



Carl F. Nunnikhoven

January 20, 1948 - April 5, 2021

Carl F. Nunnikhoven, age 73, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, passed away on Monday, April 5, 2021 at the MHP Serenity Hospice house in Oskaloosa. He was born on January 20, 1948 in Oskaloosa, Iowa, the son of Abraham "Abe" and Harriet (Vander Schaaf) Nunnikhoven. Carl attended Pella Christian High School and graduated with the Class of 1966. He then attended Dordt College in northwestern Iowa and graduated with a Degree in Music Education in 1970. On December 29, 1970 he was united in marriage to Lorna Van Gorp at the Calvary Christian Reformed Church in Pella, Iowa. To this union, two daughters were born, Staci and Shelby.

Carl worked as a music instructor at Manhattan High School in Montana before taking a job as music director at Eddyville High School. He later went to work as a financial advisor. He was a member of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church where he served as an elder, Sunday school teacher and choir director. He was director of the Gospel Singers male chorus for several years. Carl had a love for anything involving music and a keen ear for improving musical performances. He enjoyed working in the yard and attending his grandchildren's events.

His family includes his wife of 50 years, Lorna Nunnikhoven of Oskaloosa; his two daughters, Staci (Mark) Spoelstra of New Sharon and Shelby (Marc) Andreas of Grand Rapids, MI; his grandchildren, Kevin (Meredith) Spoelstra, Katie Spoelstra, Connor (Bree) Andreas, Adeline Andreas, Lovely Andreas, Galadriel Andreas, Jonah Andreas, Ivy Andreas and Willow Andreas; two brothers, Allen (Kerrilyn) Nunnikhoven of Oskaloosa and Howard (Beverly) Nunnikhoven of Lynden, Washington. He is also survived by two sisters, Marcella (Phil) King of Georgetown, Texas and Alice (Robert) VanWyk of Oskaloosa.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa with Reverend Doug Van Der Pol officiating. A private

graveside service will be held in the Evergreen Cemetery in Leighton, Iowa. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. According to the rules put in place by the Iowa Department of Public Health, proper social distancing and reasonable personal protective equipment is advised for attending a religious public event. Visitation will be held at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Oskaloosa on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 beginning at 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. with the family present to greet relatives and guests. Memorials may be made to the Oskaloosa Christian School Music Department.

Cemetery

Evergreen Cemetery

Leighton, IA, 50143

Events

APR 7 **Visitation - Family Present** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Bethel Christian Reformed Church

2157 230th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

APR 8 **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Oh Lorna, I'm so sorry..
Mary Kelderman

Mary Kelly - April 06 at 10:10 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carl F. Nunnikhoven.



April 06 at 07:11 PM



“ My thoughts of Carl go back to our days together in Grade School where we shared a wealth of memories. He is the first of our "Triple Trio" to join that celestial choir and we celebrate his welcome there. One of my dearest memories, though, is of a prayer he offered at the conclusion of a Gospel Singers choir practice a couple of years ago. It was so warm and fresh and personal, reflecting an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father Whom he obviously knew so well. My deepest sympathies to you, his family, and may you, too, know the precious hope we have in Christ.

Norm Rozenboom - April 06 at 12:17 PM



“ Mr. Nunnikhoven was my neighbor in Eddyville. I was Diana Smith back then & I would ride to Swing Choir practice in the early morning with him up the hill and he was an awesome Choir Director. We received many #1's at competitions. I still love music to this day & thank him for all the memories. I graduated in 77 & was also a part of the trio who sang at graduation. Sympathy to his family for their loss. I am sure he will be greatly missed.

Diana Billheimer - April 05 at 08:19 PM



“ I'm so sorry to learn of Mr. Nunnikhoven's passing. He was my choral director at Eddyville High School, where I graduated in 1977 as Shirley Newquist. I accompanied the choir occasionally on the piano and sang primarily second soprano. He helped me gain confidence in singing publicly (in fact, I sang in a trio at my high school graduation), and my ability to accompany has served me well during my life as I have accompanied my children's performances and serve as our church's pianist.

He was a great example of a professional educator, and his interest in his students was obvious. I remember choir sessions very well. I recently retired as a business professor at Indian Hills Community College, and I credit my teachers at Eddyville High School for demonstrating how to teach and inspire students.

I knew him as a teacher, and I'm confident his life since then has been full of special times with his family. Enjoy and cherish the memories!

Shirley Reid - April 05 at 08:04 PM