



Ronovan Ray Meyer

December 19, 1936 - April 18, 2018

Ronovan R. Meyer, age 81, of Alta and formerly of Storm Lake passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Monday, April 23, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to UnityPoint Hospice in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

Ron, the son of Alvin and Frieda, was born on December 19, 1936 in Fairbury, Nebraska. He lived on a farm in Jefferson County, Nebraska until 1944 when his family moved to rural Storm Lake, Iowa. He graduated from Providence Consolidated of Sulphur Springs in 1954. He attended Iowa State College (now Iowa State University) and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture. Ron began farming with his father in 1960. He married Jane Esther Dreier at St. John Lutheran Church (Hanover) in Alta, Iowa on November 6th, 1960. Ron and Jane raised two children, Cheryl and Bruce.

Ron loved life on the farm. He was always looking for new ways of doing things and was never afraid to try new technologies that would make his farm more efficient and successful.

Ron and Jane retired from farming in 2004 and moved to Alta where they cherished visits with their friends, family, and especially their grandchildren. Even after retiring, Ron's passion for farming and livestock continued. He never stopped monitoring weather forecasts, agronomy and market prices.

Ron was an avid fan of Iowa State sports, especially football, men's basketball and women's basketball, often traveling with Jane to attend games in Ames. Ron's wardrobe largely consisted of Iowa State shirts, sweatshirts and hats. Ron loved to travel. He and Jane had the pleasure of traveling to destinations around the world. Some of his favorites included Alaska, Australia and the Panama Canal. They've enjoyed many cruises as well. Ron and Jane have both loved Hawaii and returned each winter for many years.

Ron enjoyed conversations with his many friends. He was full of stories and loved to share them. He never shied away from a good debate, often taking the opposing view just to keep things spirited and lively. Ron loved history and enjoyed touring museums on his travels. Ron had an amazing memory. He could recount the smallest details about his life including names, dates, places and experiences from his earliest years.

Ron's life will continue to be celebrated by his wife, Jane Meyer; his children: Cheryl Meyer (Derek Anderson) of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Bruce Meyer (Kelsey) of Stanton, Nebraska; his grandchildren, Kaden and Brody Meyer of Lincoln, Nebraska; his sister, Betty Penniman (Terry) of Scottsdale, Arizona; his nephew, Tyler Penniman (Angela) of St. Paul, Minnesota and niece, Adelina Penniman of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents: Alvin and Frieda Meyer, and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Emma Dreier.

Ron will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Alta
301 Alta Vista Street
Alta, IA 51002
(712) 284-2141
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
402 Lake Ave.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ronovan Ray Meyer*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 20, 2018 at 10:24 PM

TD

“ *Jane and family... I was a young kid in late '66 working at Peterson Motors in Storm Lake... Ron came on the used car lot, had bought a 66 Chevy with the 427 4 spd... being from California, that caught my attention and Ron and I had a great visit... Ron gave me an opportunity, he hired me as his hired man on his farm for the Spring of '67... while I wasn't with him the entire season, he taught me so much... Ron was a good solid man, with vision and determination... I went in the Navy in late 67 and retired after 23 years of a good solid career... the foundation began building that spring and as I look back, there was a piece of me left there on that farm... even the dust storm when Ron was out in the 806 and I was on the 560 as we turned up moist dirt to stop the topsoil from blowing away that afternoon... Jane spent almost an hour digging dirt out of my eyes that day... we did go through a lot in that brief time, but so much stuck... my best to the family, Ron made a difference...*

Tom Dixon - July 12, 2023 at 04:23 PM

MO

“ *Marjean O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Ronovan Ray Meyer*



Marjean O'Bannon - April 23, 2018 at 09:57 AM

BB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your dad, Cheryl and Derek. My thoughts and prayers to you and your mom during this difficult time. May God give you all peace and comfort now and in the days ahead. Love, Bridget, Jerry, Jessica and Jamin Blum of Omaha, NE*



Bridget and Jerry Blum - April 21, 2018 at 11:10 AM

KZ

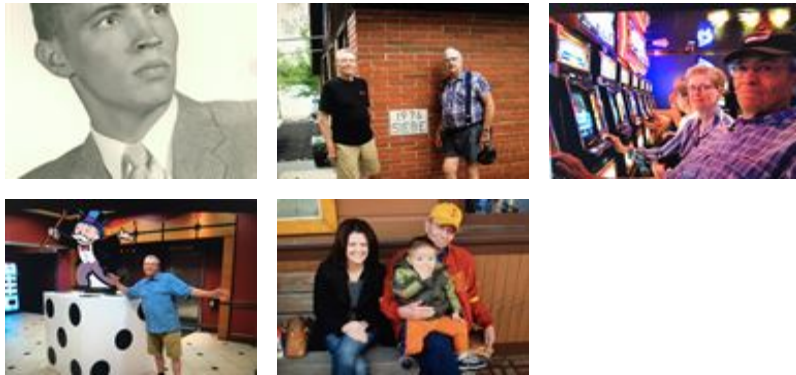
“ *Jane and family,
I always considered Ron a great mentor and always appreciated the encouragement you both gave me early on in my life.
May the Lord be with you and your family.
Kevin & Marilyn Zadow*



KEVIN E. ZADOW - April 21, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ 127 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - April 20, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Ronovan Ray Meyer.*



April 19, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ *Jane and family,
Our prayers and sympathy as Ron is called Home. We fondly recall our visits over the years and the dog adventures. After 30 years we still chuckle over Ron's special bond with our dog Brandi. He had the gift to make her bark whenever they were near each other even on dog obedience graduation night! We recently recalled the neat pontoon ride on Storm Lake. Ron had the gift to make one feel welcomed and there was always something interesting to visit with you and Ron about. God's Blessings and Peace.*

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - April 19, 2018 at 07:16 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Ronovan Ray Meyer*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - April 19, 2018 at 05:07 PM

CJ

“ *Connie And Shawn Jesse lit a candle in memory of Ronovan Ray Meyer*



Connie and Shawn Jesse - April 18, 2018 at 09:30 PM