



Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen

December 25, 2003 - July 7, 2016

Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen, age 12, died Thursday, July 7, 2016, of complications following surgery. He was born December 25, 2003, in Pella, the son of Scott and Sandra Van Donselaar Van Veldhuizen. He was homeschooled and recently completed 6th grade. He was a fun loving, typical 12-year-old boy that had an incredible zest for life. He loved the farm, helping his dad, brothers, and grandpas with projects and field work. He enjoyed raising goats and chickens, and especially the income from his egg sales. Reuben was an outdoorsman, and looked forward to trapping and hunting season every year. When season was closed for hunting and trapping, he would pick up his fishing pole and spend hours by the water when his brothers went with him. He always looked forward to swimming and climbing trees with his sister. This last fall and spring, Reuben, with his brothers by his side, harvested his first deer and turkey. He always looked forward to trips to grandma and grandpa's house, be it working with his grandma on a project or doing farm work and riding 4-wheelers with grandpa. He also was an athlete, and enjoyed participating in football, basketball and baseball on the 'Oskaloosa Heat' team. Reuben enjoyed being in 4-H, riding his bike, running around with his friends during his brother's ballgames, tending his fish tank, playing Rook, robotics club, and attending church on Sunday and visiting with other kids after church. He was kind and tender-hearted, and always looked forward to brightening the day of those around him, as well as receiving hugs, especially from his mom. He enjoyed attending Federated Fellowship Church in Pella with his family, and had been on mission trips with his family to Mexico and Texas. He also enjoyed being in Cadets at Cedar Christian Reformed Church, and was looking forward to Camporee this summer.

His family includes his parents, Scott and Sandy Van Veldhuizen of Oskaloosa; his siblings, Nate (fiancée Lydia Van Ee) Van Veldhuizen, and Blake, Noah, and Lydia Van Veldhuizen all of Oskaloosa; paternal grandparents, Marvin and Judy Van Veldhuizen; maternal grandparents, Ralph and LaVonne Van Donselaar; paternal great grandparents, Henry and Virginia Van Kooten of Pella; many aunts and uncles, Marvin and Kim Meyers, Kevin and Melanie Van Maanen, Tom and Kristen Parks, Jeff and Vicki Van Donselaar, Jeremy and Kristen Van Donselaar, Matt and Sheri Overbergen, and Brad and Julie

Boender; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Sherma Van Donselaar; great grandparents, Henry and Cornelia Van Veldhuizen, Lewis and Jennie Van Donselaar, Everett and Nellie Jansen, and Cornelius and Anna Roose.

Funeral services will be held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Federated Fellowship Church in Pella with Reverend Steve Stroup officiating. There will be a family prayer service at 10:15 Monday morning at the church. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery near Leighton. The Bates Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will begin Sunday after 12 noon in the Bates Funeral Chapel and the family will be at the funeral chapel on Sunday from 2-6 p.m. to greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to Federated Fellowship Missions.

Cemetery

Events

Evergreen Cemetery

Leighton, IA, 50143

JUL **Visitation** 12:00PM - 06:00PM

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Bates Funeral Chapel

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

Comments



“ So very sorry to hear about Reuben. The twins and I were remembering him from Activity Day and how he was always happy. You are all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

Jonie, T.J., and Braden Arends (and Chris, Ben, and Kaitlyn)

Jonie Arends - July 11, 2016 at 09:20 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



July 11, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ So many thoughts and prayers sent to the entire family. Know I'm praying for you all at this difficult time!

Jeanne Clark - July 10, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ We went on a mission trip that the Van Veldhuizen family were joining, as well. Reuben was constantly asking to do the "big kid/adult" things like building or walking and praying over people. He was more interested in helping others than having fun. That memory has never left me. Also, I cannot recall any moment where he didn't have a large Cheshire smile on his face...how happy and earnest he was... Our love to you all for such an enormous loss... The Sharps

Jenny Sharp - July 10, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ 657 files added to the album LifeTributes



Bates Funeral Chapel - July 10, 2016 at 11:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



July 10, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious Reuben. Sending prayers for comfort knowing he is in the arms of our Lord and savior until we all meet again.

Love, Hugs, and Prayers
Mike & Tonya Denhartog & family

Tonya Denhartog - July 10, 2016 at 09:51 AM



“ Five or six years ago I went to Mexico with the Van Veldhuizen tribe. On the way back our bus broke down and a 24 hour drive turned into 38 hours. We were all tired, hot and grumpy. But then we coasted into truck stop next to a beautiful field of flowers. Reuben and Lydia ran around picking bouquets for Sandy. Somehow watching them finding simple joy in that flower field changed all our attitudes and set a new tune for the rest of our trip.

