



## Rev. Donald Feuerhak

February 15, 1947 - February 13, 2020

CEDAR FALLS — Rev. Donald L. Feuerhak, 72, of Cedar Falls, died Thursday, February 13, 2020, at MercyOne – Waterloo Medical Center, of multi-organ failure.

Donald was born February 15, 1947, in Deronda, Wisconsin, the son of Leonard and Ardis (Iverson) Feuerhak. He married Barbara (Bowen) on December 21, 1969, at the United Methodist Church in Rock Falls, Iowa.

Donald graduated in 1965 from West Bend High School in West Bend, Wisconsin, and from Luther College in 1969. The first two years of seminary, he attended the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. He then graduated from Wartburg Seminary in 1973. He served congregations in Ames, Wyoming, Clarksville, Fredsville, and Cedar Falls. He also served as a Chaplain at Bremwood Lutheran Services in Waverly and at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo; and taught Death and Dying for 23 years at UNI and a few years at Wartburg College in Waverly.

Survived by: his wife; two daughters, Jennifer (Paulo) Shila of Omaha, NE, and Lisa (Jeff) Buettner of East Peoria, IL; four grandchildren, Delaney and Katelyn Shila, Benjamin and Colin Buettner; and one great grandchild, Brooklyn.

Preceded in death by: his parents.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18th at St. John Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls. Visitation from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17th at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the family for several charities.

Donald enjoyed fishing for trout in Northeast Iowa and was a collector of model trains. His interactive personality made him a good listener with compassion for others. He loved his family and was a big supporter of Cedar Valley Hospice and received their services near the end of his life.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 4:00 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>

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John American Lutheran Church  
715 College  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 268-0165  
<http://stjohncf.org>

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Reverend Don was a great member of our Cedar Falls Lions...always a smile on his face and a kind word to everyone. Jeanna and I will certainly deeply miss this special man. Our deepest sympathies to all his family.  
Jim/Jeanna Newcomb

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**Jim Newcomb** - February 19, 2020 at 01:01 PM

EH

“ Pastor Donald was a shining example of compassion, cared deeply about the church members, family and friends. My husband and I were blessed to have him marry us. We were also part of a couples church group. One memory was when we all went to a private Amish house and shared a meal. Don was always ready to listen, with a smile and kind word. He will be missed. May God comfort his wife and family.

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**Elizabeth Harn** - February 17, 2020 at 09:23 PM

KW

“ Pastor Feuerhak was a lovely compassionate man. He cared deeply for his family, his parishioners and God. May your memories sustain you in the days ahead and may God grant you peace.

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**Kerri Wilson** - February 17, 2020 at 04:35 PM



“ I am thankful to have called him Pastor, but more thankful to have called him Friend!

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**Steve Pavelec** - February 17, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Pastor Don had a tender, compassionate pastor's heart. He loved God, God's people, and clearly adored his family. I only knew him for a brief time but his spirit had a supportive and nurturing impact on my life. God's strength and grace walk with you during this time of loss and grief. Enduring and loving memories will bring hope and joy to all. Deep peace of Christ be with you, Liz Woodward*

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**Liz Woodward** - February 17, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Feuerhak.*



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February 17, 2020 at 11:13 AM



“ *To the family of Pastor Donald Feuerhak,*

*I was so sorry to read of Don's passing. In 1999 I was fighting for my life in the intensive care unit at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. The staff asked if I wanted to see a pastor and I said yes. A short time later Don appeared at the door of my room and he and my wife and I held hands and prayed together. I will always remember his warmth and his wonderful words of God's peace and love. I survived this incredible ordeal and I thank both God and Don for his prayers on my behalf. God's speed my friend. I know that God will never bring me to something without bringing me through it. And i am as sure that Don is now in His care.*

*Dr. Eldon B. and Vicki L. Swanson  
Hudson, Iowa*

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**Dr. Eldon B. Swanson** - February 17, 2020 at 10:34 AM

DS

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of a close friend, Don.

*We enjoyed our many conversations and visits, whether it was in Iowa, Cal, or Oregon.*

*And, of course, model trains was always a topic in itself.*

*Our sincere sympathies to Barb and family.*

*You are all in our thoughts especially at this time.*

*Love, Dean & Betty Schilling*

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**Dean Schilling** - February 15, 2020 at 03:56 PM

BF

*Thank you for your kind words. He will be missed.*

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**Barb Feuerhak** - February 16, 2020 at 09:20 PM

JW

“ *I've only known Don for a few years now, mostly while attending St. John's. Always had a smile on his face. We both shared a love of trains, and enjoyed our train conversations.*

*He will be missed. Prayers to Barb and his family.*

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**Jeff Wickersham** - February 15, 2020 at 02:21 PM

BG

“ *Our deepest sympathy. Heaven gained a great angel. He was a great Pastor and friend. Love and hugs for the family. Bill and Ruth Gibson*

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**Bill and Ruth Gibson** - February 15, 2020 at 01:16 PM

LG

“ Sending condolences to Pastor Donald’ s family. He was a good friend of the MCElhaney family in Clarksville, Ia. He married my husband, Duane and I.

Linda Griffin - February 14, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Donald Feuerhak.



February 14, 2020 at 10:40 PM

TH

“ Pastor Don was a loyal and faithful member of the Cedar Falls Noon Lions Club, always offering our members a peaceful reflection from the troubles of today's world.

Pastor Don always showed concern and best wishes for our members requests for prayer and support.

Pastor Don will be at Peace when he knows his family is at Peace.

Tom Hagarty  
Cedar Falls Noon Lions Club

Tom Hagarty - February 14, 2020 at 03:42 PM

BM

“ Lots of fond memories I moved from Cedar Falls several years ago. Prayers and Condolences to his family'  
Bill Morse - St Charles, Iowa!

Bill Morse - February 14, 2020 at 03:37 PM

PM

“ So sorry to hear the passing of Pastor Don. He was my pastor when I was a teenager living in Wyoming and then I ran into him once at Covenant. He was a top notch guy...My thoughts and prayers are with the family...

*Patti (Westphal) Meyer*

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**Patti Meyer** - February 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM

VH

“ We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Don. We are in Hawaii and unable to attend the visitation or the funeral services. Our deepest sympathy to Don's family. He was an important part of every Lions meeting that I have attended.

*Vern and Marcia Hansen*

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**Vern Hansen** - February 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM