



## George Folkerts

September 4, 1935 - September 14, 2022

George Folkerts, 87, of Iowa Falls, passed away Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at UnityPoint Health – Allen Memorial Hospital in Waterloo. A visitation will be held from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 17, 2022 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ, rural Geneva. He will be laid to rest with a private family graveside service following visitation at the church cemetery. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Iowa Falls is caring for George and his family.

George August Folkerts was born on September 4, 1935 to Frank and Hazel (Homan) Folkerts in Abbott, Iowa. He attended Hazel Green Country School and graduated from Ackley High School in 1954.

After graduation, he volunteered for the Navy and served from 1955-1957 on the USS Saratoga Aircraft Carrier. After military service he worked for Weber Motors for two years, and then worked as a hired hand for Ernest and Chris Aldinger before starting to farm on his own.

On February 20, 1959 George was united in marriage to Linda Wood, where she was a devoted farm wife and assisted him with the farming operations. After Linda's passing, he married Joan Held in 1990.

George was proud to say he was a farmer. Those who knew him would say he was very meticulous and always kept his farming and livestock operations to a very high standard. In his younger years, he always had a feed lot full of cattle and had a large cow/calf herd. He received the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Farmer award, served on the Franklin County Cattlemen's Board, Franklin County Fair Board, Farm Bureau Board and was a longtime member of St. Peter's UCC, where he served on various committees and boards. You always knew when George was around, because you could usually smell the aroma of his pipe and pipe tobacco.

George is survived by his children, Todd (Brandie) Folkerts of Woodward, Iowa, Lisa

(Mike) Jones of Ackley, Iowa; grandchildren, Lucas (Amy) Jones, Mikayla (Bryce) Eichmeier, Alissa Smeltzer, Tjaden Smeltzer and special friend, Riley Paul; great-grandchildren: Timber, Maizy and Kirby Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; brother in-law, Dean (Marylou) Wood, sisters in-law, Dee (Tom) Ribelin and Catherine (Wayne) Gallea.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's United Church of Christ Cemetery

496 Raven Avenue  
Geneva, IA 50633

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Peter's United Church of Christ  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George Folkerts.*



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September 16, 2022 at 12:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of George Folkerts.*



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September 16, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Love Doug & Rhonda Pitman and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of George Folkerts.*



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**Love Doug & Rhonda Pitman and Family** - September 16, 2022 at 08:30 AM