Calla

Calla Van Wyk - July 09, 2016 at 11:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



July 09, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Curtis, Robin, Cole and Tyson Ferguson

Robin Ferguson - July 09, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ Steve, Jan, Doug, Mae, Mike, Shawn, David & Wendy purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



Steve, Jan, Doug, Mae, Mike, Shawn, David & Wendy - July 09, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go to you as a fellow family of boys (plus Lydia :) who have shared many sports memories over the years. May God wrap His arms closely around you now and in the difficult times ahead.

Sheri, Nate, Scott and Devin Haveman

Sheri Haveman - July 09, 2016 at 12:31 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



July 09, 2016 at 12:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



July 09, 2016 at 11:19 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are just so sorry for your loss of a beautiful and gifted son. Brad and Julie Flory.

Brad & Julie Flory - July 09, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ We always enjoyed hearing and watching Reuben play piano at Mrs. Stam's piano recitals each spring. We were impressed with the level of pieces he played entirely from memory! We will miss his beautiful music! Love & Prayers to your family, Steve & Brenda Spoelstra & family

Steve & Brenda Spoelstra - July 09, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ Rick and Cheryl Nikkel and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



Rick and Cheryl Nikkel and family - July 09, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ Beverly Jenkinson lit a candle in memory of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen



Beverly Jenkinson - July 08, 2016 at 11:24 PM



“ Blake and family, my family and I are praying for comfort for you as you are going through this difficult time. We may not understand God's ways but we know he has a plan for all of us.

Beverly Jenkinson - July 08, 2016 at 11:26 PM



“ Amanda Binns lit a candle in memory of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen



Amanda Binns - July 08, 2016 at 10:56 PM



“ You're in our thoughts and prayers.



Duane and Dawn Van Gorp - July 08, 2016 at 10:31 PM



“ Shayla Whitehead-Uber lit a candle in memory of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen



Shayla Whitehead-Uber - July 08, 2016 at 10:26 PM



“ Heidi Higginbotham Smith lit a candle in memory of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen



Heidi Higginbotham Smith - July 08, 2016 at 10:13 PM



“ May God bring you comfort in this time of sadness and loss. Reuben was a Beautiful young man that would bring a smile to your face! I will miss him dearly, but I know he is watching over his family! Love you all!! <3

Heidi - July 08, 2016 at 10:16 PM



“ Scott, Sandy, Nate & Lydia, Blake, Noah, Lydia....Our hearts ache for you. Please know that you have our deepest sympathy, and that we are thinking about you and praying for you unceasingly!!
Corwin & Carla

Carla Walhof - July 08, 2016 at 09:46 PM



“ Carla Walhof lit a candle in memory of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen



Carla Walhof - July 08, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ The Spencers Lee, Doug, Kevin, Jason, Jeff & Jenny purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Reuben Joel Van Veldhuizen.



The Spencers Lee, Doug, Kevin, Jason, Jeff & Jenny - July 08, 2016 at 09:08 PM



“ Dear Scott & Sandy, we are so sorry for this loss of your dear sweet son Reuben. Our deepest sympathy from Bert & I and the rest of our family. When I heard about Reuben's death I wanted to see you immediately & give you a hug. We will have to put this on hold till another day, soon I hope. Bert & I drove to your home this evening & Lydia met us on the sidewalk & put out her arms to us & I asked her if she was Lydia. That was so sweet. Julie & Brad said that you were with your older boys at the game. I'm sure you did the right thing in doing that.

We never know what God has in store for us, I'm sure that you did the best you could for Reuben. Our prayers that you will feel God's presence with you while you walk through this valley.

Bert & Elaine

Elaine Bandstra - July 08, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ Nate and family, our prayers go out to you. So sorry. Pastor Tom
tom palmer - July 08, 2016 at 10:23 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Prayers for comfort and peace for today and the days ahead.
Shelli Eveland - July 08, 2016 at 10:45 PM



“ I can't stop crying today. I taught Scott in music class as well as his sister, Melanie (3rd or 5th grade) as well as his sister (Kindergarten) about 30+ years ago. These years were a long time ago, but I will never forget this family. They came to visit us when we lived in St. Louis. Re-connecting with them on facebook has been a joy. My heart aches for them and I am thankful they are Christians and that they can know that Reuben is with the Lord. Peace.
Cathie Tien - July 08, 2016 at 11:02 PM



“ Scott and Sandy my heart goes out to you. Sandy I will forever have the memory of you and Reuben running errands together in Pella last week: him grinning with his bags of donut holes and you praising him for having a good attitude and being good company. You are such a great example of a Godly mom who takes the responsibility of being mom seriously as you genuinely love your kids deeply. Much love and sympathy and prayers for your family.
Heidi Rozenboon
Heidi Rozenboon - July 10, 2016 at 06:24 PM