



Richard M. Heitland

June 2, 1943 - November 7, 2024

Richard M. Heitland, 81, of Geneva, passed away Thursday, November 7, 2024 at Franklin General Hospital. Memorial services will be 10:30 AM Thursday, November 14, 2024 at Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory in Hampton. Rich will be laid to rest following the service at Lindenwood Cemetery, Geneva. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Wednesday, November 13 at the funeral home. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for Rich and his family.

Richard Melvin Heitland was born on June 2, 1943 to Melvin and Thelma (Woodley) Heitland in Hampton, Iowa. Rich attended school in Ackley and graduated in 1961.

On June 20, 1964 Richard was united in marriage to Judy Roegner at the United Methodist Church in Geneva. This 60-year union resulted in two children.

Rich was deeply involved in his community, dedicating many years as fire chief and as a city councilman. He was a rural mail carrier for thirty-one years, and also a lifelong mechanic, owning and operating Rich's 66 in Geneva.

Rich found great joy in the outdoors, including fishing and a round of golf with

his friends in Iowa and at his winter home in Arizona. He loved to fix everything and tinkering with various projects. Above all, he treasured spending time with his family and friends.

Richard Heitland is survived by his wife, Judy of Mason City; son, Brent Heitland of Geneva; daughter, Joy (Rod Smith) Heitland of Anamosa; grandchildren, Derek (Lacey) Heitland of Rockwell, and Deven (Channing) Heitland of Sheffield; great-grandchildren: Kynzlee, Brannon, Layne, Wylee, Hattie and Stetson. He is also survived by his brother, Gordon Heitland of Iowa Falls; sisters Shirley Rose of Ogden UT, Marion (Darrell) Zacharias of Waterloo, Sally (Bob) Ubben of Ackley, and Leanna (Lester) Ploeger of Webster City; sisters-in law, Lois Bittner of Eldridge, Ruby VanGerpen of Overland Park, KS, and Jeanene Chipp of Latimer; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Thelma Heitland; his father and mother in-law, Lester and Leola Roegner; his brother, Ronald Heitland; his sisters in-law, Karen Heitland and Dorothy Taylor; and his brothers-in law, James Bittner, Robert Taylor and Darren Chipp.

Cemetery Details

Lindenwood Cemetery

1023 Thrush Ave.
Geneva, IA 50633

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 13. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hampton - Woodley Funeral Home
306 Central Ave. East
Hampton, IA 50441
(641) 456-3232

Service

NOV 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

RK

“ Joy, Rod, and family,
You are in our thought and prayers and are sorry we cannot attend
the service today. Sending love and hugs.

Rhonda & Koppy

Rhonda Koppenhaver - November 14, 2024 at 09:42 AM

GL

“ Galena Ladies purchased the Medium Dish Gard
en for the family of Richard M. Heitland.



Galena Ladies - November 12, 2024 at 09:06 PM

PR

“ Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during
this tough time.

Paula Rios - November 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family
of Richard M. Heitland.



November 11, 2024 at 10:06 PM

BE

“ Sorry to hear of Richs passing, you have our deepest condolences.

Ed & Betty Etnier

Betty & Ed Etnier - November 11, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. Heitland.



November 11, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard M. Heitland.

November 11, 2024 at 01:50 PM

AM

“ American-Iowa Manufacturing purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard M. Heitland.



American-Iowa Manufacturing - November 11, 2024 at 12:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard M. Heitland.*



November 11, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard M. Heitland.

November 11, 2024 at 11:08 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. Heitland.*



November 11, 2024 at 10:22 AM



Nadine Baltes

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Rich's passing. I enjoyed Rich since I was a young girl going to Geneva. Rich was always around with a joke, a smile, playing cards with my dad and good conversation. He was one of the good old Geneva guys! Thinking of all of you.*

Nadine Baltes - November 11, 2024 at 09:59 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard M. Heitland.*



November 10, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard M. Heitland.

November 10, 2024 at 11:14 PM



“ *May my condolences bring comfort to you and your family and may my prayers ease the pain of your loss. Sudeepta Kalaver (Pearson)*

Sudeepta Kalaver - November 08, 2024 at 10:50 AM



A father is someone who teaches us the meaning of courage, strength and love. We see those gifts in you every day, Joy.

Cori Cherryholmes - November 08, 2024 at 01:52 PM



Joy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Know the light of your dad will always shine brightly upon you from above.

Susan Marzen - November 10, 2024 at 09:31 AM



Joy, may you look back on the precious memories and find peace in knowing that your father raised an amazing person.

Pat Stearns - November 11, 2024 at 10:51 AM



Joy, thinking of you and wishing you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Nancy Milder - November 11, 2024 at 11:46 AM