



Ralph Wilson Juhl

April 12, 1919 - October 11, 2013

Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Ralph W. Juhl, 94, of Waverly, Iowa, died on October 11, 2013 at Bartels Skilled Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Ralph was born on April 12, 1919, in rural Plainfield in Bremer County, Iowa, the son of Anker P. and Olive M. (Wilson) Juhl. He was baptized and confirmed in the Plainfield Methodist Church, transferring his membership to Trinity United Methodist Church in 1959. He graduated from the Waverly High School in 1937. Following his schooling Ralph helped his father on the family farm before entering the U.S. Army on January 15, 1941. Ralph served with the second and fourth Armored Infantry Battalion during WWII under the command of General Patton. He was wounded in action and was transferred from a hospital in Europe back to the United States. Ralph was honorably discharged on September 21, 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, American Defense Service Medal, and The European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal.

Ralph and Lavon R. (Ormston) were acquaintances before the war and once Ralph returned home the couple started dating. On June 9, 1946, they were united in marriage at the Evangelical Church in Waverly. The couple made their home in Waverly. In December 1949 Ralph and his brother-in-law, Merwyn Whitney, started the Whitney-Juhl Ford Tractor Company, which operated until 1977.

From 1968-1988, Ralph served on the Bremer County Board of Supervisors. In 1987, Ralph began working with McKee Realtors in Waverly until retiring in 2007.

Ralph was an active and faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly. He was also active in many facets of the community, local government and veterans groups. He was a life member of the AMVETS, American Legion and V.F.W. posts in Waverly. Ralph was a past State Commander of the Iowa AMVETS, past President of Iowa Association of Counties and past President of the Waverly Chamber of Commerce and a member of Rotary for many years. In his spare time he enjoyed traveling, fishing, working and making lists of "projects" to keep his six children and their spouses busy. We can't forget that driving to and from coffee twice a day with his coffee buddies kept Ralph "occupied and busy" in the years since retirement, as did giving driving tours of his beloved town of Waverly.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lavon Juhl of Waverly; six children, Peggy (Randy) Rogers of Soldotna, Alaska, Jim (Claudia) Juhl of Montrose, Colorado, Tom (Cindy) Juhl of Norwalk, Iowa, Sue Juhl of Bigfork, Montana, Bob (Lindee) Juhl of Janesville, and Jan (Steve) Bartlett of Waverly; 11 grandchildren, Katie(Billy) Dawley, Chad (Allissa) Bartlett, Jessica (Paul) Dane, Jenny Rogers, Shannon (Jayakar Oguri) Juhl, Jamie Bartlett Zedeker, Jarred (Karla) Juhl, Grant Juhl, Tiffany Juhl, Doug Juhl, and Valerie Juhl and 11 great grandchildren. He is also survived by sister, Marjorie Reinhardt, Waverly, brother, Arnie (Ruth) Juhl, Cedar Rapids, and sister-in-law, Norma Juhl, Storm Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents, Anker and Olive Juhl, one brother, Lester Juhl, sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Merwyn Whitney and brother-in-law Bob Reinhardt.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly with Pastor Deborah Wise officiating. Visitation will be held on Monday from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home, Waverly. Burial with Military Rites conducted by the Waverly Amvets Post #79 will be held in Harlington Cemetery, Waverly. In

Lieu of Flowers memorials may be directed to Bartels Skilled Care and Rehabilitation, Cedar Valley Hospice, and Waterloo Honor Flight. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com

Guestbook



[Robin Ketchum](#)

Created: November 14, 2013

So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with Lavon and family.



[David and Barbara MacMillan](#)

Created: October 18, 2013

Dear family,

We were sorry to hear of Ralph's death. He was an American original and part of that greatest generation that we need more of today. We have fond memories of the Hickory Hts. pontoon boat rides with Ralph and Lavon and neighbors. It was a unique and memorable experience!

You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



[Sharon Johnson](#)

Created: October 16, 2013

I want to offer my condolences to the family and friends at this time. Losing a loved one is one of the hardest things to overcome. The God of the Bible Jehovah does not want anyone to experience the pain, sorrow and mourning your family is going through. That is why one day he will do away with death, and families will be reunited. Rev 21:3-4. Prayers of support, comfort and endurance are being said for the entire family.



[David Barber](#)

Created: October 16, 2013

To the entire Juhl family, Ralph will be missed by many, he was an icon in the history of Waverly! Condolences to you all.



[Don and Suz \(Kosbau\) Mariano](#)

Created: October 15, 2013

Peg and family- Don and I send our condolences to you at this very difficult time. As you mourn your father, find comfort in the love and strength that he modeled for you over the years.

Love and prayers.....



[Mike & Connie Bartlett](#)

Created: October 15, 2013

LaVon, Jan & Steve, and Juhl family: You are in our thoughts & prayers today.....Ralph was truly a "one of a kind" husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and a community leader. He will be missed by so many.

Sending you hugs & love

Mike & Connie Bartlett



[Mike Reinhardt family](#)

Created: October 15, 2013

Aunt Lavon and family, we love you and wish we were there with everyone to celebrate Uncle Ralph's wonderful life! We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jayden sends you a hug and a kiss from Texas! God bless you.



[Jane Juhl Evans](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

Aunt Lavon, Peggy, Jimmy, Tommy, Susie, Bobby and Jannie.....our Dad's are together ... In a better place-we are sad and miss them terribly, but what a legacy they left. My memories of my Uncle Ralph: popcorn in milk for Sunday night supper, getting rides on brand new tractors, the big tent for the Jepson-Juhl Reunion and Dad and Uncle Ralph and Uncle Arnie always fixing things. We siblings of the Juhl brothers inherited our work ethic and values from our fathers. I

am so glad I had my Uncle Ralph. I am thinking about all of you as you celebrate the special life of a husband and Dad. Cousin Jane



[Dorene Mether](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

Extending sympathy and prayers for you as you go thru this time. We are sorry for your loss.



