



## Freeman Moser III

January 22, 1962 - January 22, 2026

Freeman Willis Moser III, 64, of St. Louis, MO, died unexpectedly on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

Freeman was born January 22, 1962, in Waterloo, the son of Freeman Willis Moser Jr. and Florence E. (Cutshall) Moser. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School and attended Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN, and The Culinary Institute of America. After working as a professional chef in Hawaii and Washington, DC, he returned to Cedar Falls to help his father run Freeman's Café. He later attended Iowa State University, earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management.

Freeman went back to teach at the Culinary Institute of America where he was deeply devoted to teaching. Freeman went on to have a long career in the food and beverage industry where he brought purpose and passion to every kitchen. He retired in 2023 to do what brought him the most joy – spend time with his children, go fishing, frisbee disc golf, and cook delicious food. He passed away suddenly in St. Louis, MO.

Survivors include his daughter, Abigayle Elaine Moser of West Lafayette, IN, and his son, Freeman Willis Moser, IV, of Patterson, NY; two sisters, Jan (Greg) Crespi of Dallas, TX and Jill (Steve) Mathey of Urbandale, IA; two nieces, Mandy Gebel of Johnston, IA, and Tiffany (Dirk) Westerly of Urbandale, IA, and a nephew, Scott (Brittney) Crespi of Allen, TX, and three great-nieces, Amaya LaVae and Ashlyn Ann Gebel of Johnston, IA, and Callie Mae Westerly of Urbandale, IA; and a great-nephew Landry James Westerly, of Urbandale, IA.

Preceded in death by his parents, Freeman W. Moser, Jr and Florence E.(Cutshall) Moser, formerly of Cedar Falls, and his aunt, Beverly (Moser) Campbell, formerly of Waterloo.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 31st, at Richardson's Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, with a private burial in Orange Township Cemetery in Waterloo. Public

visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, January 30th, at Richardson Funeral Service, and for one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials to be designated at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Orange Township Cemetery

Waterloo, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 30.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

**JAN 31.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *But do not let your ignorance  
Of my spirit's whereabouts dismay  
You, or overwhelm your thoughts.  
Be careful not to say*

*Anything too final. Whatever  
Is unsure is possible, and life is bigger  
Than flesh. Beyond reach of thought  
Let imagination figure*

*Testament  
Wendell Berry*

*Photo by Freeman*

*Rest in peace dear Freeman*



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**Jeffrey A Crespi** - February 03 at 10:57 AM

NW

“ *I really don't know how to begin describing the influence the dear Moser family made on our lives. We first became neighbors on Greenwood, church friends, then dear, special friends. They were like extended family to us..Freeman, Floss, Jill, Jan and “Young Freeman.” He was a gifted individual, always smiling and happy. Son Dave being several years younger loved “hanging out” with Freeman. His comment, “Freeman introduced me to mountain biking before it was popular!” He will surely be missed but we all have SO MANY wonderful memories of a life well lived!!*

*Nell Wilson*

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**Nell Wilson** - February 01 at 12:20 PM

MF

“ I enjoyed Freeman Moser III as a tenant since his retirement in 2023. He was delightful to talk with and seemed very cordial and friendly. I also enjoyed him baking loaves of bread that he shared with me and my family. Rest in peace dear friend.

Mark Froese - January 31 at 06:02 PM

JT

“ James T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freeman Moser III.

James T. - January 30 at 03:28 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Freeman Moser III.



January 30 at 02:51 PM

FN

“ Fleur, Ryan & the Team at Nestlé planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freeman Moser III.

Fleur, Ryan & the Team at Nestlé - January 30 at 02:51 PM

MB

“ Freeman was a neighbor and dear friend to our family in Cedar Rapids. My daughters who were 4 and 2 at the time vividly remember Freeman bringing us a beautiful and delicious loaf of whole grain bread, baked in the shape of a lizard-like monster with chocolate chip eyes. Freeman and I spent many days together that year playing disc golf, making and tasting incredible food, flying model airplanes, and target practicing at the range. He was incredibly kind and thoughtful, fun-loving and carefree, always sophisticated yet practical and resourceful. We feel very fortunate to have known him.

--Mark Baldrige & Family

Mark Baldrige - January 30 at 12:45 PM

IW

“ Hello everyone my name is Ivan Wieland and i've had the great pleasure of knowing freeman. Since we were very young, staying overnight at his house. Eating at the family restaurant every time it was my birthday. Cause I chose them. This free spirit and smiling individual was someone I always looked up to and thought I wish I could be as cool as him. But from what I remember of him, he would have never crowned himself as cool or anything like that. I haven't spent the last forty four years in the restaurant business. And I do have to say, there are a few items and ideas that I took from my experiences as a child at Freeman's cafe.  
Along with so many other legends in the Cedar heights world of the early Seventies, he will be missed. Definitely an unforgettable person. God bless everyone!

Ivan F Wieland - January 30 at 09:00 AM

IW

Please forgive spelling and grammatical errors as that was a voice text.

Ivan F Wieland - January 30 at 09:01 AM

DG

“ Delroy Gibb purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Freeman Moser III.



Delroy Gibb - January 28 at 09:00 PM

AN

“ Annette purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Freeman Moser III.



Annette - January 28 at 12:48 PM

MF

“ Mondschean Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Freeman Moser III.



Mondschean Family - January 28 at 11:55 AM

LP

“ Lisa and Phyllis purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Freeman Moser III.



Lisa and Phyllis - January 27 at 04:38 PM

MS

“ In loving memory of Freeman Moser, III

*So dearly loved. So dearly missed.  
He will always be in our hearts and at our table.  
May he rest in peace.  
The Albores family, Rudy Jr, Micki, Rudy III, and Nick*

Michelle Sweet-Albores - January 27 at 01:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Freeman Moser III.



January 27 at 11:25 AM

JW

“ Jim & Linda Westerly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freeman Moser III.

Jim & Linda Westerly - January 27 at 11:25 AM

LR

“ Love, Elizabeth, Megan, Emma & Rafa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Freeman Moser III.



Love, Elizabeth, Megan, Emma & Rafa - January 26 at 09:07 PM

GF

“ *Giacchetti Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Freeman Moser III.*



**Giacchetti Family** - January 26 at 03:40 PM

AK

“ *Allison Ketter lit a candle in memory of Freeman Moser III*



**allison Ketter** - January 26 at 01:18 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Freeman Moser III.*



January 26 at 10:35 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Freeman Moser III.*



January 26 at 09:58 AM

MG

“ *Mason G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Freeman Moser III.*

**Mason G.** - January 25 at 09:03 PM