



Lyle R. Refshauge

February 14, 1926 - January 2, 2020

Lyle Richard Refshauge (1926-2020)

CEDAR FALLS – Lyle Richard Refshauge, 93, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, January 2, 2020, at the Western Home Communities – Stanard Family Assisted Living.

He was born February 14, 1926 in Cedar Falls, son of Christian Otto and Kate (Eldridge) Refshauge. He married Darlene D. Diestler on February 23, 1947 at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. She preceded him in death on November 1, 2014.

He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1943 and served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was employed at the Behrens Buick garage in Cedar Falls, becoming parts manager in 1948. He then moved to Cedar Rapids where he was parts manager for the Allen Imports garage for 11 years, then the Strait Imported Parts store. He then became the Auto Parts Management instructor at Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo, retiring in August 1988. In retirement, he worked part time at Dike Hardware store until it closed.

Survived by: five children, Tom (Joyce) Refshauge of Rogers, AR, Janet (Joe) Miltenberger of Astoria, OR, Linda Cates of Iowa, Amy Refshauge of Springdale, AR, and Ted Refshauge of Cedar Falls; three grandchildren,

Abigail (Philip) Clemons, Hannah (Justin) Smith, and Rebekah Penning; and four great-grandchildren, Isabel, Maxwell and River Clemons, and Lincoln Smith.

Preceded in death by: two sisters, Alice Vitacco and Agnes Sayles.

Memorial Services: 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8th at Dike United Methodist Church with inurnment in Elmwood Cemetery, Dike. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7th at Richardson Funeral Service and also for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to children's programming at the church, Western Home Foundation – Staff Scholarship. or the Salvation Army.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Dike, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 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>

Memorial Service

JAN 8. 1:30 PM (CT)

Dike United Methodist Church
439 Church Street
Dike, IA 50624

Tribute Wall

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“ *Tom....my condolences.*

Tom Williams

Tom Williams - March 02, 2021 at 12:15 PM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear about Lyle. I worked with him at Hawkeye Institute of Technology in Waterloo for many years. He was our Auto Parts instructor and parts manager. A nice guy with a dry sense of humor. My sympathy and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow.*

Dianne Lellig

Dianne Lellig - January 08, 2020 at 02:44 PM

LI

Thank you for the sweet memories and condolences and prayers Diane! Dad really enjoyed all the people he worked with at Hawkeye Tech. God bless

Linda - January 24, 2020 at 08:19 PM

BV

“ *Deepest sympathy to the entire Refshaug family as you grieve the loss of your dad.*

*With fond memories of our years as neighbors,
Barbara McCullough Virden and the entire McCullough family*

Barbara Virden - January 06, 2020 at 01:09 PM

LC

Dear Barbara and the McCullough family,

I am so happy to hear from you!

Thank you so much for the sweet expression of sympathy.

We have very fond memories of our years as neighbors with you as well!

I often think of the wonderous times we had playing outside as children! It was the best time to be growing up and we each had the best parents. God bless you and your family. Hope you are well.

Love, Linda & the Refshauge family

Linda Cates - January 24, 2020 at 08:13 PM

NB

I woke with a childhood memory of the Refshaugee family with whom we played, Janet, Linda & Amy. I remember Tom as well. I remember the teaparties Mrs. Refshaugee had where she frosted graham crackers with colored buttercream frosting and made Kool-aid in the hot summer months when we were free and footloose on summer break. To see that Mr. Refshaugee has lived a long life felt good. I hope all the family is doing well. Nancy Boone Brock

nancy brock - October 20, 2025 at 08:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lyle R. Refshauge.*



January 05, 2020 at 04:54 PM

“ *May He who knows your sorrow bring peace, comfort, and healing to your soul.*

With {{{Hugs}}},

Charmayne

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### *The Dragonfly*

*Once, in a little pond, in the muddy water under the lily pads, there lived a little water beetle in a community of water beetles. They lived a simple and comfortable life in the pond with few disturbances and interruptions.*

*Once in a while, sadness would come to the community when one of their fellow beetles would climb the stem of a lily pad and would never be seen again. They knew when this happened; their friend was dead, gone forever.*

*Then, one day, one little water beetle felt an irresistible urge to climb up that stem. However, he was determined that he would not leave forever. He would come back and tell his friends what he had found at the top.*

*When he reached the top and climbed out of the water onto the surface of the lily pad, he was so tired, and the sun felt so warm, that he decided he must take a nap. As he slept, his body changed and when he woke up, he had turned into a beautiful blue-tailed dragonfly with broad wings and a slender body designed for flying.*

*So, fly he did! And, as he soared he saw the beauty of a whole new world and a far superior way of life to what he had never known existed. Then he remembered his beetle friends and how they were thinking by now he was dead. He wanted to go back to tell them, and explain to them that he was now more alive than he had ever been before. His life had been fulfilled rather than ended.*

*But, his new body would not go down into the water. He could not get back to tell his friends the good news. Then he understood that*

*their time would come, when they, too, would know what he now knew. So, he raised his wings and flew off into his joyous new life!*

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**Charmayne** - January 05, 2020 at 02:05 PM

LC

*Thank you so much Charmayne, that is beautiful! Big hugs from all of us!*

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**Linda Cates** - January 24, 2020 at 08:15 PM