



Parke Behn

July 23, 1941 - December 4, 2011

Cedar Falls

Parke H. Behn died peacefully in his sleep at his home on Sunday, December 4, 2011.

Born on July 23, 1941 in Mt. Pleasant, IA, to John and Eileen Day Behn, he graduated from Monticello High School and attended Iowa State Teachers College. He married Marlene Wynn on June 27, 1964. They became the parents of Brock and Beth Behn.

His professional career included executive positions with Control-O-Fax, Professional Office Services, Medical Technology, and Net Worth Advisors. A dedicated community leader, Parke served in leadership roles on many boards and capital campaigns. As a music lover, Parke was President of the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra Board for three terms and chaired the UNI Suzuki School of Music Endowment Campaign. Parke was a member of the committee that oversaw the design and construction of the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center and served as President of the PAC Advisory Board.

An active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Parke served on the vestry and chaired two capital campaigns. A former President of the boards of Sartori Memorial Hospital and Covenant Health Systems, he was currently serving on the multi-state Wheaton-Franciscan Healthcare Board.

Among Parke's other areas of service were the UNI Athletic Club, Cedar Falls Lions Club, Junior Achievement, Community Foundation and Goodwill

Industries. Parke was a recipient of the UNI Distinguished Leadership Award and was inducted into the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame. He and Marlene were selected as the Cedar Falls Representatives for extraordinary community leadership in 1996.

Parke is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marlene, their daughter Beth (Julie Shappy) and grandchildren Parke and Twila Shappy-Behn of Cornwall On Hudson, NY, his sister, Carole Greenawald of Indianapolis IN, his brother, John Behn of Cedar Rapids, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Brock.

Visitation will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church from 4 to 7 PM on Tuesday, December 6th. Services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church (through the auspices of St. Luke's Episcopal Church) at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 7th.

Memorials may be directed to Waterloo-Cedar Falls Symphony Orchestra or St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Richardson Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Marlene and Beth,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love,
Wende and Clarence*

Clarence and Wende Dawson - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

PM

“ *We are very shocked and saddened by the news of Parke's sudden passing. Our prayers and thoughts go to the family.*

Our shared memories are precious, especially the college days.

His quick wit, smile, love of life will be remembered.

Hi to all the family!!!

Best regards, Pat and Jo Mitchell

Pat and Jo Mitchell - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

RW

“ *Marlene, I am so very sorry to hear of Parkes passing. Parke was my boss/mentor at P.O.S. He gave me a chance & I learned so much from him. Parke was brilliant in business. He was a kind, caring genuine man and I feel very honored to know him and call him my friend. Heaven now has a new angel. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Bless you always, Rhonda Wilson*

Rhonda Wilson - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

LB

“ To the Behn family, We want to extend to you our deepest sympathy for your loss. We will always remember and thank Parke for his guidance and leadership he gave our son Matt.

Lloyd & Mavis Bigler - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

BS

“ Marlene, Beth, and Family,

I am grieved to learn of Parke's passing. He was an amazing man who taught me most of what I know about business. I will always remember his professionalism, sense of humor, and the love and pride he had in his family and your accomplishments. He will be greatly missed.

You are in my thoughts and prayers. Barbara

Barbara Sanders - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

SP

“ Dear Marlene and Beth, you are in my thoughts. Your amazing grace and calm was such a comfort, and Beth, your wonderful remarks, I'm remembering again and again today.. so dear, and special in every way. Your Dad so proud! As for me, noone to remind everyone again and again...that I was homecoming queen 3 years in a row..it was 2, but he thought that was hilarious.. and actually it was! Bless you in the days ahead and may the love and joy and fun you shared give you peace and strength.

I'm so grateful for your dear family, and your presence in my life.

My love to you,

Shirley

shirley plantan - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

GG

“ We were so sorry to learn about Parke. I (Deb) met him first as a child through Rose and Roger Wilson, my aunt and uncle. Years ago I spent some time in your home after a flood in CF while I was staying with Rose & Roger in the apartment above the funeral home where they lived, which I believe was across the street from your home. Then years later Parke helped me get a job working for Joe Giunta with the WCF Symphony Orchestra. Greg and I were from Monticello and had moved to CF for Greg to attend Hawkeye. Parke's help was much appreciated! He was such a wonderful person. Our deepest sympathy to all of his family. Greg and Deb (Shipton) Guilford

Greg & Deb (Shipton) Guilford - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MS

“ Dear Marlene,
I did not know you and Parke well but treasure the memories of our trip to Paris in 1999. You were very gracious and helpful to Betty Mitchell and me.

May God bless you and your family through the grieving process.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Shafer

Mary Jane Shafer - March 29, 2013 at 02:49 PM

MM

“ Just thinking of experiences with Parke brings a smile to my face. Those times with you never having a dull moment out making sales calls. The end of the day sales meeting at the local watering hole watching you engage everyone in the place. We'll all miss you and your signature grin.

Mike McHughes - March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM