



Wilbert "Willie" Vilas

April 9, 1927 - October 31, 2019

Wilbert D. "Willie" Vilas, age 92, of Storm Lake, Iowa died October 31, 2019 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Friday, November 8, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will take place Thursday, November 7, 2019 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake with a Masonic Service at 6:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Willie Vilas Memorial Fund. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Willie was born April 9, 1927 in Storm Lake, Iowa the son of Oliver and Fay (Treloar) Vilas.

Growing up, he attended school in Storm Lake where he graduated from Storm Lake High School in 1946. He then furthered his education at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake.

Willie was enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served his country during World War II.

Upon returning from service for his country, he joined the family business

known as Vilas & Company. Vilas & Company had a turkey processing plant as well as a feed mill and a hatchery in Holstein, Iowa. They operated the family business until 1975 when the company sold. Today the company is known as Tyson. After selling the business he enjoyed spending the winters in Florida.

On February 4, 1948, Willie was united in marriage to Joan Beth Mummert in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with three children: Nicki, Mikka, and Doug.

Willie was a member of the Masonic Temple and a Shriner.

Those left to cherish his memories include his children: Mikka Vilas Belson of Holstein, Iowa and Doug Vilas of Storm Lake, Iowa; son-in-law, Ed McKenna of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Cari (Rick) Rosno; Jessica Edmundson; Cindy Belson; Troy (Erica) McKenna; Brandon (Rachel) McKenna; Ryan (Ana Colon) McKenna; Shawna (Steve) McKenna Clifford; great grandchildren: Jordan and Jasmine Edmundson; Jacob, Colby and Alison Rosno; Bridget, Patrick and Cailin Clifford; Hailey Fuss; Alyssa, Makayla and Emma McKenna; Tim Belson; sister-in-law, Arlene Vilas; extended family and friends.

Willie was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Mummert Vilas; daughter, Nicki Vilas; his parents, Oliver and Fay Vilas; and his brother, Dwain Vilas.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
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<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

NOV 8. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake
211 East 3rd Street
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 07, 2019 at 12:55 PM

KZ

“ Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of Wilbert "Willie" Vilas



Kim Zimmerman - November 03, 2019 at 03:31 PM

DL

“ Always enjoyed visits with Willie and he will be remembered as a brilliant business man that when he spoke people listened and always had a smile and that chuckle .



Dave & Patti Lange - November 03, 2019 at 10:48 AM

TB

“ Toni B. purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket for the family of Wilbert "Willie" Vilas.



Toni B. - November 02, 2019 at 04:41 PM

DJ

“ *Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Wilbert "Willie" Vilas*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - November 02, 2019 at 01:02 PM

PM

“ *Rest In Peace, Dear Willie.....I enjoyed spending time with you.....* 😊
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Heartfelt Sympathy 🙏 Love, Pam

Pam McClannahan - November 02, 2019 at 09:51 AM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Wilbert "Willie" Vilas*



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - November 01, 2019 at 06:23 PM