



Alvin Fredrick Bahlmann

January 30, 1933 - March 24, 2018

Born in rural Plainfield, Iowa

Resided in Waverly, Iowa

Obituary

Alvin "Al" Fredrick Bahlmann, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away March 24, 2018, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community, following a 10 year battle with Parkinson's. Born January 30, 1933, to the late Frederick and Erna (Mueller) Bahlmann, of Plainfield, he was 85 years old.

Al attended the Butler #6 country school, parochial school at St. Paul's Lutheran, and graduated from Waverly High School in 1951. He entered Wartburg College and played basketball and ran track. He served his country, drafted into the army after two years at Wartburg, and was assigned to a medical unit as a Dental Assistant stationed in Nurnberg, Germany. While in the service, Al played basketball for the SACom Commander five team. He then returned to Wartburg and graduated in 1957. On June 8, 1957, Al married Jeannette Mae Boicourt, from St. Paul, Minnesota, and the couple settled in Waverly for over 60 years, along with their four children; Craig, Lynnette, Jennifer, and Bruce.

Al worked for CUNA (formerly Lutheran Mutual Life) in Waverly, from 1957 until his retirement. Al served his community as Mayor from 1966-68, and was a member of the City Council, Jaycee's, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Al's earthly life was filled with incredible experiences! A renaissance man of sorts, he enjoyed art, books, music, sports, and the great outdoors. Al liked walks in the woods searching for morel mushrooms, duck hunting, fly-fishing, ventures with children and grandchildren, Ragbrai rides, and more. Al was known for being kind, loving, generous, quick-witted, his funny one-liners, and owning every shade of khaki pants. A collector of antique decoys, Al mastered the art of wood carving - ducks, shorebirds, Santa's, and other figures - giving to family and friends. He and his late wife, Jeannette, were perfect companions for adventure-camping, canoeing, cross country skiing, building homes for Habitat for Humanity, and their many travels throughout the world. The couple reunites in heaven!

Al is survived by his children; Craig (Micky) Bahlmann, of Waverly, Iowa, Lynnette (Steve) Schreen, of Clarksville, Iowa, Jennifer (Rick)Ballantine of Ames, Iowa, and Bruce Bahlmann of Manhattan, Kansas. His grandchildren; Ben Schreen, Nelson Schreen, Abigail Bahlmann, Bryan Bahlmann, Elizabeth Bahlmann, James Bahlmann, Morgan (Tim) Combs, Alex Kingery, Michael Kingery, Bret Ballantine, and Brittany Ballantine. Brother; Edgar (Rosie) Bahlmann of Waverly, Iowa, and

Sisters; Eleanor (Larry) Stumme of Denver, Iowa, and Esther Bahlmann of Iowa City, Iowa, and Sister-in-Law; Dorothy Bahlmann of Forest City. He is preceded in death by his wife, Jeannette, and his brother, Carl Bahlmann.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am, on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School, with Pastor Arthur Bergren officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Waverly, with Military Honors conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Wednesday.

A special thank you to the staff at Bartels and Cedar Valley Hospice for their care and compassion. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Cedar Valley Hospice (Waverly), or charity of your choice. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Peggy Smith Brase

Created : Apr 15, 2018

I am so sorry to hear Al has passed away! He was such a good man! He taught my friend and me how to wood carve... Sorry for your loss.



Bob Olson

Created : Apr 03, 2018

Al -a Great Member of the North East Iowa Woodcarvers, Teacher and just a great couple. We met at their home often. The world was blessed by his presence.



Dita Boorum

Created : Mar 30, 2018

Al was my first boss, and best boss ever, when I started working at Lutheran Mutual/Cuna in the Marketing Department. He and Nettie were such an inspiration to me. They came to see me at the Recycling Center a few times and it was always a real joy. My sympathy goes out to the entire Bahlmann family during this difficult time. God Bless You...Dita



Donna Johnson

Created : Mar 29, 2018

Jennifer I'm so sorry for the loss of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family



Justin Tolan

Created : Mar 29, 2018

Bahlmann family, so sorry for your loss. Al was a great leader at Lutheran Mutual and a wonderful person with a good sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all

who had the fortune of knowing him.



Bonnie Briggs
Created : Mar 28, 2018

To all of the family of Al Bahlmann.....S----. So sorry Al is gone. Such a great neighbor, human being, and all around nice guy. I feel really proud to have been part of the neighborhood during those years. Even when they moved into the beautiful little home in town, I'd stop to see them and have a nice visit. Always felt comfortable just dropping in. I really hate it that he had to have a disease that lasted so long and so changed your lives. Another S---- seems appropriate. Love you all. Dakota Avenue was a wonderful home for all of us.



Tom Bartlett
Created : Mar 28, 2018

Tom doesn't have email but wanted me to post this on his behalf: "I feel sad and shocked to hear that Al passed away. I know this is tough for the family to be going through right now. He was a special man and a true buddy of my dad. They were close friends. I will miss both Al and Nettie but I know they are in heaven now. Your family will be in my prayers.



Doug Creger
Created : Mar 28, 2018

I'm very sorry for your loss. Al was a really nice and talented man. I have many fond memories of him teaching me to carve and paint decoys...he obviously was a very patient man also.



Deb Renn
Created : Mar 28, 2018

My sincere condolences to all the Bahlmann family. I remember Al from CUNA/Lutheran Mutual years and church, and no matter where I saw him, he always had a smile. To Ed, Rosie, Eleanor, Dorothy - wishing you all sweet memories and peace in knowing that Al and Nettie are together again.



