



## Merlin Menken

August 14, 1948 - August 1, 2022

Merlin Duane Menken, 73, of Dike, Iowa died Monday, August 1, 2022, at Mercy One – Waterloo.

Merl was born August 14, 1948, in Hampton, Iowa, the son of Herman and Jennie Menken. He went to Parkersburg High School and resided in Dike, IA his entire adult life. On March 18, 1967, he was united in marriage to Carol A. Menken at Dike United Methodist Church.

Merl retired from Dike New Hartford Schools in 2014, where he served as the superintendent of transportation for 30 years. Prior to his employment at Dike New Hartford Schools, he owned and operated Menken's '66 station in Dike, providing the community with trusted mechanical repairs, towing, and tank wagon fuel services.

Merl loved farming, fishing, and spending time with his family. He could frequently be found farming, whether it was for himself or helping a friend. His favorite memories were spent fishing up North on Lake Winnie with his family, a fishing rod, and his red solo cup.

Survived by; a daughter, Kim (Dave) Frontzak; a son, Rich Menken; five grandchildren, Nick Elliott, Alyson (Brady) Lahmann, Austin Elliott, Kaleb Menken, & MacKenzie Menken; three great grandchildren, Ezra Elliott, Elijah

Lahmann, and Peyton Lahmann; two step-grandchildren, David Frontzak, Jr & Mary Frontzak; sister, Marjorie Siebenga, as well as special friends Jon & Ann Hilliard and their crew who became a second family to him.

Merl was preceded in death by his wife; Carol Menken, his parents; Herman & Jennie Menken, and siblings; Marlys Woodruff & Stanley Menken.

Funeral service will be 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2022, at Dike United Methodist Church in Dike. Visitation will be 1:30-3:00 p.m. prior to the service. Memorials will be determined at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Elmwood Cemetery

Dike, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 5. 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Dike United Methodist Church  
439 Church Street  
Dike, IA 50624

## Funeral Service

AUG 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

Dike United Methodist Church  
439 Church Street  
Dike, IA 50624

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Slice Ultra Shed Family purchased the Full Heart for the family of Merlin Menken.* ”



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**Slice Ultra Shed Family** - August 04, 2022 at 05:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merlin Menken.* ”



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August 03, 2022 at 10:57 AM

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“ *Clary Lake Services purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Merlin Menken.* ”



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**Clary Lake Services** - August 03, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Merlin Menken.* ”



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August 03, 2022 at 09:27 AM

MC

“ I've known Merl for many years, working with him in the school transportation industry here in Iowa. He was a great friend and always had the safety of the students on his buses as his top priority. He will definitely be missed! Sending prayers to his family.

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**Max Christensen** - August 03, 2022 at 08:39 AM

KW

“ Hugs and prayers to you all.



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**Kristie Wintz** - August 02, 2022 at 10:14 PM

RF

“ Richard And Karen Benson Family lit a candle in memory of Merlin Menken



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**Richard and Karen Benson family** - August 02, 2022 at 06:53 PM

RF

Merlin was very kind and made riding the bus fun for kids.

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**Richard and Karen Benson family** - August 02, 2022 at 06:54 PM

AC

I went to school at D-NH, so my memories come from riding the bus with Merl behind the wheel. My thoughts and prayers are going to his family at this time.

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**Adam Campbell** - August 03, 2022 at 11:38 AM