



## Orlin Joe Kelling

July 25, 1917 - October 5, 2016

Orlin Joe Kelling, 99, of Clear Lake, formerly of Waverly, died Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake.

A memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 10, 2016, at Zion Lutheran Church, 112 N. 4th St., Clear Lake, with Rev. Dr. Pat Hall officiating. Inurnment will be approximately 2:00 p.m. Monday in St. Paul's Cemetery in Waverly.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions to Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund in Clear Lake, Boy Scouts of America-Waterloo Office, Opportunity Village in Clear Lake, or a charity of one's choice.

Orlin was born on July 25, 1917, the son of Arthur and Ida (Droste) Kelling in Mason City. He was baptized on August 9, 1917, at St. Jacobs Lutheran Church in Mason City. He married Margaret Hutchinson on September 16, 1940 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly. She preceded him in death on May 3, 2002.

Orlin graduated from Waverly High School in 1936. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. In 1940, he began working at John Deere Tractor Works in Waterloo as an electrician. He became a supervisor in the electrical department in 1964, where he remained until retiring in 1980.

Orlin was a very active member of Zion Lutheran Church and Boy Scouts of America, as well as the community. He was associated with Boy Scouts for over 70 years. During his time volunteering with the Boy Scouts, he received Silver Beaver Award and the Lamb Award from the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting. In 1993, he was honored to receive the Iowa Governor's Volunteer Award.

Orlin is survived by a special companion, Christine Johnson of Clear Lake; two sons,

Darrell (Dee) of Ridgedale, MO and Larry (Dianne) of Cedar Falls; two grandsons, John (Megan) Kelling of Frostburg, MD and David (Donell) Kelling of Waverly; a granddaughter, Amy (Bradley) Knox of Cedar Falls; four great-grandsons, Alex Kelling, Brady Knox, Everett Kelling, and Colt Kelling; and a great-granddaughter, Brooklynn Knox.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Darleen in infancy.

# Events

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**OCT** **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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**OCT** **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Orlin's Family,

I was saddened to hear of Orlin's passing. I knew Orlin when I grew up in Waverly so we had many visits. He was a great person and lived a life of service. May you have peace and comfort in the coming days. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend his service, but I will be thinking of all you.

Sandy Klaudt

**Sandy Klaudt** - October 09, 2016 at 10:31 AM

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“ To all of Orlin's family -

What a treasure Orlin was! What a delightful, helpful, sociable, friendly, faithful, hard-working, sensible fellow he was. I'm so very grateful for all the years I've known Orlin and for all of the ways we've interacted over those years - from his personal support and encouragement during the years I was pastor at Zion (1980-88), his involvement in the congregation during those years, his persistent presence in the church offices as he came around to see what he could help with, his visits to Waverly in the years after I left Zion and became the Bartels Chaplain in Waverly. What a joyful blessing he was! As I extend my sympathy to all of you, I thank God for Orlin's life and for the way he touched and improved the lives of everyone around him.

Keith Tomlinson

**Keith Tomlinson** - October 07, 2016 at 11:12 AM