Gary Cutler
Created : Mar 28, 2018

My deepest sympathy to the Bahlmann family. I worked at Lutheran Mutual/Century Companies with Al for a number of years. He was a good leader, a great person and always so positive. He left a lasting impression on me and so many others. God bless his life and the many lives he touched.



Marianne Waldstein
Created : Mar 28, 2018

My heartfelt Sympathy for your family. We so enjoyed knowing them both at Eisenach village. Wonderful people. My prayers are with you all. Marianne

Waldstein



Anita Seeger
Created : Mar 28, 2018

Jennifer, Ed, and all of Al's family. You have my sympathy, Al was a friendly man to always speak when he was still working at CUNA. My thoughts are with you now and in the weeks ahead. Take care!



George and Janet Hanusa
Created : Mar 28, 2018

Our deepest sympathy to all of the Al Bahlmann family. We are grateful to have shared life with you, and to have Al and Nettie as long-time friends, from Wartburg College days. God be with you.



Cam Schrage
Created : Mar 28, 2018

I am so sorry for your loss to the Bahlman family.



Jim and Carol Mueller
Created : Mar 28, 2018

We have fond memories of our time at the farm. Al's family is in our thoughts and prayers.



Rich & Janell Miller
Created : Mar 27, 2018

Our deepest sympathies to all of you, God's peace be with you.



Joyce and Daryle Vegge
Created : Mar 27, 2018

Jenn, while my body is in Arizona, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. What a full and enriching life your father had. God's peace to you.



Laresa Osgood
Created : Mar 27, 2018

Thinking of all of you during this time of sadness. Sincerely, Dan and Laresa Osgood



Randy Ruitter
Created : Mar 27, 2018

I am very sorry for your loss. Al was a great carver and an even better person. One of my favorite carvings is one that I completed in a class that Al taught over twenty

years ago. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Bahlmann family.



Michael Laube
Created : Mar 27, 2018

My sincerest and deepest condolences to the Bahlmann family. Al was a great guy. I always felt welcome when I would come over to hang out with Bruce. Waverly lost another good soul. Rest in peace Al.



Allyson Buck
Created : Mar 27, 2018

I'm so very sorry to hear of your father's passing, Nette. Saying prayers for you and all of your family.



Reid Koenig
Created : Mar 27, 2018

WOW-my condolences to the entire Bahlmann family. Al was a solid guy.



Don Hagen
Created : Mar 26, 2018

I knew Al for many years as a friend and a few years as my boss. He handled both roles well. I remember his homemade beer in Pepsi bottles, his early decoys which I always said had no tails to his later decoys which were great although I never told him. I enjoyed his land which I deer hunted for years. A good friend who I will miss. My sincere sympathy to his family.



Brett Poehler
Created : Mar 26, 2018

Sorry for your loss



Leah Winterberg
Created : Mar 26, 2018

Sorry for your loss! Prayers to all!â™¥ï, □



Jane (Luchtenburg) Peden
Created : Mar 26, 2018

I worked with Al when it was Century Companies of America. He was such a nice man and had such a great attitude and smile. I will pray for your family as you go through this difficult time. I know you have lots of wonderful memories to give you comfort.



Dan and Paulette Norton
Created : Mar 26, 2018

Thoughts and prayers to the entire Bahlmann family at this very difficult time. Keep all those sweet memories close to your hearts and may it be comforting to know that Al and your mom have reunited. Please accept our deepest condolences as we are out of town and will not make the visitation or funeral service. Dan and Paulette Norton



Deb Leymaster

Created : Mar 26, 2018

Now they're together again. Thinking of all of you with love.



Maria Peth

Created : Mar 26, 2018

Dear Bahlman family, Our sincere condolences for your loss. Our prayers for all family members. Al was a wonderful man and a very dear friend of Don Peth, as they met when in Nurnberg, Germany and played basketball for SACom Commander five team together. Much love, The Peth family of Waverly, and Cocoa Beach Florida.



Beth Stevens

Created : Mar 26, 2018

Nette, I'm so sorry for your loss. Words are not enough to make the sorrow go away when we lose those wonderful dads, but please know that many people care and will be lifting you in prayer. Hugs to you.



Marcia Rus

Created : Mar 26, 2018

Sincere Sympathy for your family Nettle, Steve & sons. â□



Cathy Wright

Created : Mar 26, 2018

Jen - so sorry for your loss. A life well lived and a father well loved. Prayers for your family during this time.



Donna Johnson

Created : Mar 26, 2018

Jennifer and the Bahlmann family, so sorry for the loss of Al. My thoughts and prayers are with you all .



Christine Holcomb

Created : Mar 26, 2018

So sorry for your Pa's passing Jennifer. Prayers for you and your entire family. It sounds like he was an incredible man and he and your mother had a wonderful earthly life.



Grant and Nancy Jensen
Created : Mar 25, 2018

So sorry for your loss. Al was always friendly and fun to be around.



Dianne Foster Cheeseman
Created : Mar 25, 2018

Bahlmann family- So sorry to hear about Al. I enjoyed visiting with him at Bartels. I imagine he and Gordy are having fun talking about softball! And Ruth and Nettie are discussing all of us kids. We are out of town for a bit, but will be thinking of you.

Photos



Services

Visitation

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215



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Tuesday, March 27, 2018
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Funeral Service

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School

301 1st St. N.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677



[Map / Directions](#)



Wednesday, March 28, 2018
11:00 AM

Burial

St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery- Waverly

601 12th Street SE
Waverly, IA US



[Map / Directions](#)



Wednesday, March 28, 2018