



Sue Lehman

September 15, 1932 - December 5, 2023

Sue Lehman met The Lord on December 5, 2023 at the age of 91.

Sue Gerberich was born to Myron “Mike” Gerberich and Margaret Cornell-Gerberich on September 15, 1932 in Aurora, IL. After she graduated from West High School in Aurora in 1950, she attended William Woods Jr. College in Fulton, MO. At that time, her parents and her sister (Joan) moved to Cedar Falls, IA, where her father took a position as a mechanical engineer at Chamberlain Manufacturing.

After finishing at William Woods, she attended Iowa State Teachers College (now the University of Northern Iowa), where she earned her teaching degree in Art. She taught Art in Cedar Falls elementary schools (primarily North Cedar and Lincoln) for 14 years.

Sue married Eugene “Gene” Lehman on November 17, 1956. They adopted three children: John (1964), Jill (1966) and Josh (1969). Gene owned a men’s clothing store called the “Stag Shop” on Main Street in Cedar Falls. Sue was a “stay-at-home mom” for a while, but later worked at the Stag Shop as a part-time bookkeeper until they retired in 1991.

Sue and Gene were very involved in supporting history in Cedar Falls. Sue was Chairperson of the Victorian Home and Carriage House Museum for five years. She and Gene made several three-dimensional models of historic Cedar Falls buildings, many of which are still on display in the community. They worked on several tours and projects at the Cedar Falls Historical Society, and they organized the Historical Research Committee at Fredsville

Lutheran Church. In 2007, they were recognized as “Representative Citizens of the Year” by the City of Cedar Falls and the Greater Cedar Valley Chamber of Commerce-Cedar Falls.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister. She is survived by children John (Kristie) of Cedar Falls, Jill Lehman (Neal Muzzy) of Cedar Falls, and Josh (Jennifer) of Johnston, as well as seven grandchildren. Private family services. Burial will be in Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the Cedar Falls Historical Society or to Fredsville Lutheran Church.

Cemetery Details

Fredsville Lutheran Church Cemetery

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

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“ I lived for a time in the downstairs apartment of Gene and Sue's home on 15th Street, while I worked at UNI. She was a gracious landlady, lending me appliances, and sometimes inviting me upstairs to dine with them. On the night Gene left in the ambulance for the last time, she came and told me. I went outside just as his gurney was waiting to be loaded. He had a mask on, and couldn't speak. But he recognized me, and lifted his arm. And we shook hands, to say Goodbye. Later I visited Sue at the retirement home, where she was just as gracious. A special couple.

Mike Helten - December 13, 2023 at 06:03 PM

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“ Sue and Gene were great friends of our parents Bud and Joan, all of us Poe kids knew them well growing up. Just like Gene, Sue was a giving and valuable asset to our community. Sue left a strong legacy to friends and Cedar Falls, she is missed by many.

Stan Poe and family

Stan Poe - December 11, 2023 at 12:59 PM

JH

“ Dear John, Kristie, and your families, I first knew Sue as a member of the Cedar Basin Jazz Board in the early 1990s, which I think she was willing to do to support your dad. Gene spent so many years devoted to that festival; I imagine Sue wanted to know what all the fuss was about! She was an important contributor, as well, to Historical Society endeavors. My deep sympathy to you all.

Judith Harrington - December 06, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sue Lehman.*



December 06, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *I got to know Sue through the Fredsville Lutheran Church. We had a "connection" as we shared the same first name. I enjoyed visiting with Sue.
She was a very kind person.*

Sue Green - December 05, 2023 at 10:16 PM