[The Kielman Family- Dan & Jayn](#)

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Extending sympathy and prayers as you celebrate Ralph's life. He will be fondly remembered for all that he gave to Waverly and to our country!



[John Dawson](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

Ralph --it was a pleasure and an honor to know you--and great time together when we traveled to Alaska for Katie's wedding!! I shall treasure the memory. You will always be in my prayers--as will your family. With everlasting respect and love. John Dawson



[John and Betty Monaghan](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

Lavon and Family; May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you today and always. Our Deepest Sympathy.



[Mary Dunkin](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing today. He was such a great mentor and advisor to many, including the great advice he gave to Pat and I when we were considering buying Duffy's Auto. He gave us the confidence to pursue this opportunity and I owe him a great debt of thanks. I also have many fond memories of Ralph's pontoon adventures, and it makes me smile to think of Pat and Ralph

pontooning in heaven right now. My thoughts and prayers go out to Lavonne and the entire family. What a great man, who will be sorely missed!



[KarenAnn Miller PDP](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

LaVonne and Family: I am so sad to hear of Ralph. I remember at my dinner, Ralph and Nat. Madame President "kicking up thier heels," one of many fond memories. My love to you and yours. I apologize, I cannot make the funeral (can't get of work), but Den will be there for the both of us. Love ya Lady and heart goes to you. Love KarenAnn Miller



[Ted Lanske, Post 79 Commander](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

To Ralph's Family,
So hard for me to find the right words, but having spent the last 20 plus years involved in AMVETS and numerous road trips with Ralph, we shared a lot of stories. Ralph loved his family, Waverly, Bremer County and AMVETS and "sold that" wherever we traveled. What an honor for me to have this man in my life as a friend, role model and supporter. We have lost a hero in more ways than one. As Bob Hope would have said, "Thanks for the memories"
May God Bless the Family.



[Julie Krukow](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

Always so hard to say goodbye.....but you can always cherish all of those wonderful memories....Mom and Dad loved your folks and kept those stories alive in our family always telling about their travel adventures with the Juhls from honeymooning together to going across Europe before Ricks wedding in 1975. We'll miss your Dad, but look forward to seeing him again in heaven! Julie Moeller Krukow



[Bob & Irva Bruns](#)

Created: October 14, 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



[Jan and Jim Moutray](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

Waverly has lost a good man and so has his family. Our thoughts and prayers go to Lavon and all of the Juhl family at this sad time. Hugs to all and God bless you.

Love,



[Steve Palmquist](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

J.B. & family.

Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you today. Your dad was one of those WW II heroes, like mine. We will continue to honor their memory.



[Steve and Kay Creger](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with you..



[Mr. & Mrs. A.H. Eliassen Sr.](#)

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Offering condolences for your loss Sue. May the Juhls family , and community, friends everywhere remember good times shared.

Your friends.

Mr. Andy Sr. & Mrs.Sherry Eliassen . (former Bigfork ,Mt . residences)



[Bobbi Ecker-Blatchford](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

Dear Lavon and family -What a legacy! - Your entire family is remarkable. The entire community and the nation has benefitted from the Juhl family and their contributions. What more can we ask? Ralph has done his work and made his mark on this planet. So many individuals and organizations will continue to celebrate his life.

Bobbi Ecker-Blatchford



[Kathy Boeckmann](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

What a loss for all of Ralph's family here, but what a celebration going on in heaven now with Ralph and his family and friends there. Remembering so many wonderful memories of Uncle Ralph and the Juhl family. Rest in peace Uncle Ralph.



[Deb Kettner Damge](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

Jan, I have such fond memories of spending time on the Juhl farm...and taking lunch to your dad in the field. My deepest sympathy on the loss of your dad to all the Juhls. Lavon, my prayers are with you in this time of great sadness. ~ Deb (Kettner) Damge



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Gretchen and Jim smelcer

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Peggy, and Lavon



[Rondalyn \(Wente\) Schacht](#)

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My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Peggy. May your memories bring you love and peace.



[Sue \(Infelt\) Work](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

My thoughts are with you Lavon, Peggy, and family at this sad time for the Juhls. Ralph was one of Waverly's pillars... a leader among the "civic generation"--and he will be missed.



[Pam Walther Arnold](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

So many great memories of spending time in your home with Susan as a youth. A life well lived! Thinking of all of you.



[Craig & Nancy Fratzke](#)

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Lavon and family- we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers and we bet Ralph and Lester are having quite a reunion!



[Chris Rice](#)

Created: October 13, 2013

Ralph was a good man and friend. He was one of my best supporters within the State Amvets. He will be missed greatly.

RIP my Friend



[Montague](#)

Created: October 12, 2013

Blessings, God's peace and joy, Juhls one and all.



[sandi ellison garner](#)

Created: October 12, 2013

Lavon & Juhl family, I happened to be on line and checked the obits for Kaiser Corson & saw we had lost our dear Ralph. I wouldn't know where to start with all the fond memories I have of him while my parents lived next door to you. Especially when my Dad was ill, Ralph always had a story to tell & could make us laugh. I'm sure there is a huge welcome for him in his heavenly home. My deepest sympathy to all of you & huge hugs. God Bless & Keep You at this most difficult time. We are never ready to lose those we love so much. Sandi Ellison Garner

Photos



Services

Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215

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 Monday, October 14, 2013
2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Service

Trinity United Methodist Church

1400 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA US 50677

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 Tuesday, October 15, 2013
10:30 AM

Cemetery

Harlington Cemetery

1001 1st Street S.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677

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