



Robert E. Ohrlund

May 22, 1925 - February 21, 2021

Robert E. Ohrlund, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Family memorial services will be held on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. The live stream of the service will be available through the St. Mark Lutheran Church Facebook page. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Public visitation will take place on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Masks are required for all guests in attendance. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to St. Mark Lutheran Church at 1614 W 5th St, Storm Lake, IA 50588 or to Methodist Manor Retirement Community at 1206 W 4th St, Storm Lake, IA 50588. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert was born May 22, 1925 in Des Moines, Iowa, to Alma and Victor Ohrlund, their first child. He graduated from Iowa Falls High School in 1943 and enrolled in the US Army Air Corps, serving from 1943-1946. While studying navigation at the University of Cincinnati, Bob met Dorothy Bratton, and they were married in Memphis, Tennessee in April 1945.

After Robert's honorable discharge as a 2nd Lieutenant, he attended

Ellsworth Junior College in Iowa Falls, transferred to the University of Iowa, and graduated from the College of Pharmacy in 1950. His first position as a pharmacist was at Ressler Drug Company in Storm Lake, working for John J. Ressler. A number of years later he became the owner of Ressler Drug and was active in business and pharmaceutical groups. He was President and a long-time member of the Storm Lake Chamber of Commerce, and he also served as President of the Storm Lake Kiwanis Club, where he attained 62 years of perfect attendance. Professionally, he held leadership positions in the Iowa Pharmacist Association and the American Pharmaceutical Association.

Bob's service extended to the greater Storm Lake community, where he engaged in a wide range of activities over the years. He was a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, a Little League baseball coach, a trumpeter in the ZauerKraut Band, and President of the Storm Lake Community Theater Group, appearing in several of its musicals. He served as a member and Chair of the Storm Lake Municipal Airport Commission, as well as the President of the Iowa Public Airports Association. He supported Buena Vista College/University, including as Co-Chair of the Order of the Arch. He was also active in the Northwest Iowa American Scandinavian Society. More recently, he co-chaired the committee that raised funds for the AWAYSIS/King's Pointe project, and he worked to successfully solicit donations for the lighthouse at Highway 71 and a grand piano for the high school. At one point he and Dorothy even dressed as George and Martha Washington and gave elementary school presentations.

Bob and Dorothy were founding members of St. Mark Lutheran Church, where he was the first church secretary, and later its treasurer and president, and a 40-year member of the choir.

As important as his business and community activities were, Robert was above all devoted to family: his wife, Dorothy, ten great-grandchildren,

fourteen grandchildren, and his five children: Bonnie Ericson (Daniel Blake), Barbara Johnson, John (Terry) Ohrlund, Beverly (Stanley) Reuter, and Curtis (Erin) Ohrlund.

In retirement, Bob enjoyed traveling with Dorothy, working with the group responsible for the Storm Lake Parade of Flags, earning his status as a Master Gardener, and maintaining close friendships from over the years. For more than the past ten years, Bob cared for Dorothy as she lived with the increasing challenges of dementia; after he had a fall, they moved to Methodist Manor in 2016, where he continued to help care for Dorothy until she passed away in January 2020. They were married nearly 75 years.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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>

PRIVATE SERVICE

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
1614 West 5th Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<http://www.stmarkstormlake.com/>

Tribute Wall

JS

“ I am a child (and beneficiary) of “Old Lake Ave” , where Bob was a fixture and a leader among the “Greats of Storm Lake”. It wasn’t until well into his retirement that I came to appreciate his commitment and leadership to building a better community. We would visit often about his passion for The City Beautiful and I loved every minute of it. I just did the mental exercise of going up and down the Main Street store fronts from my prime time in SL and Bob is one of the last. Thank you Bob for making Storm Lake a better place!

Jim Spooner - February 26, 2021 at 09:32 PM

RD

“ Our sincere sympathy to all the family on the loss of your Dad. Bob helped me get started in pharmacy when I was a Senior in high school, taking me to a special pharmacy day being held at the University of Iowa. After my first two years of college, Bob hired me as a pharmacy intern at Ressler Drug where I worked the next two summers. Later after graduation from Drake University, Bob hired me as a full time pharmacist and I worked at Ressler Drug for the next three years.

Bob worked tirelessly to provide pharmacy health care as a pharmacist, as well as being involved in the city of Storm lake, his church and BV College. I learned a lot from Bob as I started my pharmacy career.

At holiday time, I sometimes stopped at the house to visit Bob and Dorothy when we were in the Storm Lake area. I last saw Bob at a BV basketball game about five years ago and we had a nice visit. May he rest in peace.

Bob and Merilee Dick

Robert and Merilee Dick - February 26, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - February 26, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ Growing up in Storm Lake, my first real job was working for Bob at Ressler Drug part time while I was in high school at SLHS. He was a fair, kind, humorous, knowledgeable and demanding boss. I learned so much from him and appreciate him to this day. My sincere condolences to the whole family. Bob’s passing is a loss for the Storm Lake community.

