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1000 S. Main St.  
Alta, IA 51002

## Interment

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (CT)

Elk Township Cemetery -- Alta  
Alta, IA

# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Robin Miller lit a candle in memory of Neil L. Quirin*



robin miller - July 14, 2018 at 05:56 PM

JH

“ *We extend our thoughts and prayers to the family of Neil L. Quirin. With our deepest sympathy, Jim & Lesa Heschke and Family*

James A Heschke - June 07, 2018 at 12:41 PM

BF

“ *Brian Hoops and family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Neil L. Quirin.*



Brian Hoops and family - June 07, 2018 at 12:39 PM

BB

“ *TO: Lavonne , Mitch, and the family of Neil; I send my sympathy. Neil was an outstanding man, and I really enjoyed working with him at Fitzpatrick Auto he will be missed by all. , And my prayers and thought go out to the family during this sad time . God Bless*



*Bob Baschke*

Bob Baschke - June 07, 2018 at 10:23 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Neil L. Quirin.



June 06, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Neil L. Quirin.



June 06, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - June 06, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Neil L. Quirin.



June 06, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Neil L. Quirin.*



June 05, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *We are from Montana, and Neil Quirin bought our cattle from us for many years. He was a man with a radiating smile and firm handshake. We thoroughly enjoyed doing business with him, and also enjoyed our yearly visits with him and his family on shipping day. What a wonderful family the Quirin's are, and we feel blessed to have known Neil for so many years. We are praying for the family during this difficult time.*

*~Swinging H Cattle Company...The Weingarts*

**Teri and K.C. Weingart** - June 05, 2018 at 07:52 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Neil L. Quirin.*



June 05, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Neil L. Quirin.*



June 05, 2018 at 02:41 PM

KD

“ *Our sincere sympathy to Neil's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Nick & Konny Droegmiller*

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**Konny Droegmiller** - June 05, 2018 at 12:47 PM

JY

“ *Junior & Ann De Yager purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Neil L. Quirin.*



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**Junior & Ann De Yager** - June 05, 2018 at 11:58 AM

RG

“ *To the Quirin Family I send my sincere condolences. I had great respect for Neil as a customer and friend whom I shall never forget.*  
*Roger Glau Spencer Ia.*

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**Roger Glau** - June 05, 2018 at 11:00 AM

DD

“ *Darlene And Doyle lit a candle in memory of Neil L. Quirin*



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**Darlene and doyle** - June 05, 2018 at 10:43 AM

JW

“ We are so sorry for your loss and are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Joe & Jodi Wittrock** - June 05, 2018 at 09:09 AM

AG

“ Neil has been a part of our lives for a long time. Cody always looked up to Neil. Lavonne, Mitch, Kevin and the rest of the family have our sincere condolences. Memories of Neil we will forever hold in our hearts. Such a sweet man. Missed but never forgotten. From Charlie, Angie and cody

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**Angela grienke** - June 04, 2018 at 09:08 PM