



## Joseph Scallon

March 3, 1956 - September 6, 2024

Joseph Scallon, age 68, Iowa Falls resident and long-time community leader, passed away Friday, September 6, 2024 near Anderson, Indiana. Memorial services will be 1:30 PM Sunday, September 15, 2024 at the Iowa Falls-Alden High School Gymnasium. A public visitation will be held from 2-5 PM on Saturday, September 14 at the high school with a time of sharing at 4 PM. Joe will be laid to rest at a later date at the Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Linda and Joe Scallon Family Fund for future charitable giving to the community at [www.desmoinesfoundation.org/scallon](http://www.desmoinesfoundation.org/scallon). Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory of Iowa Falls is caring for Joe and his family. The memorial service will be livestreamed on the official YouTube channel of Iowa Falls-Alden Schools <https://youtube.com/live/aPH2byc3O6o>

Joseph Raymond Scallon was born March 3, 1956 to James and Ruth (Oppold) Scallon. The fifth of nine siblings, Joe often joked that his large family allowed him to find a love for the outdoors early in childhood.

A lifelong resident of Iowa Falls, Joe graduated from Iowa Falls High School in 1974. He received his degree in agriculture education from Iowa State University in 1978, earning the 1976 FFA American Farmer Award. Though he never worked in a classroom, Joe was a skilled teacher, mentoring many throughout his life.

After his college graduation, Joe returned to Iowa Falls to hog and crop farm. During this time, he met and married the love of his life, Linda Jansen. In addition to raising four children, their partnership of over 40 years would bear much fruit.

In what he referred to as a mid-life crisis, Joe started Ham and Eggs, adding laying hens to the farm operation in 1998. In later years, he expanded the egg-laying facilities with The Good Eggs before retiring in 2018.

Joe loved the Lord and was the hands and feet of Jesus, serving his church and community well. He was a trustee at the First United Methodist Church in Iowa Falls and devoted much time to the Church Women's United Thrift Store. He served as a Iowa Falls Community School board member, Ellsworth College Foundation board member, 4-H leader and led the construction and subsequent rebuild of the Pineview playground.

Quick to credit Linda for any success, he received many awards throughout his farming career, including Master Pork Producer, Pork All American, Iowa Department of Agriculture Good Neighbor Award, Cyclone Family of the Year, 4-H Hall of Fame inductee, Iowa Poultry Association Hall of Fame inductee and Iowa Venture Award winner. He also served on the Iowa Egg Council Board of Directors.

He was a current member of the Iowa Falls Airport Board Authority and served on the Greenbelt Bank and Trust Board, as well as the Twin Cedars Bank Board.

A lifelong learner, he became a pilot and enjoyed flying to see people he loved. His favorite destination was Okoboji, where he created happy memories with family and friends. Joe flew for good, participating in the Angel

Flight program, donating his time and plane to transport patients needing medical care throughout the region.

Smart as he was humble, Joe took a genuine interest in others. He will be remembered for his unique ability to quickly see needs and quietly meet them. Joe's common phrase, "I can fix anything but a broken heart," proved he was adept at finding practical ways to help. With his playful nature he celebrated the pure, simple joys of life, often with a Dairy Queen blizzard and a selfie text to his family.

Joe was a farmer and pilot, but he shared when he grew up he would be "anything and everything," a message relayed by his own father that his accomplishments would be exponential, not because of his efforts, but because of what his children and grandchildren would someday do.

Those that knew him will remember what it felt like to be loved by him, and his children are thankful to indulge their own families with Joe's "I love you this much" message he always shared.

Joe's memory will forever be treasured by his beloved family and friends. He is survived by "the most beautiful woman in the world", Linda Scallon; daughter, Sara (Craig) Bonney, son, Mark (Jenon) Scallon, daughter, Amy (Vince) Geis, son, John (Kelsey) Scallon; grandchildren: Sam and Celia Bonney, Caroline, Rory, Anna, and Julia Scallon, Colin and soon to arrive baby sister Geis, and Jay and Landon Scallon; siblings: Mary Kay VanValkenburgh, Rita (Glenn) Ballew, Louis (Cosette) Scallon, Bill Scallon, Kathy (Carl) Wackerle, and Robert (Jennifer) Scallon; in-laws: Dale (Sara) Jansen, Lugene (Jane) Jansen, Ron Jansen, Twila Jansen, and Troy Jansen; and loved nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Ruth Scallon; parents-in-law, Paul and Sylvia Jansen; sisters,

Jean and Susan Scallon and sisters-in-law, Paulette Jansen and Lisa Jansen.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

Iowa Falls, IA 50126

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **14.** 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls-Alden High School  
1903 N Taylor Ave  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

