





Harlyn Dale Kempema was born April 6, 1944, in Le Mars, Iowa, the son of Herman and Henrietta (Van Maanen) Kempema. He graduated from Western Christian High School in 1961. Harlyn served in the Army National Guard. He married Diane De Jongh on April 13, 1965, in Hull, Iowa. They made their home in Rock Valley, Iowa. Harlyn worked at Jim's Body Shop starting in High School. He worked as a buyer and customer service manager at Hope Haven for 36 years, from 1972 to 2008.

He was a member of the Faith Reformed Church in Rock Valley. Harlyn enjoyed collecting records and CDs. He loved listening to music and keeping his cars and his lawns clean and immaculate. Harlyn's great joy came from his family, especially as he got older, with times spent with his four grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Harlyn passed away on Friday, June 9, 2023 at his residence at the age of 79.

Harlyn is survived by his wife, Diane; two daughters and their families:

Daughter - Kim and Kelly Blankespoor of Fairview, South Dakota

Granddaughter - Kelsey and Andy Peterson and their children, Brody and Lennyn

Granddaughter - Kenzie and Andrew Rathbun

Daughter - Kristie and Harlan Osterloo of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Granddaughter - Morgan and Bryce Heemstra

Grandson - Sam Osterloo

Also surviving are Harlyn's siblings, Glenda and Fred Volland of Le Mars, Iowa, Wally and Jolaine Kempema of Sioux Falls, Marvin and Lola Kempema of McCormick, South Carolina, Arnold Kempema of Rock Valley, and Curtis and Darlene Kempema of Ventura, California; Diane's siblings, Vern and Hester De Jongh of Hull and Bev and Dave Wesselink of Newton, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews.

Harlyn was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Henrietta; Diane's parents, Henry and Nellie De Jongh; Diane's siblings, Marian and John Groeneweg, Norma and Bud Risseeuw, Henrietta and Art Boeve, and Verla and Harold Ten Haken; and a nephew, Barry Volland.

In Loving Memory Of
Harlyn D. Kempema

MEMORIAL SERVICE

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Faith Reformed Church

Rock Valley, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Rev. Keith Sietstra

Chris Van Beek

PIANIST

Ruth Vermeer

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

"Glorious Day"

"Goodness Of God"

CASKET BEARERS

Kelsey Peterson ~ Andy Peterson

Kenzie Rathbun ~ Andrew Rathbun

Morgan Heemstra ~ Bryce Heemstra ~ Sam Osterloo

INTERMENT

Prior to the service

Valley View Cemetery

Rock Valley, Iowa

Please join Harlyn's family for lunch and fellowship in the Family Life Center following the memorial service.