



Edward "Ed" Franklin Bakker, son of Cornelius "Cornie" and Tillie (Koolhaas) Bakker, was born April 1, 1942, in Le Mars, Iowa. Ed graduated from Western Christian High School in Hull, Iowa prior to attending Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa where he received a Bachelor's Degree. Ed furthered his education at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota and completed his Master's in Secondary Education. Ed began his teaching career in Hum-

boldt, Iowa, alongside his then wife, Evelyn Te Slaa. While living in Humboldt, they welcomed daughter Shelley into the world in 1971 and son Ryan in 1975. Besides teaching history classes, Ed was also a track coach. They enjoyed the years 1968-1975 in Humboldt before eventually making their way back to the family farm in Hull, Iowa. Daughter Sheri was embraced into the family in 1978. Ed spent his later career years working as a custodian at Rock Valley High School, where he was affectionately known as "Big Ed". During his retirement years, Ed enjoyed driving a delivery truck for Valley Bakery.

Ed was very much a people person and he thoroughly enjoyed visiting. His favorite people to spend time with were his children and grandchildren. He loved being able to attend their events and spending holidays together with their special traditions. Ed was also an avid sports fan. He particularly loved watching basketball and football. Ed was a fan of the Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Twins, Iowa Hawkeyes, and Boston Celtics. More important than his love of sports was his strong Christian faith. He was a member of the Hull First Reformed Church. As time went on and it got harder to get to Hull every Sunday, Ed enjoyed attending The Lighthouse in Rock Valley the last couple years. Ed left his Earthly home on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 79.

Ed is survived by his three children, Shelley (Brent) Van Den Berg of Sioux Center, Ryan (Jaime) Bakker of Hull, and Sheri (Jerod) Work, of Sioux Center; seven grandchildren, Shelby, Kyle, Cody, Kallie, Easton, Peyton, and Karson; and a sister, Clarena (George) Drye of Bloomington, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his infant brother, Connie, and his parents, Cornie and Tillie.

Remembering the Life of Edward Franklin Bakker

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM, Monday, November 8, 2021
Hull First Reformed Church
Hull, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Adam Van Der Stoep

ACCOMPANIST

Arnetta Van Peurseem

REFLECTIONS

Brent Van Den Berg

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23
Mike Harmsen

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"
"How Great Thou Art"

Ron Boote, Arvin Boote, Bob Boote, Harwin Te Slaa
Arnetta Van Peurseem, accompanist

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"The Old Rugged Cross"

PALLBEARERS

Ryan Bakker ~ Brent Van Den Berg
Jerod Work ~ Kyle Bakker
Cody Van Den Berg ~ Easton Van Den Berg
Peyton Work ~ Karson Work

INTERMENT

1:30 PM, Monday, November 8, 2021
Valley View Cemetery
Rock Valley, Iowa

Ed's family invites everyone to enjoy some of Ed's favorite snacks in a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall following the funeral service.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside
the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou
anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of
the LORD for ever.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Edward "Ed" Franklin Bakker



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The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want

Psalm 23:1

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