



Duane Kelch

February 7, 1943 - July 26, 2024

Duane Kelch, 81, of Hampton, passed away Friday, July 26, 2024, at Franklin General Hospital in Hampton under the care of MercyOne North Iowa Hospice. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hampton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to Mass, at 9:30am, at the church. Duane will be laid to rest in the Hampton Cemetery. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Hampton is caring for Duane and his family.

Duane Arthur Kelch was born February 7, 1943, in Algona, Iowa, son of Arthur Wendell and Alice Antoinette (Schaller) Kelch. He graduated from Corwith-Wesley High School. He furthered his education at Barber College and then received his Real Estate and Insurance licenses.

On June 19, 1965, Duane was united in marriage to Ruth Ann Nelson in Wesley, Iowa. He served in the National Guard and was a member of the Hampton Country Club, Knights of Columbus and Kiwanis. Duane was an active member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Hampton.

Duane was a barber for several years and then became a manager of Little Red Barn in Coralville. He started a career in real estate with Barnes Realty. In 1977, he joined Castle, Dick & Kelch and later became the owner. He made many connections and relationships within the community and achieved many

successes and accolades within his profession.

Duane looked forward to his annual Canadian fishing trips and boating in Clear Lake with family and friends. He enjoyed golfing, gardening, grilling and cooking. Duane enjoyed watching Iowa Hawkeye sports.

Duane is survived by his wife Ruth Ann Kelch of Hampton; daughter Allison Evans of West Des Moines; grandsons Kaleb Kelch of Hampton and Owen Stark of West Des Moines; close family friend Nancy Taylor of Brookhaven, Georgia; sister Donna Maher of Mt. Pleasant and brother David Kelch of Iowa City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Tony Kelch, brothers Eugene, Gerald and James Kelch, and sister Margaret Wood.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Patrick Catholic Church and St. Patrick Food Pantry in Hampton.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
1405 N Federal Street
Hampton, IA 50441

Service

JUL 30. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Duane Kelch



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - July 29, 2024 at 04:23 PM

FC

“ Friends at Chad Harrison CPA purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Duane Kelch.



Friends at Chad Harrison CPA - July 30, 2024 at 09:06 PM

TS

“ The Starks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Duane Kelch.



The Starks - July 29, 2024 at 03:39 PM

TS

“ The Starks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Kelch.

The Starks - July 29, 2024 at 03:39 PM

KL

“ Dave, sorry to hear of your brother's passing Blessings to you and your family. Kellie Lala

Kellie Lala - July 29, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Duane Kelch.



July 29, 2024 at 02:38 PM

YF

“ Your First Mainstreet Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Kelch.

Your First Mainstreet Family - July 29, 2024 at 02:38 PM

AF

“ Allison's Dinner Club friends purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Duane Kelch.



Allison's Dinner Club friends - July 29, 2024 at 02:28 PM

PS

“ Having grown up on the neighboring farm, Duane and I shared many memorable times in our younger years. Being almost two years older Duane was a friend and a mentor. I will always treasure the time we spent together.

Dorothy and I will keep Ruth Ann and Duane in our prayers.

Paul & Dorothy Scheffelman

Paul Scheffelman - July 29, 2024 at 12:34 PM

DS

Our deepest sympathy to Ruth Ann and family at this sad time. Have many memories of good times in our younger years. Dwight & Marilyn Spangler

Dwight Spangler - July 30, 2024 at 09:46 PM

DS

“ *I'm so very sorry! You're in my thoughts and prayers*

Deb Eisenbacher Schutter



Deb Eisenbacher Schutter - July 29, 2024 at 11:52 AM

CI

“ *Castle, Dick & Kelch Insurance purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Duane Kelch.*



Castle, Dick & Kelch Insurance - July 29, 2024 at 11:46 AM

JW

“ J.J. & Sarah Williams purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Duane Kelch.



J.J. & Sarah Williams - July 29, 2024 at 11:31 AM

RC

“ Robert Shaw, Jason Luders & Stef Carter purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Duane Kelch.



Robert Shaw, Jason Luders & Stef Carter - July 29, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RC

“ Robert Shaw, Jason Luders & Stef Carter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Kelch.

Robert Shaw, Jason Luders & Stef Carter - July 29, 2024 at 10:54 AM

AI

“ Auto-Owners Insurance purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Kelch.



Auto-Owners Insurance - July 29, 2024 at 10:44 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Kelch.



July 29, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Leon & Linda Kuehner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Kelch.



Leon & Linda Kuehner - July 28, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Leon & Linda Kuehner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Kelch.

Leon & Linda Kuehner - July 28, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Duane Kelch.



July 28, 2024 at 10:31 AM



“ Ed & Jamie Rogers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Duane Kelch.

Ed & Jamie Rogers - July 28, 2024 at 10:31 AM

TC

“ I will always remember getting ready for the spaghetti supper. It was a 2-day affair. Duane wanted things perfect. I have never had a better spaghetti supper since. It was a lot of fun. Duane was a great cook. He will be missed by many..

Terry Carr - July 27, 2024 at 06:08 PM

RS

“ Rowdy and Becky Smith purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Duane Kelch.



Rowdy and Becky Smith - July 27, 2024 at 11:46 AM

TR

“ Tim & Deb Roberts lit a candle in memory of Duane Kelch



Tim & Deb Roberts - July 26, 2024 at 10:59 PM

ES

“ Ed And Laura Schroeder lit a candle in memory of Duane Kelch



Ed and Laura Schroeder - July 26, 2024 at 10:36 PM

BE

“ So sorry to hear of Duanes passing, we send our deepest condolences. Ed & Betty Etnier



Betty & Ed Etnier - July 26, 2024 at 08:14 PM