Steve Larsen - February 25, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ Bob Ohrlund was a consummate professional, community leader, and a dedicated member of his profession in service to the people of Storm Lake. I will always remember Bob’s unwavering support of the Iowa Pharmacy Association and his personal support of my service as CEO of the IPA. His quiet style of leadership and principled commitment to strong values served to facilitate collaborative discussion of issues the resulted in meaningful policy in service to the public. May God be as good to Bob, as Bob was to his family, his colleagues, and his profession. Bob - you made a difference while here on earth! Rest In Peace!

Tom Temple
CEO Emeritus, Iowa Pharmacy Association

Tom Temple - February 25, 2021 at 06:16 PM

BT

“ I have lots of fond memories of Bob & Dorothy especially when my Mom & Dad passed on. Bob & Dorothy were there for me and I truly appreciate that. My love and prayers to all my cousins. Love, Brian

Brian Templeton - February 25, 2021 at 02:23 PM

BF

“ Brian & Brenda, Kristene & Julie Templeton Family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.



Brian & Brenda, Kristene & Julie Templeton Family - February 25, 2021 at 02:15 PM



Brayden Templeton

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Brayden Templeton - February 24, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.



February 24, 2021 at 08:10 PM

JH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Jensen Funeral Homes - February 24, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ To the Ohrlund Family:

My sincere condolences to you. Saying goodbye to a treasured friend and neighbor is difficult. There are so many happy times to remember. Curt was the funny "kid on the block" that was in charge of levity. He did an admirable job. Find comfort that your parents are reunited for Eternity. May your father R I P. God Bless Your Family.
Sincerely,
Bonnie Mester

Bonnie Mester - February 24, 2021 at 12:36 PM

LW

“ Love Nancy Williams purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.



Love Nancy Williams - February 24, 2021 at 08:39 AM

TP

“ A close friend to BOB and Dorothy since 1955 also many visit,s at the manor our prays are with you TOM and LORENE PRCHAL



thomas prchal - February 24, 2021 at 12:44 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.



February 23, 2021 at 08:41 PM

TH

“ Ted, Carol and Kajsa Hallberg purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.



Ted, Carol and Kajsa Hallberg - February 23, 2021 at 08:34 PM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Ohrlund



John and Connie Demers - February 23, 2021 at 05:30 PM

LO

“ *Linda & Bruce Anderson Ohrlund purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.*



Linda & Bruce Anderson Ohrlund - February 23, 2021 at 01:08 PM

SS

“ *Our deepest sympathy! Thoughts and prayers to the family. Lots of memories!*
Mike & Sharon Shull

Sharon Shull - February 23, 2021 at 11:00 AM

EM

“ *The words written by others before me are so true. Bob and Dorothy lived Christ's love and the command to live life abundantly. Milton Rystad, Stub Kalmer and my Dad Edward Mosbo enjoyed some Canadian fishing trips in the 1960s. Bob lived as a great example of what one can do when you seek God's guidance and desire to learn and apply your knowledge for the better good.*

Erik "Hondo"and Mariellen Mosbo - February 23, 2021 at 10:46 AM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ORHRLUND. MAY HE RIP.*

LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE

PATTY GUNVILLE - February 23, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.*



February 23, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *What a wonderful neighbor for so many years!!! Our sympathies to all the Ohrlund kids and their families during this time. But we do know that Bob and Dorothy raised some great kids and they are their forever legacy. Still can see Bob going down the water slide at Kings Pointe!!!!!!*

Ken and Janet Strouse - February 23, 2021 at 09:28 AM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert E. Ohrlund.*



February 23, 2021 at 08:28 AM



“ *Oh Curt-my heart is heavy as I read this news. Please know that I have only the happiest memories of your parents during my very formative years of teaching at St. Mary's. They were kind and helpful. I remember them dancing to the many bands I played with at the Skate Palace, Lakewood Ballroom, etc. Peace be with you at this sad time and in the days ahead.*

Laura Hanna - February 22, 2021 at 06:28 PM

HH

“Where do I start? I've known Bob, Dorothy and family ever since we came to town in 1964 and attended St. Mark for several years. He was a devoted family man, committed church member, active in any organization he joined and always had a strong family life and a great family. We enjoyed many activities with them, card clubs, Kiwanis, personal visits, you name it.

He and Ressler Drug were a pillar in the community for many years and he put his time and his money where his heart was and was always willing to listen and share ideas. And he maintained a sharp sense of right and of humor and shared them

Bob's body was slowed down by the fall he had but his mind remained sharp up until the last time I saw him in January. I will miss him.

Howard Hatlelid - February 22, 2021 at 06:16 PM

FM

“Susan and I are so very sorry to learn of Bob's passing. Community leader and servant, phillanthropist, pilot, music lover and passionate supporter of education, Bob was a remarkable person. BVU was so fortunate that Bob and Dorothy were incredibly generous with their time, talents and treasure.

Bob led an amazing life. We extend our sincere condolences to his family.

Fred Moore
President Emeritus
BVU

Frederick V Moore - February 22, 2021 at 04:39 PM

NH

“ *Nicki Harrington lit a candle in memory of Robert E. Ohrlund*



Nicki Harrington - February 22, 2021 at 04:05 PM

KH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all... I had many great memories with Bob and enjoyed my time with him at the Manor*

Karmen Hodgdon - February 22, 2021 at 02:50 PM