



## Svend V. Koch

August 27, 1921 - August 30, 2019

Svend Verner Koch (1921-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – Svend Verner Koch, 98, of Cedar Falls died Friday, August 30, 2019 at the Western Home Communities – Thuesen Cottage.

He was born August 27, 1921, in Voorhies, Iowa, son of Christen Johannsen and Ane Marie Kirkegaard (Jacobsen) Koch. He married Elin Marie Jensen on May 21, 1950, in Ringsted, Iowa.

Svend was educated in Hudson, Iowa, Holstebro Handels Hojskole (Holstebro, Denmark) and Gates Business College. He worked at John Deere, Mueller's Furniture and was co-owner of The Carriage House furniture store in Waterloo.

Survived by: his wife; a son, John Koch of Waterloo; four daughters, Kirsten Moore of Cedar Falls, Ingrid (Joe) Heinen of Waterloo, Kaaren (Scott) Fisher of Cedar Falls, and Lisa (Michael) Jolley of Huntersville, NC; eight grandchildren: Carter (Jody) Moore, Levi Moore, Samantha (Scott) Hillier, Trevor Heinen, Dana DeGroot, Dylan DeGroot, Amber (David) Hewitt and Jacob (Ashley) Wittmer; seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Karl (Ethel Ann) Koch and a cousin, Dennis Koch.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 6th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with inurnment in Fairview Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials: may be directed to The Museum of Danish America, Bethlehem Lutheran Church or a charity of your choosing.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
4000 Hudson Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3541  
<http://bethlehemcf.org>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

GH

“ To Elin, Kirsten, John, Ingrid, Karen, Lisa...I want to express my sincere condolences on the recent passing of Svend...The fondest memory i have of Svend is growing up on West 10th. St. & going to the Koch residence for Trick or treating on Halloween night..Svend would always want a trick before he would reward with a treat! I would always attempt a cartwheel or some other routine, right in the middle of the living room floor..It always seemed to satisfy him enough, as i was always rewarded with a treat when i was finished, no matter how feeble the attempt was...To John & the girls...I simply want to thank you for all of the cherished memories growing up on West 10th. St. team tag on a warm summer eve. with the meeting location @ the mailbox on the corner of the Miller residence...Basketball @ the perfect court on your driveway, the exceptional baseball field right next to your home, with the Cherry tree acting as first base, with two other trees in perfect alignment for 2nd & 3rd base, & who can forget the 2 story playhouse in your backyard?..May the Good Lord be with all of you @ this time...

Greg Hahn

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**Greg Hahn** - September 05, 2019 at 09:54 PM

KI

On behalf of the family, this was an extremely nice comment, Greg! We grew up in one of the best neighborhoods with so many kids close in age! It was so nice to see you, your mom & brother on Friday!

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**Kirsten** - September 07, 2019 at 09:38 PM

JS

“ Prayers & blessings for Svend and family! jean & Larry Sackett

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**Jean Sackett** - September 04, 2019 at 10:13 AM

GP

“ Svend introduced me to the Danish language. He gave me a fine introduction to the language of my heritage. I will be forever grateful for his teaching. He was a fine man. A good Dane, a good American, and a good Christian.

Tak, Svend.

*Gerald L. Peterson*

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**Gerald L. Peterson** - September 04, 2019 at 08:30 AM

KI

*Mange tak, Mr. P! (SV Koch family)*

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**Kirsten** - September 07, 2019 at 09:29 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Svend's passing! Your hearts must be aching. No word can console you, but he is in God's arms now! God will take care of him!

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**Beverly Smith** - September 03, 2019 at 07:34 PM

LH

“ I was interim pastor at Bethlehem. The second day in the office, Svend stopped in. He said, "Pastor, if someone calls asking for money or help, you just give them my number." I did that at least a couple of times a month for the six months I was there. He responded without fail and with utter resistance to any sort of recognition. Well done, good and faithful servant.

*Pastor Lowell Hennigs*

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**Lowell Hennigs** - September 03, 2019 at 04:09 PM

DH

*Sympathy and Blessings to Elin and family.*

**Dorothy Heine** - September 03, 2019 at 08:22 PM

AK

*Prayers for comfort and strength!*

**Amy Hamilton Kangas** - September 03, 2019 at 09:29 PM



*Svend and Elin taught us to polka--just one of the many perks of having them and their family as wonderful neighbors for many years. Svend will live in so many memories.*

**Margaret Willoughby** - September 04, 2019 at 12:15 PM

PP

*Henrik beat you HOME, Svend. Henrik was in an investment club with Svend for a few years. He often mentioned Svend and shared their common heritage.*

**Patricia Petersen** - September 04, 2019 at 02:35 PM

DS

*To Kirsten and family, with sympathy and prayers. Darcy Sullivan*

**Darcy Sullivan** - September 05, 2019 at 10:29 PM

KI

*Thanks for sharing, Pastor Hennigs - that was so long ago! The church had some funds set aside for "Helping Hands" so dad didn't have to dig into his own pockets (usually?) Thanks for the reminder of another way dad cared for those in need! Kirsten*

**Kirsten** - September 07, 2019 at 10:01 PM