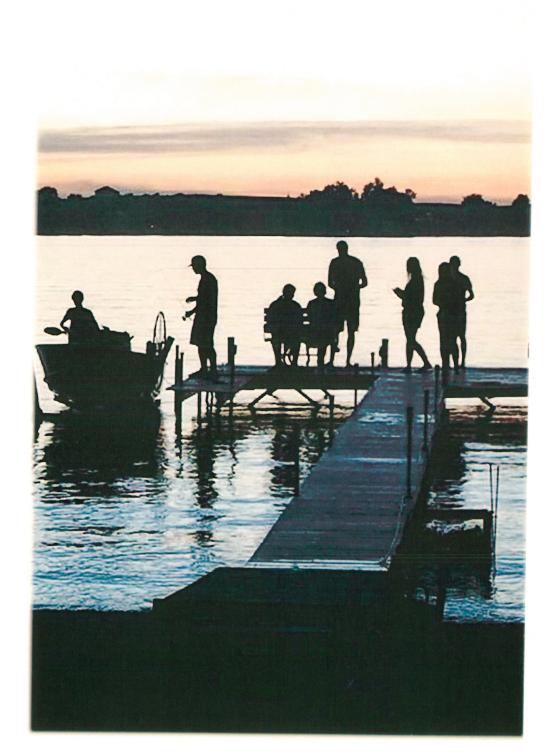
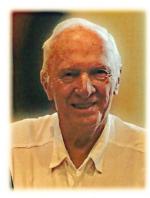
And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

Case Closed







Siebert Dorhout was born on November 17, 1935, in Lebanon, IA, to Peter and Johanna (DeRoon) Dorhout. He went to country school - 4 years, Rock Valley Christian School, and then graduated from Western Christian High School in 1953.

Siebert was a hard-working farm kid. He built grain bins for a couple of summers and then joined the Army and spent 16 months in Europe. When he came back to Rock Valley, he met the love of his life, Judith Lynn Mulder. He married her on December 27, 1960, and they made their home in Rock Valley. Soon after, he decided to get into business with a partner, Richard Berkenpas, and bought Rock Valley Furniture, where he found enjoyment in serving customers.

He learned the craft of carpet-laying, and both he and Berky were two of the best.

Three children were born (Carla, Joe, Mark) and all attended Rock Valley Christian, as well as Rock Valley Public School. Siebert and Judi, at this time, bought a little cabin on a little lake in South Dakota, and this really molded a big part of their life for the remainder of his years. For 47 years, they considered Lake Cochrane, near Gary, SD, their home-away-from-home. Weekends and vacations were priorities in South Dakota.

Siebert sold the furniture business in 1989, and he worked for the next ten years at Inspiration Hills, a church camp, located near Canton, SD. He enjoyed being the head of maintenance and was able to use his skills as a problem-solver to improve the function and use of that facility. And then, he found his true calling, at the Lake Cochrane Recreation Area, a campground on Lake Cochrane. For the better part of the next 20 years, his life revolved around helping people enjoy the experience of camping. He spared no expense of his time or talents to make the campground better.

Siebert truly cared about people, including his parents, in-laws, the many customers that he had at the store, the camp, or the campground; but most of all his family. In the furniture business he lived by the phrase, "Service is Our Specialty." This is the way he lived his life. Siebert truly cared about his community. He was totally committed to Rock Valley, and was a proud member of many organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Golf Course Board, and as an elder in their church. He also supported the schools and worked hard to make Rock Valley a better place. He liked bowling, golfing, fishing and probably most of all, mowing lawns. Siebert also enjoyed one of his favorite places, Justice For All, a service group that he worked tirelessly with. He loved his time fixing things, organizing the next truck, and having coffee and devotions with his good friends. Siebert passed away Friday, November 4, 2022, at Hegg Health Center in Rock Valley at the age of 86.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Judi (Mulder) Dorhout, of Rock Valley, his three children, Carla (Arlo) Van Beek, of Orange City, Joe (Sherry) Dorhout, of Luverne, MN, Mark (Nicole) Dorhout, of Panora; 7 grandchildren, Jennifer (Todd) Bergsma, of Hawarden, Dana (Josh) Pluim, of Alton, Chris (Luz) Dorhout, of Mar Del Plata, Argentina, Jessica (Dylan) Wheeler, of Sioux Falls, SD, Casey (Val) Dorhout, Polk City, Hunter (Anna) Dorhout, of Papillion, NE, Johanna Dorhout, of Lincoln, NE; 10 great-grandchildren: Meghan, Connor, Brooklyn, Brennen, Andrew, Evelyn, Arthur, Lillian, Cameron, and Bennett; brother Clarence Dorhout, of Orange City, sister Joanne (Jerry) Niessen, of Orange City.

He was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Johanna Dorhout of Rock Valley, sister-in-law Arletta Dorhout of Orange City, and brother-in-law Ron Noteboom of Orange City.

# Celebrating the Life of Siebert Dorhout

November 17, 1935 ~ November 4, 2022

#### **FUNERAL SERVICE**

10:00 AM, Monday, November 7, 2022 Porter Funeral Home Rock Valley, Iowa

# **OFFICIATING**

Rev. Cliff Hoekstra Rock Valley First Reformed Church

# **PIANIST**

Ruth Vande Stroet

# **MUSICAL SELECTION**

"In the Garden" vs. 1&2

# HONORARY PALLBEARER

Chris Dorhout

#### **PALLBEARERS**

Casey Dorhout ~ Hunter Dorhout Dylan Wheeler ~ Josh Pluim Todd Bergsma ~ Connor Bergsma Johanna Dorhout ~ Meghan Bergsma

#### **MEMORIAL**

Justice For All

#### INTERMENT

Valley View Cemetery Rock Valley, Iowa

Siebert's family invites everyone for a time of food and fellowship in the church fellowship hall at Rock Valley First Reformed Church, 1501 16th St, following the committal service at the cemetery.