

Services Held For Carol Plowman, 80



The funeral service for Carol Plowman, 80, of Adair, was held Monday, July 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Casey. Mrs. Plowman passed away Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the Community Care Center in Stuart.

Rev. Mike Bodkins officiated at the service. Interment was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery north of Adair. Schmidt Family Funeral Home of Atlantic was in charge of the arrangements.

Carol Marie Moe was born December 10, 1944, to Eldor and Helen (Smith) Moe in Waterloo, IA. She was baptized and confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church near her home in Waterloo. She graduated in 1965 from West High School in Waterloo. After graduation she moved to Des Moines, where she worked at a recording and statistical corporation. Shortly thereafter, she met Ronald Dean Plowman, the love of her life. The two were married on June 26, 1965. To that union, four children were born: Leann Sue in 1966, Leslie Kay in 1968, Darrin Scott in 1970 and Brian Dean in 1972.

The couple moved to Stuart in 1967 and purchased the Standard Oil Station. In 1969 the couple moved to Adair and purchased Plowman Trenching. Carol became the bookkeeper for Plowman Trenching while raising their four children. She was a devoted mother and later a very devoted grandmother and great-grandmother, always willing to watch and care for her grandchildren at a moment’s notice. Her family was everything to her. She could often be found at a ball game, dance recital, birthday party or any event they were involved in.

In 1982 she began teaching at Little Cherubs Preschool in Adair, where she earned the title of Miss Carol. In 1985 she became the preschool director, a position she adored. Serving as an election official for many years was an additional appointment Carol enjoyed.

Carol embraced the needs of small-town living, volunteering whenever she was asked. As a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Adair, Carol was on the Altar Guild and was also a Sunday School and Bible School teacher. In addition she served as a Cub Scout and 4-H leader when her children were younger. Her passion and dedication to the youth in the community carried on when she became involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Southwest Iowa in Adair. Carol looked forward to attending all auctions, soup suppers and breakfasts to support the kids of the club. When an impromptu judge was needed for coloring and talent contests at the club, Carol would drop what she was doing and answer the call. In 2020 was awarded the distinguished Impact Award, presented by the Boys and Girls Club.

Also in retirement, she began volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program in Adair. In addition, Carol was an active member of the Adair Women’s Club, organizing the annual Christmas Festival of Trees for many years. Her love for decorating continued when she volunteered to be a Petal Pusher at the Rose Parade with the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Leann (Mike) Tibken, Leslie (Keith) Stork, Darrin (Julie) Plowman and Brian (Chantal) Plowman; grandchildren, Ben (Madelynn) Tibken, Abigail Tibken, Emma (Emily Benna) Ferguson, Levi (Katey) Stork, Derek (Taylor) Stork, Zachary Stork, Kyie (Nathan) Koch, Kennedy (Adam) Freund, Cole Plowman, Clayton (Chelsey) Plowman, Ryan Richter, Monica (Brock) Kellogg,

Andy (Stacy) Richter and Nick (Kendra) Richter; great-grandchildren, Baby Boy Tibken due October 2025, Sloane Benna, Maeve and Quinn Stork, Grant Freund, Collins, Cayne and Callum Plowman, Ethan and Caden Richter, Cora, Ivy and Summer Kellogg, Addi, Reece and Millie Richter, Myles, Mason and Lexi Richter. She is also survived by her brothers, Tom (Vicki) Moe, Gary (Poppy) Moe and a sister, Ingrid Cattanach; brothers-in-law, David (Kris) Plowman, Ivan (Karen) Fredericksen, Roger (Dee) Fredericksen; sister-in-law, Gloria Fredericksen; a special niece, Cheryl Weber; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dean; grandson, Tyler Michael Tibken; granddaughter, Alie Marie Ferguson; her parents, Eldor and Helen Moe; brothers, Rollo and Eric Moe; in-laws, Leon and Wanita Plowman, Hans and Iva Fredericksen; brother-in-law, Dennis Fredericksen; sister-in-law, Kathy Lenz; and many other beloved relatives.

Sweet Surprises Ahead: Iowa State Fair New Foods For 2025

The Iowa State Fair has over 60 new foods to try in 2025

Get ready for a deliciously sweet reveal! A flavorful batch of the newest Fair foods is set to debut at the 2025 Iowa State Fair, and you’re invited to be part of the excitement!

