



Roger Pomrenke

February 20, 1938 - March 25, 2026

On March 25, 2026, Roger Pomrenke passed away peacefully surrounded by love and prayers of his family, after a hard-fought battle with cancer-related illnesses. He leaves behind a legacy of unwavering faith, incredible love, compassion, and a clever sense of humor.

Funeral Mass will take place Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Visitation will take place Monday, March 30, 2026 from 5-7:00 p.m. with a KC Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Dad was born on February 20, 1938, to Augie and Rosella Pomrenke. He attended St. Joseph School in Ashton, graduating in May, 1956. While in school, he enjoyed singing and helped lead his team to second place in the 1956 CYO Diocesan Tournament. He continued learning throughout his life through classes and experiences.

On February 8, 1958, he married Kathleen Thiele – his love, his soulmate - his everything. Over the next 68 years, they would build a life overflowing with love, steadfast faith and family. Dad's love and devotion for Mom was not only an inspiration- it was an example of unselfishness and admiration. Through

her strength, he found his strength. The two of them set an extraordinary example of love and faith for generations to admire and emulate. Dad savored sharing his morning coffee with Mom while making plans for the day. Dad had always dreamed of an Alaskan trip with Mom; in 2004, that dream came true.

He was a pillar of strength for his family-mentally, emotionally and physically (whether it be from his metal shoulder, knees or hips) to unwavering faith and dedication to his family, friends, and community.

Dad's world was his faith and his family. Who else would think of delighting their kids by building a swimming pool out of a grain bin or pulling a feed bin lid behind the car to go sledding over the snow-filled ditches? Dad relished countless days with family and friends on the pontoon and at the beach. He calculated he could have driven to the moon and back for all the miles he drove in the truck, (never needing to put a wrench to the motor) catching up with his kids, cheering on his grandkids and seeing the precious smiles of his great grandkids. One of his greatest joys was giving bear hugs (with or without sound) to his grandkids and great grandkids. His faith brought him through the sad times when he lost his sons.

For him, packing up the kids for family vacations was an adventure. Not too many would decide to drive to Texas in the extended van with all of us (wheelchair included) on such a memorable vacation. Then do it again the following year all the way to California! A Niagara Falls trip happened years later.

Dad could entertain his family for hours with his stories- whether true or a "tad" bit stretched. He talked fighting the Indians, racing his bike downhill or shooting the winning basket. He passed on his love for practical and impractical jokes whether it be showing a grandchild how to eat a "nightcrawler" or fix something with a "sheet rock screw".

Dad enjoyed serving as Mayor of Lakeside – he understood the infrastructure and was often seen inspecting, protecting and servicing the community on his golf cart. Whenever he met anyone, he made it perfectly clear that Storm Lake was a “suburb” of Lakeside. A home fire in Lakeside helped his family understand the love and support of the incredible Lakeside community.

Active at St. Mary’s Church, Dad served as a cantor at Mass and enjoyed being part of the Environmental committee. Using his mechanical know-how, he designed and built the system that raises/lowers the banners behind the crucifix. He was a member of Knights of Columbus for over 70 years and also a 4th Degree Knight. Dad was also on the Building Committee when the K of C Hall was built.

Dad and Mom enjoyed being “Winter Texans” for a few years - attending concerts, enjoying competitive card games (boys against the girls, of course), happy hours, remote car races and many other activities.

From Peterbilts to Lincolns and from his Goldwing trikes to Polaris snowmobiles, Dad never met a motor he didn’t like. For many years, he relished “bike nights” with his motorcycle group. Many SERPACI outings were enjoyed sitting in the passenger seat in Mom’s 1997 red Mustang convertible. Later he could be seen buzzing around Lakeside in his golf cart. His newest toy, a 1964 Ford Thunderbird 2-door Hardtop, was ready for his next adventure.

Those hands. Callused. Big hands. His hardworking, skilled hands brought his visions to life - remodeling homes, building a new one, restoring two fire-damaged homes, and using his creativity to fix just about anything. Soft hands. To hold his wife. His children. To pray to his Lord. Hands of a servant

to all.

