



Warren E. Ploeger

August 6, 1945 - October 29, 2020

Warren Eugene Ploeger, 75 of Schaller, Iowa, passed away peacefully and went to his heavenly home on Thursday, October 29, 2020, at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller. To watch the recording of the service, please go to Warren's tribute wall. Burial will be in the Immanuel Reformed Cemetery in rural Schaller. Public visitation will take place on Sunday, November 1, 2020 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Schaller-Crestland Elementary School gym in Schaller. From 2:00-3:00 p.m., guests that are at an increased risk of COVID-19 are welcome to attend the visitation at the gym in Schaller. Masks are recommended for guests in attendance at all services. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to Mission Central at 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Warren E. Ploeger was born on August 6, 1945, the son of Edward and Nley (Howe) Ploeger and the sixth child of seven at his Uncle Bill and Aunt Jessie Mernin's home in Sulphur Springs, Iowa, Buena Vista County. He lived on the family farm in rural Alta until 1950. Then the family moved to Schaller. He was baptized on April 12, 1959, and confirmed his Christian faith on May 17, 1959, at the Immanuel Reformed Church, rural Schaller.

In his youth, Warren attended school in Schaller. Warren worked for his brother-in-law Donald and later Red Huelman during his school years. He said he always learned so much about livestock and farming from them. He earned his high school diploma in 1963. Even though Warren never really cared for school, he had to get an eligibility slip signed every Friday in order to play sports. So he knew he had to pass or he wouldn't get to play, BUT he always told his children and grandchildren that he wished he would have studied more in school. He loved playing sports and performing in the school plays.

Warren served in the United States Army from 1965-1967 as a Sentry Dog Handler in Okinawa and was honorably discharged in 1967.

On December 6, 1968, Warren was united in marriage to Nancy Hansen at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller. On January 4, 1970, Warren joined the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller where he was an active member for the remainder of his life. The couple was blessed with five children: Lonnie, Lynn, Lori, Leah and Lance.

Warren worked at Hygrade for six years. He then farmed and followed his passion for raising quarter horses and showed them throughout the United States. He also drove the school bus for Schaller Community Schools. In 1981, while continuing running his Quarter Horse operation, he began his crop insurance career with Old Republic Insurance Company as a Field Representative. Then in 1992, Warren started his own crop insurance business, Agri Business Insurance Inc., in Lake City, Iowa. He later moved the business to Schaller in 2005.

Warren was a long-time member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Schaller where he was a Sunday School Superintendent, Usher and Elder, and he also enjoyed playing dartball. He spent countless hours coaching little league

baseball and basketball. Warren was also a school board member for many years. He was part of the Huptu Squad and volunteered as an ambulance driver.

Never one to sit still, Warren's hobbies included raising pheasants, hunting elk and deer with Lance and John, raising show pigs with Lonnie and raising a few cattle so he would always have something to do on the farm. Warren loved watching any sporting event, and he enjoyed watching hours of ESPN. In his early years, Warren belonged to a men's and mixed bowling league. Many of Warren's greatest years were raising and showing horses. In 2002, Warren was listed by the American Quarter Horse Association as one of the Top 20 Producers of Halter Class Winners in the U.S. Warren enjoyed serving the Lord, and he would always say, "All Glory goes to God!" He would tell his grandchildren, "Work hard, do your best and God will do the rest!" He taught his family that it was better to give than to receive. Warren was always a very giving person.

After Nancy retired in 2007, Warren and Nancy enjoyed traveling. Some of their favorite trips were to the New England States, Panama Canal, Branson, Alaska, fishing trips to Lake Michigan and last fall they traveled to the Redwoods in California. Warren's happiest times were attending his grandchildren's activities and spending time with his family. Warren and Nancy took their whole family on many vacations to Colorado where they'd rent a big house in the mountains so they could all be together. To celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Warren and Nancy took their family on a trip to Hawaii where many memories were made. His legacy for those left behind is the importance of faith, family and the love of our country, the good ol' U.S. of A! Warren will always be remembered for his funny jokes, quick wit, welcoming smile and giving the best hugs. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 52 years, Nancy, of Schaller, his five children: Lonnie and Kathy Ploeger of Pierson, Iowa, Lynn and John Wunschel of Schaller, Lori Christiansen of Ankeny, Iowa, Leah Braunschweig of Schaller, and Lance and Myka Ploeger of Holstein, Iowa. Warren is further survived by his 17 grandchildren: Elle, Charles, Emerson and Enley Ploeger, Colton, Kenzee, Kyler and Cody Wunschel, Zachary, Anna and Nate Christiansen, Jack and Luke Braunschweig, Reid Vogt, Alexis, Casee and Walter Ploeger; Two brothers, Melvin Ploeger and wife Dorothy Ploeger of Ida Grove, Iowa, Duane Ploeger and wife Karen Ploeger of Storm Lake, Iowa, and one sister, Donna Jeanne Lindstrom and husband Darold Lindstrom of Ida Grove, Iowa; sisters-in-law Darlene Ploeger Wells from Denison, Iowa, Wanita Wiese and husband Randy Wiese from Kingsley, Iowa, Carolyn Goecke from Storm Lake, Iowa, Nora Demers and husband Lance Demers from Bondurant, Iowa, and Diane Hansen of Schaller; brothers-in-law Clarence Hansen and wife Kris Hansen, of Schaller, Darwyn Hansen and wife Sharri Hansen of Schaller, Chad Hansen and wife Robbi Hansen of Schaller and many nieces and nephews.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Nley Ploeger, brother, Bob Ploeger, sisters, Virginia Burhop and Janette Willer, niece, Cindy Wolf, brothers-in-law Don Burhop, Ronnie Willer, and Charlie Hansen, Jr., father and mother-in-law, Charles and Wanda Hansen.

