



Rev. Richard Friend

July 24, 1935 - November 23, 2018

Rev. Richard Lowell Friend, 83, of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on November 23, 2018 at the Hospice House in Ottumwa. He was born July 24, 1935 in Wapello County, Iowa to Herbert Leo and Eurena Susan Fulcher Friend. He married Ethel Ione Reynolds at the Mark Baptist Church on August 19, 1956.

Rev. Richard attended Bunker Hill, Jay Bird, Swamp Angle, and Stark grade schools in Davis County and Irvin grade school in Ottumwa, Iowa and would graduate from Bloomfield High School. While in high school, he received the Citizenship Award and several Chapter Star Farmer awards. After high school, he attended Vennard Bible College in University Park, a suburb of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He worked as a farm hand, gas station attendant at Vaugh Motors in Bloomfield, and in sales positions for General Life of Iowa, Sears Catalog Store, and Tom Sawyer Meats. In 1977, he was called to serve as pastor for the Bethlehem Christian Church near Floris, Iowa and served the church until retirement due to failing health. Richard and Ione worked together as co-administrators at the Friend's Boarding Home (Later named Friend's Residential Care Facility) in Bloomfield for 21 years.

He was a member of the Association of Fundamental Ministers of Kansas

City, Missouri serving as National Chairman 1992-2018. He was also a member of the Davis County Ministerial Association since 1983, serving as treasurer for many of those years.

He is survived by his wife, Lone Friend; two daughters, Marcia Ramseyer of Bloomfield, Iowa, Linda Friend of Shawnee, Kansas; son, Mark (Kellie) Friend of Ham Lake, Minnesota; seven grandchildren, Sam (Bethany) Ramseyer, Nathan (Paula) Weishaar, Shawna (Daniel) Brueske, Rebecca (Micah) Horner, MaKayla (Nick) Wienhold, Megan (Jeff) Kraemer, Jordan Friend; and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant son; and two brothers.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Aaron Swaim officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be at a later date at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation with family present to greet friends will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to Lone Friend to help offset the cost of Richard's long-term battle with cancer and the Bethlehem Christian Church.

Donations can be made via cash, check or electronically using this PayPal ID ione069@outlook.com.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Richard Friend*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *I met Pastor Richard Friend back in 2009, when my sisters and I asked him to officiate at our Mother's Funeral Services. As Pastor Friend and I met in a small office at the Wagler Funeral Home I had so many thoughts swirling in my head. How in this short time, could I reflect on my Mother's 90 year life span to the Pastor? As he and I began the discussions I jumped from one memory to another. Pastor Friend picked up at once on my nervouness. He softly stopped me with a smile, and said " take your time, Brenda, you and I will take as much time as you need." At that moment I knew what a wonderful and gentle man Pastor Friend was! Brenda (Johnson) Herr*

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant." (Matt. 25:23) 1611 KJV

Brenda - November 29, 2018 at 04:00 PM



“ *How fun to play Rook with Richard and lone! They invited me in like family. Thanks for the good times we had together!*

Marlene Fast Richards

Marlene - November 26, 2018 at 02:47 PM

TP

“ Dearest lone and the AFMC Family,

A great man of God has gone to be with his Savior. He was amazing on this earth, and will be glorious next to Jesus in heaven...so committed, engaged and active right to his home-going. Our sincerest condolences to you, lone, and family. May the Lord comfort you with His presence.

all our love,

*Tom and Linda Panci
YWAM Switzerland*

Tom and Linda Panci - November 25, 2018 at 01:55 PM

LR

“ *My sympathy. Goes to all. Of. You mark. And. Yours. Sister. And family I. Remember you. All. As. A good. Neighbor. Lynn. Roberts*

lynn. roberts - November 24, 2018 at 08:44 AM

DM

I'm so sorry for the family. God comfort and bless each of you.

Delilah morrow. - November 24, 2018 at 11:09 PM

DS

lone and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Richard. we do know he is walking with Jesus. Dotty Stewart

Dotty Stewart - November 27, 2018 at 07:34 AM

IF

Thank you Dotty, our joy for him is over whelming and our loss of him is hard to express in words.

lone Friend - December 03, 2018 at 12:46 PM