Dad was blessed with an incredible voice and sang at his daughters' weddings. Never a Christmas went by without singing "Silent Night" in German. He closed each prayer at family gatherings with a hearty..."And the people say... AMEN".

Roger is survived by his wife, best friend and his everything, Kathy. His children: Sandi (Rick) Ehrhardt, Carol (Gary) Ihnen, Nancy (the late Paul) Wright, Denise (Dave) Seitsinger, Jason (Kristy) Pomrenke and Connie Pomrenke. Grandchildren: Nick (Lyndsay) Nolting, Justin (Lisa) Nolting, Brandon (Amy) Nolting, Amy (Joel) Bruning, Drew (Blair) Wright, Luke (Chelsi) Wright, Josh (Kalley) Wright, Kate (Payton) Kennedy, Austin (Morgan) Seitsinger, Carter Seitsinger, Jenna Pomrenke (Tyler Cahill), Cole Pomrenke, Jayda Pomrenke, Jacob Pomrenke (Ali Caskey) and Isaac Pomrenke. Great grandchildren: Taylar, Adalee and Jaden Nolting, Henry and Violet Nolting, Aubrey, Noah, Nash and Nolan Nolting, Ethan and Bo Leo Bruning, Henley, Holten and Hayes Wright, McKenna, Brooklyn and Jace Wright, Ripley Wright and Weston Paul Kennedy.

He was preceded in death by his sons: Thomas Michael, Douglas Mark and Daniel Joseph; son-in-law, Paul Wright; his parents, his father and mother-in-law Ed and Zita Thiele; brothers and sister; in-laws and extended family and friends.

Dad's legacy of faith, love, and deep devotion to family will live on through Mom, his children and the generations that will follow him.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 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>

Rosary

MAR 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 31. 10:30 AM (CT)

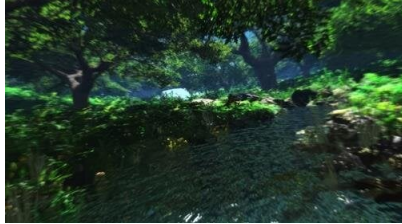
St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 30 at 12:20 PM

BJ

“ *My condolences to the Pomrenke family. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Bob O'Brien, Jr. - April 01 at 12:43 PM

DJ

“ *Kathy and family,
I have so many Pomrenke memories! Roger had an incredible sense of humor, he always seemed to be happy. He was a blessing to so many who knew him.
I keep your family in prayer as you deal with the loss of Roger, may all of your wonderful memories will your hearts with love.
Diane Johnon*

Diane Rosetta Johnson - April 01 at 12:26 PM

MS

“ I am sorry to hear the sad news about Roger. Now there is a guy who would always brighten the whole office with his visit. I can still hear him say, " Well...you know doc....." He was one tough guy and never got very shook up when he had some curve balls thrown at him. I enjoyed knowing him and he always made me feel very appreciated on every effort on my behalf. Prayers for Peace and I feel very honored to have been his doctor, Dr. Mark Schultz

Mark Schultz - March 30 at 04:38 PM

FH

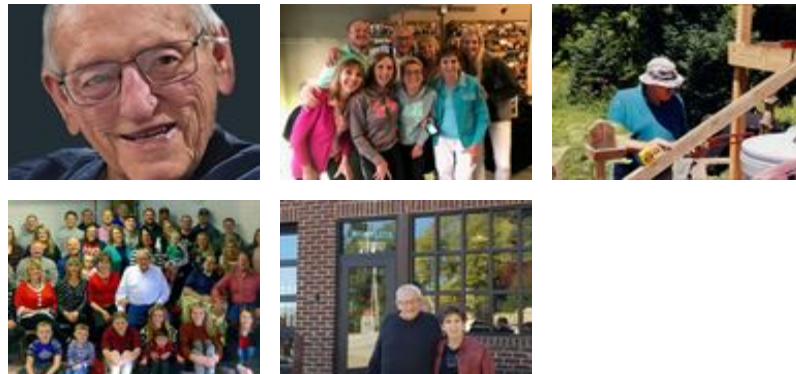
“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 30 at 12:16 PM