Cemetery Details

Immanuel Reformed Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Schaller Gym
300 S. Berwick St
Schaller, IA 51053

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Warren E. Ploeger*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 01, 2020 at 12:08 PM

GB

We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Warren. I did not know all of you but knew Warren, Lanny, and Lance. I got to know Warren when Lance was coaching football at Odebolt-Arthur. We had some great conversations. Your family is in our hearts and prayers.
Glenn & Sally Becker

Glenn Becker - November 01, 2020 at 01:48 PM

RP

I am so saddened to hear of Warren's passing. The family probably doesn't know this but when I was a little girl, I could never wait until Warren showed up to deliver gas to our farm. I would run out to greet him and he was always so patient and friendly. He knew how much I loved animals and one time he brought me a pet rabbit which I appropriately named "Plug". I had such a crush on him and he was my idyll. My thoughts and prayers go out to you. We have lost a giant.
Robin Pollard

Robin Pollard - November 02, 2020 at 10:22 PM

LI

He lived a full and loving life. He touched the lives of so many people. His legacy and memories will never be forgotten.

Linda - November 03, 2020 at 02:47 PM

SE

“ Just heard of Warren's passing. He was such a big part of Mike and my "horse world" I remember the many nights we sat and watched television and ate ice cream when I would take my mares to Schaller, Iowa to get bred. I will truly miss him.

Sandy Ellis - November 19, 2020 at 03:41 PM

LT

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Warren. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Nancy, and your family! May you cherish the many sweet memories you have of your husband, Grandpa and best friend!!

*Scott and Lori Tuttle

Lori Tuttle - November 05, 2020 at 01:47 PM

DL

“ Dave & I enjoyed so much visiting with Warren & Nancy at the college when we walked and know now he's up in Heaven running . Sending Many Prayers , Much & Angel Hugs To Nancy & Family .



Dave & Patti Lange - November 04, 2020 at 02:11 PM

BF

“ I am very saddened to hear of Warren's passing and send my condolences to his wife and family. He will always be remembered in my mind and heart as I had known him for decades. RIP, my old friend.

BARBARA Lee FITZSENRY - November 04, 2020 at 06:47 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Funeral Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 02, 2020 at 06:29 PM

RR

“ *Rod Nelson, Nikki Ball, Jeremy Walstrom & RCIS purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Warren E. Ploeger.*



Rod Nelson, Nikki Ball, Jeremy Walstrom & RCIS - November 02, 2020 at 12:25 PM

JF

“ *Wishing you all comfort, peace, prayers, and lots of love through this time of sorrow. -John and Brenna Franken Family*



John and Brenna Franken Family - November 02, 2020 at 10:45 AM

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“ *Thinking of your family and praying for you today as you celebrate Warren's life. I'm praying for God to comfort all of you. I'm so thankful that Jesus Christ gives us the assurance of everlasting life for believers. Love to your family...*

Tonia Mauser McCoid - November 02, 2020 at 08:12 AM

JK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jim and Kathy Knauss*

Jim and Kathy Knauss - November 01, 2020 at 05:22 PM



“ *Demaris Bloyer lit a candle in memory of Warren E. Ploeger*



Demaris Bloyer - November 01, 2020 at 02:26 PM

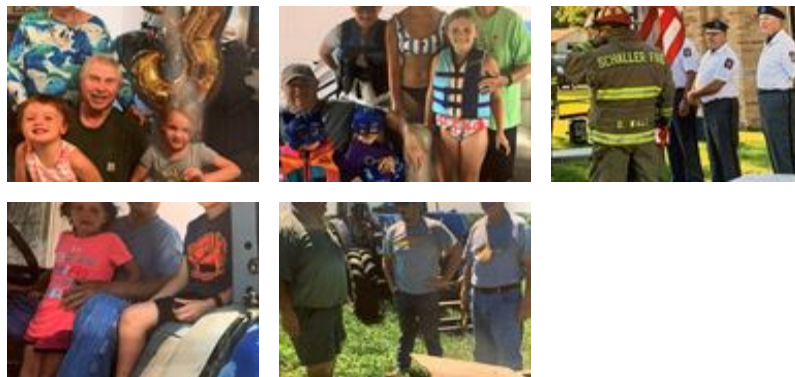


“ *My husband, Jerry Bloyer, always said of Warren that when he pitched to Jerry, Jerry's hands were always stinging when the game was over! Jerry said that Warren was a damn good pitcher.*

