



## Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt

August 29, 1935 - January 7, 2020

Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt, 84, of Kensett passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 into the arms of Jesus.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Kensett Community Center, 300 Willow Street, Kensett, Iowa 50448.

Ralph's family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the community center. Everyone is invited to lunch and fellowship following the service.

Cards may be sent to 10 Maple Street, Kensett, IA 50448.

Ralph Edward Ehlenfeldt was born August 29, 1935 near Plainview, MN, the son of Clifford Lavern and Pearl Ruth (Schultz) Ehlenfeldt. Growing up around Plainview, he attended high school in Southwest Minnesota. It was soon after Ralph found his passion in carpentry. For many years Ralph used his talents and hard work on numerous projects, from roofing to remodeling homes. It was later that Ralph met the love of his life, Denise Johnson. The two were married on August 25, 1979 at Denise's parent's farm under the big willow tree. Ralph always said he married Denise so he'd never have to talk again. This treasured union brought Ralph to know the love of Jesus. Together the pair made their home in Rochester, before moving to Kensett, where they have called home for 32 years. Ralph was able to retire in the late 1990's and it was then he found his true passion, gardening. For 15 plus years the Ehlenfeldt house was surrounded by 3 acres of flourishing garden. It was filled with fruits and vegetables because "if you can't eat it, why would you grow it?". Ralph cherished time spent tending to his crops and accepted nothing but the best. For many years their yield could be found for sale along HWY 65 or at Farmer's Markets around the area.

Ralph's love of the outdoors was not confined to the garden. He was an experienced golfer who loved to take trips with his friends to area golf courses. Ralph looked forward to time on the water fishing, whether it was summer or ice fishing on the lake. Plenty of his time was spent in his "Shuck It" Shop, a name earned by the numerous pieces of friend's

tools and scraps that found a new home within.

Psalm 116:15 “Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.”

As Ralph’s last breath slipped away, he was carried in the arms of Jesus. When the time comes to take your last breath, do you know where you’re going? Ralph knew he was being adorned for his Heavenly home.

Ralph is survived by his faithful wife of 40 years who brought him to see the glories of God, Denise; his children, Randy (Terry) Ehlenfeldt, Vicki (Danny) Gonzalez, and Tracy (Tony Hermann) Schrepfer; beloved grandchildren, René, Tristan (Karrie), Jeff (Gina) Amy, Timothy (Kailee), and Weston (Lacy); 6 great-grandchildren and one on the way; his brothers, David (Lori) Ehlenfeldt and Allyn (Lora) Ehlenfeldt; and his aunt, “Ol’ Tude” Violet Ehlenfeldt.

Those greeting him at the gates of Heaven are his parents, Clifford and Pearl; his siblings, Don and Karen; and an infant son.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Kensett Community Center

300 Willow Street, Kensett, IA, US, 50448

**JAN**   **Family Hosted Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt.



January 09 at 06:31 PM

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“ Dave and Lori Ehlenfeldt purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt.



**Dave and Lori Ehlenfeldt** - January 09 at 05:58 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt.



January 08 at 08:43 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Ehlenfeldt.



January 08 at 12:49 PM

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“ I send my sincere sympathies to the Ehlenfeldt Family on the passing of Ralph. I did not get to know him but I do know he is a highly respected and upstanding person knowing that he raised some wonderful children including my good friend and colleague Randy E.

I pray for blessings on the family and with Ralph in heaven and know that our good Lord will keep Ralph among you all in everlasting spirit and beautiful fond memories of him.

God Bless

Dave & Lori Wood



**Dave Wood** - January 08 at 11:01 AM