“ 148 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 30 at 12:16 PM

TA

“ May God wrap his arms around Kathy and family during this difficult time. Roger will be so missed. Tom and Julee Abrahamson



Tom and Julee Abrahamson - March 29 at 11:25 PM

KB

“ I first met Roger at Landus in Newell. I have to say he was my favorite trucker! Always had stories to tell and always said don't do anything I wouldn't do! He will be greatly missed by many!



Kaylee Botine - March 29 at 08:59 PM

BR

“ Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke



Bev Reis - March 29 at 02:10 PM

MK

“ Mike & Connie Kahnke lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke



Mike & Connie Kahnke - March 29 at 11:54 AM

MK

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Mike & Connie Kahnke - March 29 at 08:30 AM

TC

“ We're sorry you are hurting.....

tim/peg cavanaugh - March 28 at 11:57 PM

TF

“ The Seitsinger Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Roger Pomrenke.



The Seitsinger Family - March 28 at 07:03 PM

&F

“ & family purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Roger Pomrenke.



& family - March 28 at 12:56 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Roger Pomrenke.



March 28 at 11:21 AM



“ Jon and Barb Droegmiller lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke



Jon and Barb Droegmiller - March 27 at 08:54 PM



Many prayers for Roger and your whole family! Thinking of you in your sorrow! Mike and Roxi Pertzborn

ROXANNA PERTZBORN - March 29 at 10:07 AM



You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. I have many good memories of Denise in school, Kathy at the AEA and your family. JD and Wendy Goodchild

Wendy Goodchild - March 30 at 09:19 PM



“ Jacquelyn Olson lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke



Jacquelyn Olson - March 27 at 08:06 PM

AC

“ *Al & Linda Carlsen lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Al & Linda Carlsen - March 27 at 07:33 PM

MC

“ *Our condolences to Kathy and the entire Pomrenke family. We will miss seeing Roger around the community and church. He is now at peace, no longer suffering. Our prayers. Kevin & Julie McKinney*



McKinney - March 27 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Roger Pomrenke.*



March 27 at 03:30 PM

PF

“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Peg Flynn - March 27 at 01:29 PM

JE

“ *Such a great guy!!! Praying for the entire family!!!! So helpful with my crazy dock projects!!!!!! 🙏*

Jane A Else - March 27 at 12:56 PM



“ *Pat Bjorkgren lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Pat Bjorkgren - March 27 at 10:56 AM

WT

“ *Wilbur/Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Wilbur/Karen Triplett - March 27 at 10:56 AM

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“ *Terra McKeag (Sievers) lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Terra McKeag (Sievers) - March 27 at 10:53 AM

BB

“ *Bob Baschke lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke*



Bob Baschke - March 27 at 10:47 AM

MS

“ *Mike and Becky Smith purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roger Pomrenke.*



Mike and Becky Smith - March 27 at 09:50 AM

MS

“ *Mike and Becky Smith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roger Pomrenke.*

Mike and Becky Smith - March 27 at 09:50 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roger Pomrenke.*



March 27 at 08:14 AM

SM

“ R.I.P Roger



Steph/Sharon Mickelson - March 27 at 07:53 AM

SL

“ My deepest sympathy to Kathy and family!



Sue Lloyd - March 26 at 09:28 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Roger Pomrenke.



March 26 at 05:03 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke



John/Connie Demers - March 26 at 05:03 PM

KM

“ *Love and Hugs to all! Roger will always have a special place in my heart!* ”



Kay Marvin - March 26 at 04:34 PM

SZ

“ *Sue Zwemke lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke* ”



Sue Zwemke - March 26 at 01:13 PM

JC

“ *Jeff and Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Roger Pomrenke* ”



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - March 26 at 12:51 PM