Demaris Bloyer - November 01, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *247 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 01, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 01, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ Nancy and family, We hope you find comfort in all your wonderful memories of Warren.
Our sympathies,
Gary and Marla Hoffman

Marla Hoffman - October 31, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Steph/Sharon Mickelson sent a virtual gift in memory of Warren E. Ploeger



Steph/Sharon Mickelson - October 31, 2020 at 02:00 PM



“ Brad, Susan, and Kate purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Warren E. Ploeger.



Brad, Susan, and Kate - October 31, 2020 at 01:01 PM

RH

“ As a youngster, we could rely on Warren to help us have fun. He was a great baseball player. He had a 1963 Chevy that he laid a lot of rubber in the streets of Schaller, ha. He served his country and worked hard to develop a successful business. Over the years we would periodically meet and talk about "live" and what was important to us.

He was a good friend who will be missed during my next visit back home.

Rest in peace Warren.

Dick Hogue

Richard Hogue - October 31, 2020 at 11:59 AM

PC

“ I married into the family 2012 to Rodney Corbin. On my birthday one year, Rod brought me to Iowa to meet the family. Everyone made me feel at home and one of the family right away. We were so graciously invited over to Warren's home the morning of my birthday, June 5th. It was early in the morning and He and Nancy had an awesome breakfast. But the most breath taking happen was when we went to the field and they released the birds. They tried to hand one to me but I was afraid. So Rodney throw one up in the air. That was so awesome. Thanks for having me on that day to experience such a wonderful and blessed birthday. Warren you will be missed down here but one day soon we will see you in Heaven. We love you Nancy and know you and the family are in our prayers and thoughts. Love ya'll Patty and Rodney Corbin

Patty Corbin - October 31, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Warren E. Ploeger.*



October 30, 2020 at 09:48 PM



“ *Warren truly was always smiling and so passionate about his family and hometown. As a second cousin, my spirit was always lifted up when I might cross his path at Popcorn Days. I always got a big Ploeger hug and might even get a beer!! Hope the memories and adventures bring some smiles between the tears. He sure did live life with gusto. Love to his family!!*

LINDA PLOEGER ADOLPHSON - October 30, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Warren E. Ploeger.*



October 30, 2020 at 09:32 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Warren E. Ploeger.*



October 30, 2020 at 08:17 PM

DE

“ *Ploeger Family,*
I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven gained one of the best when Warren made his way there yesterday! I have such fond memories of Warren-- from him being one of the loudest dads at sporting events (in the best way possible :) to slumber parties on your huge living room floor where he always had a good word of advice to his infectious smile during "catch up" chats as I became an adult. Warren made each person he spent time with feel like the most important person in the room. It was a blessing to have known him and I hope you find comfort during this difficult time being surrounded by the abundance of love and memories he created.
In sympathy,
Denise (Olson) Miller

Denise - October 30, 2020 at 05:18 PM

TC

“ *Every time we saw Warren....he was smiling. What a legacy he and Nancy have in their children and grandchildren: a life lived with gusto and being surrounded by family and all of the memories those times make. Happy times....and those times we hope will sustain you now in your time of loss and sadness. He was someone you were always glad to have spent time talking to....and he always took the time to do that. He will be remembered and missed by many....and that's a "good life." God Bless and keep Warren.*

Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - October 30, 2020 at 04:23 PM

LW

Thank you so much for that kind message! It means a lot!!

-Lynn

Lynn Wunschel - October 31, 2020 at 08:51 AM

KM

To Warren's family- we are so very saddened by the loss of Warren. Heaven definitely gained a special angel. His time here was incredibly meaningful and he impacted so many people in so many ways! When you saw Warren, he was always surrounded by family and enjoying life- whether he was working, at an event for his kids or grandkids or just doing the simple every-day things. Warren exemplified living through God and doing unto others and created an incredible family! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!
The Manteufels

Kris Manteufel - November 01, 2020 at 08:19 AM

GH

So sorry, Nancy. I will miss talking with Warren on my trips back.
Garnett Helming

GARNETT HELMING - November 01, 2020 at 07:14 PM



“Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Warren E. Ploeger.



October 30, 2020 at 12:54 PM