- 2025 New Food List**
- * Bacon Chicken Ranch Egg-roll
 - * Bacon Popcorn
 - * Beignets – 2 Ct.
 - * Big Acai Sorbet Flight
 - * Butter Beer Cone
 - * Brisket Tenderloin
 - * Cafe Colada Funnel Cake
 - * Cap’n Crunch Berry Funnel Cakes
 - * Caramel Apple Delight
 - * Chicken & Waffle Breakfast Sandwich
 - * Chicken Pickle Ranch Rocket on a Stick
 - * Chicken Spiedini on a Stick
 - * Choc O Tater
 - * Chocolate Chip Storm Tornado
 - * Classic Korean Corn Dog
 - * Cookies ‘n Cream Ice Cream Bar
 - * Craft Link on a Stick
 - * Deep Fried Banana S’mores
 - * Deep Fried PBJ with Nutella
 - * Double Bacon Cheese Burger Balls
 - * Fairgrounds Fiesta Wonton
 - * Flamin’ Hot Pickle Pizza
 - * Flaming Hot Cheetos Fries
 - * Footlong Hot Cheetos Corn Dog
 - * Freeze Dried Fruit Mix
 - * Fried Banana Cream Pie
 - * Full Mozzarella Korean Corn Dog
 - * Golden Fried Corn on the Cob Strips (battered, seasoned)
 - * Green Apple Cream Slush
 - * Hawaiian Hog
 - * High Roller Roll
 - * High Roller Roll Combo
 - * Holy Dough
 - * HoQ Wrap (chicken, lamb or tofu)
 - * Hot Cheetos Mozzarella Corn Dogs
 - * Jalapeno Popper Egg Salad
 - * JR’s Bacon Wrangler BLT
 - * Lemon Cheesecake Ice Cream Single Scoop
 - * Loaded Cowboy Fries
 - * Lobster Biscuits & Gravy
 - * Maple Bacon Bourbon Grilled Cheese
 - * Maple Bacon Flavored Cheese Curds
 - * Nashville Hot Chicken Mac ‘n Cheese Pizza Slice
 - * Oatmeal Cream Pie
 - * Peanut Butter Cup Cheesecake
 - * Philly Cheese Steak Twisters
 - * Potato Half & Half Korean Corn Dog
 - * Praline Crunch Caramel Sundae
 - * Saigon Lobster Bomb
 - * Scotcheroo Ice Cream Shake
 - * Sloppy Dog
 - * Smoked Meatloaf Platter
 - * S’mores Ice Cream Sandwich
 - * Soy on a Stick (fried)
 - * State Fair Sweet Crunch
 - * Steak Tips Gnocchi
 - * Strawberry Cheesecake Flavored Pecans Small Cone
 - * Strawberry Kettle Korn
 - * Surf ‘n Turf
 - * Sweet Granny’s Apple De-

- light Sundae
- * Sweet Stine Stack Attack
 - * The Butcher’s Donut
 - * The Butter Cow Tornado
 - * Thelma’s Lemon Blueberry Ice Cream Sandwich
 - * Three Little Pigs
 - * Voodoo Chips
 - * Voodoo Fries

Find food descriptions at www.iowastatefair.org/food/whats-new.

The 2025 Iowa State Fair has a lineup of over 60 new foods from nearly 200 food stands. Seven brand-new vendors will make their debut at the Fair in 2025.

Principals Modernize Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy To Incorporate New Insights, Science and Technology

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Iowa State University (ISU) introduced updates to Iowa’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy (INRS) recently. The three Principals modernized the INRS – the state’s soil health and water quality framework – to reflect new research, practices, partnerships and funding that have emerged since the strategy was finalized in 2013.

“We’ve learned valuable lessons working alongside farmers and landowners to implement conservation practices, and that’s helping accelerate and scale-up adoption. The strategy must reflect real-world scenarios, challenges and work that’s happening in priority watersheds,” said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. “The document will continue to evolve with new research and technology, but we’re unwavering in our commitment to working alongside our public and private partners to achieve the goals outlined in Iowa’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy.”

“Iowa State University is committed to the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy and to providing scientific leadership to ensure its long-term success. Our faculty, staff and students have enabled this important initiative through our land grant university missions, and we continue to do so. This includes generating relevant new water quality research, developing new technologies to support INRS implementation and studying the performance of existing conservation practices,” said Daniel J. Robison, Endowed Dean’s Chair of the Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. “We are also actively involved in efforts to understand and accelerate the rate of practice adoption and track activities and practice implementation associated with the INRS. In these ways and others, the university and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences seek to serve landowners and farmers in Iowa and beyond, and all our communities, through science, technology development and extension.”

“We appreciate the hard work of communities and industries across the state who made critical upgrades that led to significant reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus entering Iowa’s waterways,” said Kayla Lyon, Director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. “These advancements reflect the dedication of local governments, engineers, and environmental partners to implement innovative technologies and practices that benefit our water systems and the broader health of our environment and communities. While there is still much to do, the strides we’ve made so far are a testament to what we can accomplish when we work together.”

