



Merle Danner

November 23, 1936 - January 22, 2011

Merle Danner, age 74, of Carroll, died Saturday morning, January 22, 2011 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Schott. Con-Celebrant will be Fr. Robert Gralapp. Lector for the funeral mass will be Ken Shibita. Gift Bearers will be Merle's children: Charles Danner, Jeff Danner, Peg Loew, Lisa Danner, Susan Reynoldson, and Nancy Kasperbauer. Eucharistic Ministers will be Lou Ann and Clair Otto, Larry Schleisman, and Maria Shibita. Music for the funeral mass will be by Marcy Anderson and Sherry Loughran. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Bill Bohling, Ed Danzer, Leonard Fischer, Pappy Jochims, Tony Meiners, Clair Otto, Maury Potthoff, Harry Reiman, Ed Reiling, Leo Steffen, Daryl Sunderman, Jerry Tigges, Sarge Schechinger, Ed Champion, Ollie Wenck, Daryl Winker, Ralph Wiederin, Dick Watson, Jerry Wilson, Jerry Klocke, Dick Rutten, Cecil Menke, and Paul Baumhover. Casket Bearers will be Merle's grandson, Dylan Schilling, and Merle's sons-in-law: John Loew, Mike Reynoldson, and Todd Kasperbauer, Merle's nephew, Larry Bayliss, and Merle's friends: Bob Raue, Wayne Reiman, and Aaron Juergens. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 3:30 p.m., Monday where there will be a rosary at 4 p.m. by the Carroll Knights of Columbus followed by a Christian Wake Service by the parish at 7 p.m. The

4th Degree Knights of Columbus will form an honor guard for the rosary and for the funeral mass. Memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for the St. Lawrence Second Century Campaign or the Dialysis Unit at St. Anthony Regional Hospital.

Born on November 23, 1936 in Carroll, Iowa, Merle was the son of Ben and Clara (Juergens) Danner. He spent his entire lifetime in the Carroll community and attended St. Lawrence and Holy Spirit Schools before graduating from Carroll High School with the Class of 1954. Following his formal education, Merle served in the United States Air Force from 1955-1959. On September 25, 1958 he was married to Bonnie Schleisman at St. Mary's Church in Lake City, Iowa. Merle worked at Juergens Produce & Feed for his entire life, retiring after 47 years. In retirement he enjoyed bowling, fishing, playing cards, traveling, golfing, watching sports, and most of all, spending time with his family and friends. Merle was a member of the St. Lawrence Parish, where he was active as a communion minister and also as a lector. He was a member of the Carroll Knights of Columbus, where he was a past Grand Knight, and recently became a 4th Degree Knight. Merle served on the Kuemper School Board, Carroll City Council and was a past chairman of the Board of Adjustment. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Bonnie Danner of Carroll; his children: Charles Danner of Carroll, Jeff Danner of Omaha, Nebraska, Peg Loew and her husband John of Jefferson, Lisa Danner of Camas, Washington, Susan Reynoldson and her husband Mike of Vancouver, Washington, and Nancy Kasperbauer and her husband Todd of Ankeny; 18 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Sally Danner of Carroll, Betty Danner of Carroll, Kitch Semmens of Arizona, Jean (Bill) Smith of Lake City, Kathy (Dave) Anderson of Arlington, Texas, Cindy (Dean) Filmer of Lake City, Dale (Barb) Schleisman of Emmetsburg, Jim (Mary Jo) Schleisman of Jefferson, Kenny (Sharyn) Schleisman of Lake City, Larry (Vi) Schleisman of Lake City, and Jerry (Joyce) Schleisman of Lake City, as well as many nieces, nephews and other extended relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers: Alton, Donald, and

Paul Danner; his sisters: Laverne Semmens, Alma Gordon, Bernice Bayliss,
and Florence Middendorf.

Tribute Wall

TS

“ I just heard this evening from Angie about Merle. Please accept our sympathy for your loss. I always admired Merle for his compassion, his sense of humor, his passion for life, and his dedication to his family. Even though we have not been in close contact over the years, it doesn't mean Merle, you, and the rest of the family are not in our memories, thoughts and prayers. I thank God for Merle's life and example as a family man and a man of God. God bless you.
Love, Terry & Deborah Schleisman

Terry Schleisman - January 25, 2011 at 10:26 PM

JG

“ Chuck: I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your Father. Your Dad always greeted me with a smile and kind words. I'll say a rosary for your family. Take Care.

Jean Grettenberg Griffith - January 25, 2011 at 08:04 PM

AW

“ Bonnie and Family, I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you all on Merle's passing. I will always remember him as a kind man with a warm smile and a friendly manner that I remember from early on at the Schleisman gatherings. May God give you comfort during this difficult time and please know that you are all in my prayers.

Angie Schleisman Williams - January 25, 2011 at 01:33 PM

BS

“ Bonnie & family very sorry to hear about your loss. Sorry we are not in town but wanted you to know that all of you are in our thoughts & prayers! May Merle rest in peace! What a wonderful man he was and will be an amazing angel for all of your family!

Brian & Jen Sibenaller - January 24, 2011 at 04:43 PM

RV

“ To Jeff and the rest of the family of Merle Danner,
Our prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
May God Bless you all and keep you all near His Heart today and always.
Ron VanDyke

Ron VanDyke - January 24, 2011 at 03:37 PM

BL

“ Peg and Family, Lisa & I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Bill & Lisa Loew - January 24, 2011 at 01:34 PM

TL

“ Bonnie and family- I was so sorry to hear of Merle's passing. May God hold you in His hands during this difficult time. You will all be in our prayers. Tami (Stark) and Kevin Lux

Tami (Stark) Lux - January 23, 2011 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ Bonnie and family--So sorry to hear about Merle. We will keep him in our prayers. Bob and June

June Heinrichs & Bob Smith - January 23, 2011 at 07:24 PM

BD

“ Dear Bonnie and family - I want to express my deepest and most heart-felt sympathy to all of you on the loss of your beloved Merle. I learned of his passing from mom this morning. Bonnie...I want you to know the hugs we shared @Mercy somehow helped w/your sadness. I am fortunate that I got to see Merle. The good Lord only takes the very Best and our family will miss him dearly! God's Blessings to all who loved him. With love and prayers, Beth Ann Danner

Beth Danner - January 22, 2011 at 05:23 PM