## Service

SEP **15.** 1:30 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls-Alden High School  
1903 N Taylor Ave  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ *I research cold cases.*

Mary Jo Rameyer - September 20, 2025 at 03:59 AM

MF

“ *Mary Rameyer*

Mary Frieden - January 08, 2025 at 02:13 AM

MF

“ *Joe picked up my furniture to give it away. I found out about the deaths of the FFA Alumni ( Mr. Scallon, Mr. Ostheimer, and Mr. Renaud) on my way to Trace Adkins (also FFA Alumni) concert at the Clay County Fair in Spencer, Iowa.  
I purchased my tickets on September 5, 2024. I was investigating the death of David Schultz near Sac City, Iowa. I use my own money, an inheritance from my father, Meinard Fred Rameyer, to investigate cold cases. After I found out about the Anderson, Indiana plane crash, I did not go to the concert. I had already met Trace in Osceola, Iowa. His management team called me Miss Mary. I felt like, as an FFA Alumni, I had a target on my back. I wonder who sat in my paid seat at the concert.  
Mary Jo Rameyer-Frieden*

Mary Jo Frieden - December 02, 2024 at 07:16 PM

JF

“ I was saddened to learn of the tragic passing of a former student of mine. Joe was a member of the seventh grade class I taught back in the late '60ies. He also was a key contributor to the first junior high wrestling team that I had the privilege of coaching. I was so impressed at the time that someone so young could demonstrate such dedication and maturity in every task that he undertook. He was without a doubt the epitome of the All American Boy! My belated deepest condolences go out to his wonderful family.

Jack Frisbie  
Kalamazoo, MI

Jack Frisbie - September 30, 2024 at 02:23 PM

JD

“ Classmate...a good neighbor...a good man...gone...this is just wrong...

Joe Dmith - September 15, 2024 at 09:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Very nice service. Just a few pics from ski trips in the early eighties. First one Joe was cutting his Birthday cake. Hadn't seen him in years but really enjoyed the ski trips.  
Maureen Thielen



Maureen Thielen - September 15, 2024 at 06:39 PM

WB

“ Thank you Scallon family for the extremely touching service. The strength you all exhibited on stage to share your hearts and beautiful memories was incredibly inspiring. Todd still has his 4H ribbons in our basement from when Joe allowed him to show pigs. I can only imagine the patience Joe had to have. :) I grew up on a farm as well, yet Todd frequently likes to whip out those darn ribbons to prove he is the “real farmer”. Cheers to us all bring more like Joe and his legacy living on forever.

-Wendi Buckel (& Todd)

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**Wendi Buckel** - September 15, 2024 at 05:37 PM

JB

“ We wish we could be there to give you all hugs in person. Joe was on the top of the list of the good guys. Our sermon today here in the Methodist Church in Laurie Mo is just what I needed to hear and thought of Joe and all of his family. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers 🙏.

Jim and Judy Barhite

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**Judy Barhite** - September 15, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CA

“ Joe was one of the finest and most honest individuals whom I have met in my many years in the poultry industry. He was a straight shooter who lived life fully and worked well with others. His early death is tragic but his life was exemplary.

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**Coke Anderson** - September 14, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



September 14, 2024 at 09:21 AM



“ From the Mehmen family to Linda and family. Our God is our stronghold in time of need. Prayers of peace and comfort to your entire family.



Deb Prier - September 13, 2024 at 10:44 PM



Prier

Deb Prier - September 13, 2024 at 10:46 PM



“ Ann Warren Brown lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Ann Warren Brown - September 13, 2024 at 08:40 PM



“ The Riesberg Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.

The Riesberg Family - September 13, 2024 at 04:58 PM

QJ

“ Quint, Matt, Kari, & Macy Jansen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.

Quint, Matt, Kari, & Macy Jansen - September 13, 2024 at 04:24 PM

QJ

“ Quint, Matt, Kari, & Macy Jansen purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Joseph Scallon.



Quint, Matt, Kari, & Macy Jansen - September 13, 2024 at 04:24 PM

MI

“ Midland Aircraft Sales & Service, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.

Midland Aircraft Sales & Service, Inc. - September 13, 2024 at 02:29 PM

MI

“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



September 13, 2024 at 02:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



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September 13, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



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September 13, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



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September 13, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



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September 12, 2024 at 10:03 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



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September 12, 2024 at 09:34 PM



“ *Bruce and Laura Thies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.*

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**Bruce and Laura Thies** - September 12, 2024 at 09:34 PM



“ *Tracy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.*

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**Tracy R.** - September 12, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ *Consolidated Energy Co./ Hampton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



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**Consolidated Energy Co./ Hampton** - September 12, 2024 at 03:27 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



September 11, 2024 at 10:33 PM



“ Poky Feeders purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joseph Scallon.