- Key Updates**
- The INRS last revised in 2017. The 2025 version includes the following updates:
- **Nonpoint source** – recommends a three-year extended rotation to reduce nitrogen loss.
 - **Point source** – list of affected facilities is now posted on the INRS website so it can be updated regularly.
 - **Measurement** – evolved from a static annual report to an online dashboard updated quarterly.
 - **Clarified partner roles** – Iowa Water Resources Coordi-

nating Council (WRCC) and 19 state and federal agencies are now listed as collaborators and advisors.

• **Nutrient credit trading** – Iowa Nutrient Reduction Exchange, established in 2019, is listed as the formal framework for the voluntary nutrient credit trading program.

New Implementation Strategies

Conservation practices will continue to be deployed in watersheds identified in the original INRS. The updated document outlines new implementation strategies the INRS Principals and their public and private partners are using to maximize funding and impact while accelerating practice adoption.

• The **Batch and Build process**, which began in 2020, streamlines the development process for landowners by building a group of practices at the same time instead of working with individual landowners. The state has completed five “batches” to date and is expanding this process to include new geographics and partners.

• The Department has led or partnered on 23 Regional Conservation Partnership Projects (RCPP) since 2015. These projects have been awarded over \$142 million in financial and technical assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

• Established and expanded **partnerships with Conservation Agronomists**. Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance, Iowa Nutrient Research Center, and many others, play vital roles in research, outreach and engagement, technical support and project funding.

• **Edge-of-field practices** like saturated buffers and multi-purpose oxbows were listed as approved nutrient-reduction strategies after the original strategy was developed.

• The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship’s **cover crop insurance discount program** provides financial incentives in partnership with USDA’s Risk Management Agency (RMA) to reduce farmers’ and landowners’ costs to add cover crops to production acres. This program has served as a model for RMA and several other states.

• New crop **production technologies**, like biologics, reduce the need for synthetic fertilizer applications, and precision ag tools like variable rate technology and Y-drop nozzles to fine-tune fertilizer management.

• The **Iowa Nitrogen Initiative** developed the N-FACT precision ag tool to help farmers optimize nitrogen application rates based on their operations and the unique needs of each acre.

• A cooperative agreement with ISU College of Agriculture and Life Science will increase **monitoring** of installed edge-of-field practices. This data will enhance current understanding of practice efficacy and inform future implementation efforts.

The revised INRS is now available online at nutrientstrategy.iastate.edu.

Iowa PBS, Including PBS Kids, Now Available To Stream Free For All Prime Video Viewers In Iowa

Iowa PBS is thrilled to announce they are now part of the Prime Video FAST offering. This marks the first time this programming will be available on a major streaming service, free to Iowans across the state. Viewers in Iowa will be able to livestream Iowa PBS .1 enjoying all of their favorite national and local programs, like *Masterpiece*, *Nature*, *Iowa Life*, *Road Trip Iowa* and many more. Families will also be able to access the 24/7 PBS KIDS channel as a livestream on Prime Video.

Additionally, **PBS Distribution** (PBSd), a leading distributor of public media content around the world, is offering two new FAST channels – PBS Drama and PBS Documentaries. These channels are available exclusively for a limited time on Prime Video. PBSd is also offering a “pop-up FAST channel

Thursday, July 17, 2025

3

Living History Farms to Host Regional Contest for National Spelling Bee

Living History Farms recently announced that it is a Regional Partner with the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The Urbandale museum will host a regional bee in 2026, representing 74 Iowa counties in central and north-west Iowa, and the champion of that bee will advance to the national competition.

Mary Brooks, the Head Judge of the Scripps National Spelling Bee, lives in central Iowa and welcomed the return of a regional spelling bee. “Without a Regional Partner since 2017, the students in most of the state of Iowa have not had the opportunity to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee,” she said. “I am beyond elated that Living History Farms is providing the chance for this to, once again, happen. This is a perfect match between these two educational organizations.”

Ruth Haus, President of Living History Farms, echoed that enthusiasm. “Spelling bees are a uniquely American tradition,” she said. “The one-room schoolhouse in our 1876 town of Walnut Hill would certainly have seen many of these contests. We’re especially excited to announce this partnership as the Scripps National Spelling Bee marks its 100-year anniversary in 2025, celebrating its place in U.S. history.”

- Regional Bee Details**
- Registration for schools will open August 19.
 - The regional bee will be held at Living History Farms on Saturday, March 7, 2026.
 - The regional champion will compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., on May 28 and 29. Airfare and lodgings for the champion and one chaperone will be provided.

Email Your News To gandrews@midlands.net

Science Presentation At Library

Absolute Science was at the Anita Public Library last week and demonstrated different science experiments with magnets and electricity. The three kids are shown demonstrating a circuit. This program was sponsored by the Friends of Anita Public Library, Inc.

