



## Edward C. Jacobson

July 18, 1940 - December 30, 2013

Edward Jacobson, beloved husband, father, grandfather, 73, of Ames, passed away December 30, 2013 at Mary Greeley Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 2 at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Ames. Memorial services will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 3, also at Bethesda.

Edward Charles Jacobson was born July 18, 1940 to Amos O. and Nora B. (Johnson) Jacobson in Roland, Iowa. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa and completed the School of Banking at University of Wisconsin, Madison. He served both in the United States Air Force and the Iowa National Air Guard as a Navigator on the F-89J Aircraft. Ed and Leanna Merritt were married on August 11, 1968 and had two children, Melissa and Joel. Ed worked 39 years for First National Bank of Ames, Iowa beginning his career there as a teller and retiring in 2003 as a Senior Vice-President. He also served as Vice President and Treasurer of Ames National Corporation. Ed was a Rotarian in Ames for 30-plus years and served as Treasurer locally and at a state level. He was also a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church and served on many community boards including Bethany Manor, Ames Public Library, Thrivent for Lutherans, and Randall-Story State Bank. He also donated his time to United Way of Story County. Ed enjoyed all things outdoors, working in his garden, traveling with Leanna, family and friends, meeting his coffee group daily, and it was his goal to walk his dog Harley in every park in Ames.

Ed is survived by his wife of 45-years, Leanna, of Ames; his daughter, Melissa (Kevin) Downey and their children, Nicholas and Zachary, of Overland Park, Kansas; his son, Joel (Tiffany) Jacobson, of Ankeny; his brother, Norman "Jake" (Joanne) Jacobson, of Story City; his brother-in-law James (Elenore) Merritt, of Norfolk, Nebraska; 6 nieces and 5 nephews; and many great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Amos and Nora; his sisters, Janet Jacobson and an infant sister; his sister-in-law, Joann; his nephew, Daniel; and a great-nephew, Joseph.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Edward Jacobson Memorial Fund, which will be donated, in his name, to Reiman Gardens and other charitable organizations that he appreciated in his lifetime.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**   05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Bethesda Lutheran Church

1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames, IA, US, 50010

**JAN**   **Memorial Service**   10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ Leanna, our heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your Ed. Mike saw the obituary in the Des Moines Register yesterday which was a shock to both of us. We loved the pictures on your Christmas greeting, so special to get the whole family together for a picture. I would have loved to be at the service this morning to give you a hug, but it just wasn't possible. May God hold you in His arms and grant you the peace and comfort that only comes from Him.

Mike and Karen Mead

**Karen Mead** - January 03 at 01:30 PM

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“ Leanna - I was so sorry to read that Ed has passed away. I had a tremendous respect for him dating back to 1973 at the bank. He was a great mentor for me starting my banking career and I always enjoyed our visits when we would run into each other over the years. He was a great man of faith and I appreciated what he stood for. God grant you peace. Dave McDermott, Riverside Bible Camp

**Dave McDermott** - January 03 at 09:19 AM

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“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Edward C. Jacobson.



January 02 at 09:10 AM

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“ Dear Leanna and family, Bob and I are grieving with you at the loss of a dear friend and wonderful neighbor. This picture of Ed is a great one; he looks so healthy and happy.  
You are all in our hearts and prayers. God bless, and know that you are surrounded by love. With our deepest sympathy, Holly and Bob Greiner

**Holly and Bob Greiner** - January 01 at 10:20 PM

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“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Edward C. Jacobson.



December 31, 2013 at 02:15 PM

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“ Teleflora's Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Edward C. Jacobson.



December 31, 2013 at 01:53 PM



“ Leanna and Family,

So sorry to hear of Ed's passing. You are in our prayers. Will not be able to make it for the services. I am hoping that my brothers will make them. One of your Montana cousins.

Don Johnson

**Don Johnson** - January 02 at 11:35 AM