



Herbert Duane Strasser

November 29, 1948 - June 24, 2020

US Army LTC. (ret.) Herbert Duane Strasser, 71, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Serenity Hospice House of Oskaloosa after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer.

Herbert was born on November 29, 1948 in Oskaloosa, Iowa to Howard G. “Swede” Strasser and Darlene M. (Hiemstra) Strasser. He was raised on the family farm north of Rose Hill and graduated from Oskaloosa High School in 1967. Herbert earned his bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Education from Iowa State University in 1971, master’s degree in Adult Vocational Counseling from Kansas State in 1977, and his PhD in Educational Leadership from Iowa State University in 1999.

Herbert married Margaret I. Jackson, his high school sweetheart, on November 28, 1969 while they were both students at Iowa State University. After graduation, Herbert was commissioned as an officer in the US Army. They began a career as a military family that lived in locations all over the United States and Europe and raised sons, Hale and Eric. During Herbert’s military career he was a logistics officer and helicopter maintenance test pilot, aviation company commander, and the Inspector General of the 101st Airborne Division during the first Gulf War (Operation Desert Storm). He also taught Army ROTC and served as the Professor of Military Science for ISU Army ROTC. Herbert’s military awards include: Bronze Star Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Jump Wings, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Air Assault Badge.

After serving on active duty in the US Army for 23 years, Herbert retired from the military as a Lieutenant Colonel. In his civilian life, Herbert went on to serve as the Assistant to the Vice Provost for ISU Extension for four years as he worked toward completion of his PhD. Herbert served on the Ames Community School Board from 1994-97. He later transitioned to be Northeast Hamilton High School’s Curriculum director and the Vocational Agriculture teacher in Blairsburg, Iowa. After 12 years of teaching at Northeast Hamilton, Herbert retired again. Even after his formal retirement from education, Herbert briefly continued to teach ag-related courses at Ellsworth Community College.

Herbert and Margaret moved back to Oskaloosa in 2015. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends this past Fall.

In recent years, Herbert enjoyed volunteering at The Well (Pella), Serenity Hospice House, and the Nelson Pioneer Farm. He also loved restoring furniture, creating woodworking and crafting projects, gardening, landscaping and planting trees as a Master Gardener, attending auctions, teaching others and spending time with his family. Through his involvement in Boy Scouts of America, Herbert was a Scoutmaster, served on the District Committee in the Mid-Iowa Council BSA and earned the Silver Beaver award. Herbert was a member of the Knights of Pythia, Montezuma.

Herbert loved both to learn and teach. He had a knack of inspiring others and possessed the knowledge and charisma to lead others toward success.

Herbert is survived by his bride, Margaret, son Hale (Corrie) of Johnston, IA, son Eric (Melissa) of Gilberts, IL, and Humberto (Doris) Jones of Detroit, MI, who was like a son to him. Grandchildren are Harrison, Erich, Sean, Jason, Hannah, Humberto Antonio and Gabriella;

two sisters: Karen Jones and Penny (Jim) Adams; two brothers-in-law: Tom (Cindy) Jackson and Mark (JoAnn) Jackson. Herbert leaves behind many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents.

As was Herb's wish, his body has been cremated. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial of the urn with military honors by members of the Oskaloosa American Legion and V.F.W. will be in the Wymore Cemetery near Rose Hill. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Open visitation will begin Friday, July 10, 2020, after 11 a.m. in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel from 5-7 Friday, July 10, 2020, evening to greet friends and relatives.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Nelson Pioneer Farm & Museum, please mail all cards and memorials to P.O. Box 207 - Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577.

Cemetery

Events

Wymore Cemetery

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Visitation

11:00AM - 07:00PM

IA,

Bates Funeral Chapel

114 South 7th Street, Oskaloosa, IA, US, 52577

Comments



“ Saddened For Herb's Passing
He Was One Of The Awesome
Guys In This World !



Sandra - Yesterday at 12:36 PM



“ Phillips Family (From Chicago) purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Herbert Duane Strasser.



Phillips Family (From Chicago) - July 01 at 11:03 PM



“ My wife, Judy, and I were stationed in Germany with Herb and Margaret from 1979 to 1982. Herb was the Charlie Company aviation maintenance officer. Herb was well-liked and respected for his knowledge and his ability to handle difficult situations with a cool, yet friendly, demeanor. Judy and I are saddened by his death He will always be lovingly remembered.

Chuck and Judy Blakley

Chuck Blakley - June 29 at 05:08 PM



“ Thanks, Guys! You are the Best & I'm so broken-hearted!

margaret strasset - June 30 at 08:44 AM



“ Photo with Dad and Chuck: http://troop275.com/xlr8shn/hds/2020-07-04_171925%203.jpg

Hale Strasser - Yesterday at 08:15 PM



“ Love, Lynn & Gene Burton purchased the Garden Accent - When someone you love... for the family of Herbert Duane Strasser.



Love, Lynn & Gene Burton - June 27 at 04:21 PM



“ To the entire Strasser families My thoughts and prayers are with you now and for the the days ahead I know the feeling of losing a brother. I know his parents was proud of him and well you Karen and Penny. Hugs and prayers Delores Morgan Cundiff of Kirckville Ia.

Delores Morgan Cundiff - June 26 at 04:53 PM



“ Garden Accent Stone - 'Wherever a beautiful soul...' was purchased for the family of Herbert Duane Strasser.



June 26 at 01:58 AM



“ Sad to hear this. I'm sorry for your loss. I was one of Dr. Strasser's last classes he taught at NEH. He was always one of my favorites because of the knowledge and the history he taught us. I remember a lot of the old projects we worked on in class. My favorite was definitely restoring the old CJ2 Alpha Jeep. It was a long project that I think he was more proud of than me. There was a lot learned and laughs had. He will be missed.

Dylan Bosch - June 26 at 12:06 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your families loss. Dr. Strasser was the greatest of men. He was my favorite teacher. We have had alot of laughs and even more talks. I'm proud to call him my friend

Chace Pruismann - June 25 at 11:29 PM



“ I know he has two sister , she must of forgot . So sorry for everyone in the family sending prayers

marty burke - June 25 at 07:25 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Herb's family and friends. I see that he lived a full life.
Peggy Sandberg Morstorf

Peggy - June 25 at 06:54 PM



“ Dear Margaret and family, I am truly saddened by the news of Herb's passing. Sending love and a prayer for you. Linda Hinkle Zahn

Linda Zahn - June 25 at 06:45 PM



“ Margaret and family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your best friend and husband. He fought a courageous battle with this disease and he was a true warrior in all things. Please know that you and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace Herb and thank you for your service.
Sincerely,
Emily Wallace
Arizona

Emily Wallace - June 25 at 04:56 PM



“ Dear Margaret and all your family, I didn't get to know Herb but know that he was very respected and loved by you. May your memories of all the years you had together bring some level of comfort to you.

Warmest regards, Karen Howland (your Oregon cousin).

Karen Howland - June 25 at 07:05 PM