



Dr. Karl A. Bottke

February 25, 1924 - March 12, 2022

CEDAR FALLS – Dr. Karl A. Bottke, 98, of Cedar Falls, died Saturday, March 12, 2022, at his home.

He was born February 25, 1924, in Iowa Falls, Iowa, the son of Otto and Anna (Cupcheck) Bottke. He graduated from Iowa Falls High School and served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1944. Following graduation from Ellsworth Community College, Karl earned his DDS from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. In September of 1952, he was united in marriage to LaVerne Baer in Haysville, IN. She preceded him in death in October of 1987.

Karl served the Cedar Valley as a dentist at his private practice, Cedarloo Dental, until his retirement in 1984. Karl was honored to have volunteered many years for the Black Hawk County Health Department's Children's Dental Sealant program working to prevent childhood cavities. Karl was a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church. He was also very active in the American Red Cross and went on several mission trips to Jamaica.

He is survived by two sons, Dr. David (Rhonda) Bottke of Cedar Falls, and Dr. Craig (Terri) Bottke of Burlington; four grandchildren, Benjamin Bottke of Cedar Falls, Brooke (Brian) Baird of Cedar Falls, Dr. Brian (Alexa) Bottke of Peoria, IL, and Michael Bottke of Cedar Rapids; and four great-grandchildren, Noah, Otto, and Arlo Bottke and Bella Kolpek.

Karl was preceded in death by his wife, LaVerne; two brothers, Marvin and Paul Bottke; and a sister, Gloria Beer.

Funeral services will be 10:30am Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4-7pm Monday at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, and also one hour prior to the service at church. Interment with military honors will be in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery, Haysville, IN, at a later date. Memorials may be directed to Friends of the Redeemer, a Jamaican non-profit at <https://www.friendsoftheredeemer.org> or the American Red Cross.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **14.** 4:00 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>

Funeral Service

MAR **15.** 10:30 AM (CT)

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-7589
<http://naz.org>

Tribute Wall

LM

“ Thinking of Dr. Bottke today and searched for an obituary. I worked as receptionist at Nazareth when he would be dropped off for Sr. meals. He would often stand and chat with me for over an hour! Sharing his famous jokes of the day and about his career and his loving wife. He will be missed!

Lindsay M - December 21, 2023 at 02:39 PM

SJ

“ My condolences to the family of Dr. Karl Bottke. Dr. Bottke was my dentist for many years and was such a nice person. Great sense of humor and a joy to see. That's a pretty good thing to be able to say about a dentist. Rest in peace, Dr. Bottke.

Skip Johnson - March 20, 2022 at 07:57 PM

MB

“ I was very fortunate to have my first job out of college in Dr. Bottke's office. He set a standard for professionalism and patient care that carried me through more than forty years of practice. His devotion to his wife, family and the patients in his care was an inspiration. He was truly a "care giver" both in his practice and in his life. His was a life worth celebrating. -Mary Brammer

Mary Brammer - March 16, 2022 at 02:59 PM

DD

“ My sincere sympathies and condolences to Karl Bottke's family. He was a fine dedicated dentist, a music lover, had a great spirit and sense of humor (“Played piano in the marching band”) and a twinkling smile to light up the room. He will be well remembered. Peace to all.

- Dennis Downs

Dennis Downs - March 16, 2022 at 12:30 PM

BL

“ To Karl's family, I am so sorry about your loss. Karl was my favorite volunteer during my time in Emergency Services at the Red Cross. There were always laughs when he came in to my office. But always talk of the Lord and of his GREAT love for his late wife. Can only imagine that moment when the two were reunited! His stories of going on national disasters were inspiring, and also funny. So glad I was blessed to know this man who knew what was truly important.

God bless you all.

Barb Lamfers

Barb Lamfers - March 16, 2022 at 12:13 PM

DD

“ Karl was a great neighbor. Jan and I are sorry we missed his service. I remember ushering with him in the old sanctuary at Naz. He was always willing to help pin on my white mum. He and LaVerne raised a terrific family and we have enjoyed knowing them. I like telling Dave's story about helping the workers cut the stone on our house for an ice cream cone. We are sad for your loss but are sure there are many great memories. Jan and Dave Deaver

Dave & Jan Deaver - March 16, 2022 at 09:34 AM

FJ

“ SORRY TO READ ABOUT THE DEATH OF YOUR FATHER, FRED,FRAN MARIA HARTKE.

Fred A. Hartke, Jr. - March 15, 2022 at 08:40 PM

MD

“ Dr. Bottke was a neighbor of my family for several years. He was a kind man and always had a warm greeting and smile. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
-- Mary (Evans) Davis

Mary (Evans) Davis - March 15, 2022 at 10:49 AM

RB

“ As a young boy, Karl was my first Dentist. I was in awe of the mechanical contraption used for drilling. He always tried to make it as comfortable as he could. If that was possible in a dental chair. Great person. RIP Karl.

Ron and Yoko Brainard - March 15, 2022 at 09:48 AM

CS

“ When I used to work in the Christian Crusaders office, Karl would come in on Thursdays for lunch and stop at my desk to tell me a couple good jokes. He was so funny! Then, he would search me out at Sam's Club (I worked both places) to give me a hug and a cute smile and wink. He was always such a treasure! I still remember his words of advice to me as he left my office many times - "Don't take any wooden nickels!" Heaven has definitely gained a shining star.

Crystal Gooding Smith - March 15, 2022 at 08:44 AM



“ *Dr.Bottke was our dentist growing up, he was also a classmate/friend of my dad Eugene(Pete)Smith who was also born in Iowa Falls, he was born Oct.24,1924 and passed away April 2,2020 age 95, he was a 3 time colon cancer survivor, may Dr.Bottke Rest In Peace George Smith*

George Smith - March 15, 2022 at 06:29 AM



“ *With Karl's passing Cedar Falls is losing one of its finest citizens. He was a fine dentist who shared his skills for the Jamaican people and for our town's children. In retirement he spent many days helping out in disasters for the Red Cross. I was privileged to call him a friend as well as a former patient, and to provide him transportation around town when he could no longer drive. My best wishes to his family, Norm Lemmon*

Norm Lemmon - March 14, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Karl A. Bottke.*



March 13, 2022 at 08:23 PM