



## *Wesley Richard Sauerbrei*

September 9, 1931 - September 13, 2018

Born in Readlyn, Iowa

Resided in Readlyn, Iowa

## Obituary

Wesley Richard Sauerbrei, age 87, of Fairbank, Iowa and formerly of Readlyn, Iowa, died Thursday, September 13, 2018, at his home.

Wes was born on September 9, 1931, in Readlyn, Iowa, the son of Walter and Anna (Rathe) Sauerbrei. He was raised in Readlyn where he was baptized on September 27, 1931 and confirmed on April 2, 1944 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Wes graduated from the Readlyn High School in 1949. Wes entered the United States Army in February of 1952 and was honorably discharged in January of 1954. On November 27, 1952, Wes was united in marriage to Delores Strempeke at St. John's Lutheran Church in Fairbank, Iowa. The couple made their home in Readlyn where Wes owned and operated Sauerbrei Oil Company until 1994 and then worked for the City of Waverly for ten years retiring in 2004.

Wes was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Readlyn where he served on the church council, Readlyn V.F.W. serving as commander for several years, Readlyn Historical Society serving as President, Readlyn Community Club, and the Readlyn Telephone Company Board of Directors. Wes was honored as the Readlyn Grump in 1997. Wes enjoyed playing cards, visiting, and the Chicago Cubs, however, his greatest enjoyment was family, especially his grandchildren.

Wes's memory is honored by: his wife Delores Sauerbrei of Fairbank; two daughters, Cheryl (Keith) Brandt of Waverly and Teresa (Mike) Duffy of Fairbank; three sons, Gary (Connie) Sauerbrei, Larry (Deb) Sauerbrei, and Jerry (Cindy) Sauerbrei all of Readlyn; fourteen grandchildren; forty one great-grandchildren and two on the way; four sisters, Verlaine (Delbert) Hayes of Norwalk, Virginia Sickles of Readlyn, Veronica (Al) Buhr of Denver, and Valitha Dornbusch of Mason City; five brothers, Warren Sauerbrei of West Union, Wayne Sauerbrei of Sumner, Willis (Doris) Sauerbrei of Ames, Walter Jr. (Nanci) Sauerbrei of Aitken, Minnesota, and Woody (Cheryl) Sauerbrei of Waverly; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Sauerbrei of Springfield, Missouri and many nieces and nephews. Wes was preceded in death by: his parents; a sister, Violet Jacobson; two brothers, Willard and Warner Sauerbrei; and a great-grandson, Nicholas Pierce.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, September 16, at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn where the family will greet friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 17, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Readlyn. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Readlyn V.F.W. giving

honors. Memorials may be directed to St. Matthew Lutheran Church and online condolences may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com). Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Readlyn assisting the family with arrangements 319-279-3551.

## Guestbook



Gary & Janis Matthias  
Created : Sep 16, 2018

Delores our sympathy and prayers are with you and your family! Gary and I both have fond memories of Wes! You both have always been the nicest people and even though you no longer live in Readlyn, Wes's loss has to be felt there! Goodbye Mr Grump, you will be missed! God Bless you Delores! Gary & Janis Matthias



Mike and JoAnn Strottman  
Created : Sep 15, 2018

So sorry to hear of Wes's passing. He was a great guy and so much fun to work with.



Charlotte Bergman  
Created : Sep 15, 2018

Delores, sincere sympathy to you and your family. Cherish the memories!



Paulette Norton  
Created : Sep 15, 2018

Delores and family, Thoughts and prayers to you all at this very difficult time. Shocked and saddened to hear this sad news. Wes loved life as life loved him. Keep all those sweet memories of Wes close to your hearts. With sincere sympathy, Paulette Norton



Mary Heinemann  
Created : Sep 15, 2018

Prayers and hugs to Delores and all the family. So sorry for your loss but you have many memories to hold on to.



Jon Genier  
Created : Sep 15, 2018

My condolences to Wes' family. May the hope expressed at Job 14:13-15 give you some comfort for your great loss.



Nick West  
Created : Sep 15, 2018

Thinking of all you! May you find peace in this hard time!

Dolores Ungs



Created : Sep 15, 2018

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So sorry and sad. Will see you Sunday. Praying for you all.



Kenny Ungs

Created : Sep 14, 2018

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So sorry for your lost We will be praying for you all.



Bob Ungs and Carol Lau

Created : Sep 14, 2018

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Sorry to hear of Wes's passing. Dolores and he were good friends to my parents. Carol remembers Woody in her elementary class.



Danny Sickles

Created : Sep 14, 2018

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Love you Uncle Wes! You will be missed. Love and condolences to Aunt Delores and the entire family!



Karen Bailey Hagenow

Created : Sep 14, 2018

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I am so very sorry for your loss.

## Photos

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## Services

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## Visitation

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### **Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Readlyn**

205 Highland Avenue  
Readlyn, IA US 50668-0127



[Map / Directions](#)



Sunday, September 16, 2018  
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

## Service

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### **St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery**

2649 230th Street  
Readlyn, IA



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Monday, September 17, 2018  
10:30 AM