



Allan Natvig

March 5, 1942 - October 11, 2023

CEDAR FALLS – Allan Jon Natvig, 81, passed away on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at his home.

He was born on March 5, 1942, in Cresco, IA, the son of Odell and Arlene (Ellingson) Natvig. He graduated from Cresco Community Schools in 1960 followed by graduation from Bethany Lutheran Junior College in Mankato, MN in 1962. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in 1964, then his Master of Social Work at the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1970.

On August 13, 1966, he married Susan Elizabeth Anderson in Fisher, MN. Together, they raised two sons, Matthew and Peter. Susan preceded him in death on November 10, 1981. Allan was later united in marriage to Debra Luann Yankey in Denison, IA on April 25, 1987.

His entire career was dedicated to social work in a variety of settings including public welfare, child protective services, Woodward State Hospital School, counseling and support for adults with disabilities and chronic illness. His employers included Howard and Winneshiek County Public Welfare, Iowa Department of Human Services, Exceptional Persons, Inc., Black Hawk Center for Independent Living and Area 7 MS Service League. He was a member of Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Waterloo, and served in leadership roles

at the church since its origin in 1963.

The top priority in Al's life was his Christian faith, which guided him in his dedication to his family, loving them and surprising them with a dry wit. Following his retirement in 2007, Al dedicated his free time to a passion to preserve and conserve a small acreage near Saude; a prairie oasis the family calls the "ranch."

Allan is survived by his wife, Deb, of Cedar Falls; sons, Matthew (Cristina) Natvig of Cedar Falls and Peter (Kaylene) Natvig of Waterloo; grandchildren, Allie (Dakota) Hurd, Emily (Mitchel Sovich) Allspach, and Isaac Natvig; and brother, Roland (Mary) Natvig of Deer River, MN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Susan; and brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Naomi Natvig.

Visitation at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls will be 3:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, October 15th. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, October 16, 2023 at Saude Lutheran Church in Lawler, IA with visitation at the church from 9:30 AM until the service time. Interment at Saude Lutheran Cemetery in Lawler with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Susan Anderson Natvig Scholarship fund at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, MN; Valley Lutheran School, Cedar Falls, IA; or Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Waterloo, IA.

Cemetery Details

Saude Lutheran Cemetery

Lawler, IA 52154

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Visitation

OCT **16**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saude Lutheran Church
2949 Stevens Trail
Lawler, IA 52154

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ this is Lyle (Gene) Murray from Cresco. Allan was a good classmate at CHS and valued friend. I am saddened to learn of his passing, and send my condolences to his many family members. I have many warm memories of him, especially in Spanish class. He was the kind of special soul who elicited those kind of feelings easily. More than once I told myself I should get in touch with him, as I passed the family farm on my way between Cresco and the U. of Iowa, where I got a BS in Psychology and MA in Rehabilitation Counseling. It does not surprise me to learn of his education and life's work, it seems a natural fit. In many ways I feel our lives ran similar courses. I just read an article by a hospice nurse telling of people's end of life regrets. One was not keeping in touch with friends, especially more meaningful earlier ones. Allan is at the top of that list. Fond goodbye friend, and care to those whose lives he touched.

Lyle Eu(Gene) Murray - January 13, 2024 at 12:28 AM

JC

“ I remember what an integral part he played as a member of the local Civitan organization. His steady presence contributed to the many projects of Civitan.

Joan E Christensen-Sund - October 15, 2023 at 05:33 PM

JC

My sympathy goes out to Deb and Matthew and Peter. You have lost a treasured presence in AI.

Joan E Christensen-Sund - October 15, 2023 at 05:36 PM

DD

“ David, Tersea and Sylvia Dempster purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Allan Natvig.



David, Tersea and Sylvia Dempster - October 13, 2023 at 04:24 PM

DD

“ David, Tersea and Sylvia Dempster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Allan Natvig.

David, Tersea and Sylvia Dempster - October 13, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Allan Natvig.



October 13, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Allan Natvig.



October 13, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Allan Natvig.*



October 13, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Having grown up in the neighborhood, I spent a lot of time at the Natvig house and have the fondest memories of Al. He was a great man with the patience of Job (patience that Pete and Matt tested regularly). May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Natvig family during this difficult time. Love to you all. Jeff & Veronica Goldhorn*

Jeff Goldhorn - October 12, 2023 at 04:58 PM



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October 12, 2023 at 04:27 PM



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