**Poky Feeders** - September 11, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Poky Feeders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.

**Poky Feeders** - September 11, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ North Central Poultry Association purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Joseph Scallon.



**North Central Poultry Association** - September 11, 2024 at 04:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



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September 11, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



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September 11, 2024 at 11:45 AM



“ *Your LDT Dance Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



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**Your LDT Dance Family** - September 10, 2024 at 11:20 PM



“ *Jeremy and Rena Heem planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.*

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**Jeremy and Rena Heem** - September 10, 2024 at 10:46 AM

JH

“ *Jeremy and Rena Heem purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



Jeremy and Rena Heem - September 10, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



September 10, 2024 at 10:03 AM

AW

“ *Andrew W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.*

Andrew W. - September 10, 2024 at 10:03 AM

JW

“ *Judy Wagoner lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon*



judy wagoner - September 10, 2024 at 02:17 AM

JW

*Prayers to the family. Judy Wagoner of Anderson, in*

judy wagoner - September 10, 2024 at 02:18 AM

CB

“ So sorry for your loss. You have my sympathy.



Cinda Barnes - September 10, 2024 at 12:42 AM

TF

“ The Garibay Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph Scallon.



The Garibay Family - September 09, 2024 at 11:32 PM

DK

“ Drew Kloetzer purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Scallon.



Drew Kloetzer - September 09, 2024 at 11:06 PM

SM

“ Deepest sympathies to the Scallon family...my heart breaks for all of you. Lean into Christ for peace & strength...He will carry you each & every day ❤️🙏

Starla Munson - September 09, 2024 at 09:42 PM

TF

“ *The Ostheimer and Renaud families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joseph Scallon.*

**The Ostheimer and Renaud families** - September 09, 2024 at 07:21 PM

TF

“ *The Ostheimer and Renaud families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph Scallon.*



**The Ostheimer and Renaud families** - September 09, 2024 at 07:21 PM

KC

“ *My heart is breaking for Linda and the family and for all of us who knew and loved my cousin Joe. I knew him as a little boy who could hardly contain his giggles at the kids' table at family dinners. I knew him as an accomplished, award-winning teenager and as an adult whose leadership and kindness touched so many. More than any of his own accomplishments, he was proud of his family and how much they cared for and loved each other. Their bonds will be his lasting legacy. I cannot believe he is gone so suddenly.*

**Kathy Cochran** - September 09, 2024 at 05:51 PM

JK

“ *Jane Kugel lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon*



**Jane Kugel** - September 09, 2024 at 05:45 PM

JA

“ Joe was there for our family whenever we needed help. He was an incredible man.

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**Janette Acolt** - September 09, 2024 at 04:49 PM

JL

“ Joe was a strong friend and advocate for the immigrant community in Iowa Falls. He will be missed. And he will be remembered.

- James Larsen. Leander. Texas

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**James Larsen** - September 09, 2024 at 04:41 PM

GA

“ He was a great person and would do anything for anyone. He moved snow from our drive more than once when very high Gary and Carla Albrecht

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**Gary Albrecht** - September 09, 2024 at 01:08 PM

MN

“ Everyone involved with the FIA Friendship Club in Iowa Falls, the peers, staff, volunteers, and board of directors, sends heartfelt condolences to Linda and their family. What a wonderful, generous family, and this community has been truly blessed by them. Joe will be missed by so many.

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**Mary Nelson** - September 09, 2024 at 01:04 PM

CK

“*Heartbreaking. My heart aches for Linda and all family and friends. I've known Joe for 55 years. He was a classmate, teammate, and college roommate. He had a huge and humble intellect, an even larger heart, and a constant moral compass, even when we were teenagers. It's difficult to describe the loss, but I know Joe would want us to be caring for all those affected by this tragedy; my heart goes out to each and everyone of you, too.*

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**Cal Klein** - September 09, 2024 at 11:12 AM

NS

“*I am so sorry for your loss. Joe became a great friend during our years together at Iowa State University. He was already a great leader in those days and a joy to work and serve with. He was an inspiration to me then and continued to be after university. Sincerely, Nathan Skjerseth*

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**Nathan Skjerseth** - September 09, 2024 at 10:35 AM

TP

“*Terri Peterman lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon*



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**Terri Peterman** - September 09, 2024 at 10:23 AM

JF

“*Joe & Linda & family carved out a place in our hearts over 36 years ago--and you blessed our family in so many ways. Joe touched our lives in only the way Joe could do. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers and we would do anything for you. We look forward to praising our Lord and Savior with Joe someday.*

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**Jeff & Tammy Dunbar & Family** - September 09, 2024 at 09:48 AM

WN

“ Joe was a great boss. Was happy to have worked for him for 20 years. You will be missed by family and friends. You were always willing to help in any way you could.



Wendell Newton - September 09, 2024 at 09:32 AM

MB

“ Mark Butler lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Mark Butler - September 09, 2024 at 08:36 AM

RF

“ Joe was a great mentor and friend. We were lucky to have him in our lives. He will be missed greatly.



Rudy Fors - September 08, 2024 at 10:23 PM

LY

“ Dear Joe (and family), It's been 50 years since we last saw each other. I went to Hampton, and met you through 4-H, FFA and track. You had that "draw" that people felt your appeal. The man you grew up is a shining example to each of us. You inspired us to be more like Joe. Dear Lord, welcome our Christian brother into Heaven, and we ask you place his hurting family and friends within your embrace. God blessed each of us with the experience of knowing you.

Les Yaw - September 08, 2024 at 07:40 PM

MC

“ *Went to school with Joe, couldn't have been a better person.  
I am at a loss for words, my deepest most sincere sympathy is extended to Linda and the family.  
Praying for healing and comfort .....*  
*Marlyn Cross and Christine*



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**Marlyn Cross** - September 08, 2024 at 05:48 PM

CR

“ *Carri Vande Ree lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon*



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**Carri Vande Ree** - September 08, 2024 at 04:33 PM

MM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. I've only known Joe, Linda and their lovely family for a few years. My heart goes out to all the Scallon's as well as all their families. Heaven has gained another angel. May he be a guiding light and watch over all of you as you navigate this difficult time.*



*Mary Monogue, friend of Bill*

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**Mary J Monogue** - September 08, 2024 at 04:04 PM

RF

“ Roger Fors lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Roger Fors - September 08, 2024 at 03:26 PM

DA

“ Denise Anderson lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Denise Anderson - September 08, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joseph Scallon.



September 08, 2024 at 01:36 PM

GG

“ We are grieving the loss of Joe. It has been an honor to have gotten to know him over the past several years. A man of God, family, and community. On behalf of my family and the Ellsworth College Foundation, we extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of Joe. You are all certainly in our prayers during this difficult time.



Gwen Groen - September 07, 2024 at 11:11 PM

EJ

“ I am so heartbroken to learn of the tragic death of Joe Scallon, my cousin’s husband. He was the love of her life, and what a great husband, father, son, brother, grandpa, friend and farmer/businessman he was. Joe was one of “the good guys,” a man of faith who weathered life’s trials with grace and pragmatic optimism. He was a loyal Iowa State fan and had a passion for flying “for good,” Using his wings to help others in need. May God welcome him Home with loving arms, comfort his beloved wife, sister and in-laws, and may his children and grandchildren all feel assured that truly, the best of Joseph Scallon lives on in the hearts of each of them, always.



Elizabeth Vanderwerf Jurenovich - September 07, 2024 at 10:36 PM

TB

“ Twin Cedars Bank lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Twin Cedars Bank - September 07, 2024 at 10:29 PM

KH

“ Kim & Jaci Hansen lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Kim & Jaci Hansen - September 07, 2024 at 10:29 PM

JB

“ My grandpa and grandma( Herman /Lena Mennenga) lived on one of their acreage just outside of Bradford here, so I have known the Scallons since I was very young. I also worked for Opal Foods right North of Bradford before Joe sold it. I have also thought of him and Linda to be very down to earth people and they always stopped and talked to those that approached them. This saddens my heart and all of these family's will be in our thoughts and prayers. RIP Joe ! Donald/Lenora Bahr & family

Jennifer Bahr - September 07, 2024 at 10:07 PM

JB

“ Jennifer Bahr lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Jennifer Bahr - September 07, 2024 at 10:02 PM

SE

“ Sherri Elsberry lit a candle in memory of Joseph Scallon



Sherri Elsberry - September 07, 2024 at 08:33 PM

RE

“ I remember Joe when they lived by Bradford we had a really bad snow fall as I was shoveling my driveway, here come Joe with his tractor and took a few scoops out of it and helped me out! He will be missed by many Rochelle Elliott

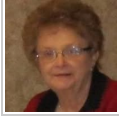
Rochelle Elliott - September 07, 2024 at 06:15 PM



*Great family !*

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**Mary Stevens Pendergest** - September 07, 2024 at 06:49 PM



*A man of God and a friend of everyone*

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**Avis Johnson** - September 10, 2024 at 09:55 PM