

## OBITUARIES

### KALONA

Don Lewis, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026. Yoder-Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

### MAX "BUTCH" L. BLOOMQUIST II Fairfield

Max "Butch" L. Bloomquist II, 78, of Fairfield, IA passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026, at the University of Iowa Hospital. As were his wishes, cremation has taken place. Friends and family are invited to gather at one of his favorite places, the Fairfield Elks Lodge, starting at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 28, 2026. It will be just as Butch would have wanted...food, refreshments, and great stories. Memorial contributions in Butch's honor may be directed to Stead Family Children's Hospital or to the Fairfield Elks to be used for the support of veterans and may be mailed c/o Cranston Family Funeral Home, P.O. Box 189, Fairfield, IA 52556. Friends may leave online condolences at [www.cranstonfamilyfunerlahome.com](http://www.cranstonfamilyfunerlahome.com).



Butch Bloomquist entered this life on March 4, 1947, in Fairfield, IA, the son of Max and Vivian Wiseman Bloomquist. He attended school in Fairfield until the family moved to Birmingham. He finished high school in Van Buren, graduating with the Class of 1965. During this time, he developed a love for music, especially the drums. After graduation he attended the WTBA Fraternity at Parsons College and occasionally went to class. He was a member of the Parsons Marching Band, following his passion for music. He would continue to make music a part of his life as a member of the Fairfield Dixieland Band and the 34th Army Band, Iowa National Guard.

Butch was introduced to the love of his life, Carla Whipple, while working at the Dad & Lad Men's Clothing Store in Fairfield. This began a whirlwind relationship that led to marriage three months later. This was the first chapter in a story that lasted over 47 years. Together they became the proud parents of their son, Derek. Butch spent many years at Rockwell Meritor in Fairfield working as a machinist until its closing. He then went to work for John Deere Ottumwa Works as a painter, where he would eventually retire.

Butch was a fan of the outdoors and loved quiet walks in the woods. He enjoyed his time spent playing in the bands and always appreciated a good song or playlist. Butch found purpose in the Elks organization and worked his way up through the chairs at Fairfield Elks Lodge #1192. For him it wasn't just an organization, but a place where he could stand proudly supporting its mission and the fellow Elks who became friends and family. It was a place of great memories for both Butch and Carla and it is only fitting that we will celebrate and remember him in a place he felt so welcome.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ron Bloomquist; a sister in infancy, Caren Bloomquist; sister-in-law and husband, Vicky (Keith) Manning.

Left to share his story are his loving wife, Carla Bloomquist of Fairfield, IA; his son, Derek (Jenny) Bloomquist of Davenport, IA; brother, Lonnie (Teresa) Bloomquist of Promise City, IA; brothers-in-law, Steve (Rita) Whipple of St. Joseph, MO and Greg Whipple of Zionsville, IN; three children special to his heart, Addison, Kayden, and Maverick, as well as many extended family, and many, many friends.

### DANIEL "DANNY" BERNARD SULLIVAN North Liberty

Daniel "Danny" Bernard Sullivan, 88, of Iowa City passed away Monday, February 9, 2026 at Windmill Manor. A visitation will be held from 4-6 PM Monday, February 16, 2026, at Lensing Funeral & Cremation Service, Iowa City; with a rosary recited at 3:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church with Father Chuck Adam officiating. Burial will immediately follow at St. Joseph Cemetery, Parnell, IA. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Danny Sullivan Memorial Fund.



Danny was born on March 23, 1937, in Iowa, the son of John and Helen (Donahoe) Sullivan. He graduated from Parnell High School in 1955. On January 23, 1957, Danny married Dolores Organ; she preceded him in death on September 23, 2020. He worked for over 37 years at Procter and Gamble, retiring in 1995. Dolores and Danny enjoyed trips to Ireland and Croatia. He had a heart of gold and everywhere he went he made friends.

Danny spent years working on his cars and repairing cars for others. He had several classic cars that he and Dolores would take to car shows, including a Model T he restored himself. Danny built a mini rod tractor and competed in tractor pulling. He enjoyed building and flying remote-controlled airplanes. He enjoyed tinkering with anything that had an engine. Danny was a woodworker and built several things for their home.

Danny is survived by his children, John Sullivan of Coralville, Anne (Cory) Clabaugh and Danielle Greenlee of North English; five grandchildren, Miranda (JC) Holloway, Cody Clabaugh, Colton (Alysha), Devin and Rayna Greenlee; and one great-grandchild, Lukas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dolores; son, Terry Sullivan; two siblings, Mary Johnson and Gene Sullivan; and son-in-law, Richard Greenlee.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.lensingfuneral.com](http://www.lensingfuneral.com).

### JACK HAROLD LITTON Fairfield

Jack Harold Litton, 88, of Fairfield, passed away February 11, 2026 at Jefferson County Health Center.

The family will greet friends from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, February 21, 2026 at Behner Funeral Home in Fairfield. Burial will follow at Glasgow Cemetery. Memorials can be made to Glasgow Cemetery Association. Cards and memorials can be mailed to Pam Baumann, 101 E Harrison Ave, Fairfield, Iowa 52556.



Jack Harold Litton was born on April 15, 1937, in Fairfield. After graduating from Fairfield High School, where he excelled in football and wrestling, he dedicated 43 years of service to The Dexter Company in the Foundry Operations. He was well known for his strong work ethic and commitment to his job. On June 10, 1960, he married the love of his life, Esther Maxine (Martin). Together they shared 66 wonderful years of marriage, building a life centered on family, hard work, and community.

He was a devoted fan of the Fairfield Trojans and took great pride in cheering on his daughters (the 1983 Basketball State Champions) and grandchildren in their various sports. He never missed a game. Additionally, he was a loyal Iowa Hawkeyes and Chicago Cubs fan.

In his spare time, Jack enjoyed fishing, attending stock car races, hunting, sampling his wife's baked goods, and driving around the countryside. He was affectionately known as "Rooster" by his friends and family, which was a reference to how his hair stuck up in the back. He was also frequently early to arrive at work, which added to the allure of the nickname.

He is survived by his wife Maxine (Martin); brothers, Bill (Kay) Litton and Bob Litton; daughters, Lorie (Phil) Jackson, Julie (Frank) Fritz, and Pam (Greg) Baumann; six grandchildren, Travis, Adam, Sidney, Alex, Cameron, and Samantha; four great-grandchildren, as well as extended family and friends who will cherish his memory.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Frances; brother, Jimmy; sisters-in-law, Loreta, Evelyn, and Phylis; brothers-in-law, Wayne and Tom.

Jack will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his love of sports, and the quiet strength and loyalty he showed throughout his life. He was always someone who could be relied on.

Our special thanks to the Compassus Care Team out of Washington, Iowa, the JCHC nurses, and Carla Fleig.

### MARY LOU (COOK) HARRISON Ames

Mary Lou (Cook) Harrison passed away in Ames, Iowa, surrounded by family on February 6, 2026, at the age of 92. The Harrisons were active in the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant for many years before moving to Ames in 2017. For the full obituary and service information, please visit [www.adamssoderstrum.com](http://www.adamssoderstrum.com).

### CLAUDINE HELEN AUGUSTINE Washington

Claudine Helen Augustine, age 90, of Ainsworth, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at her residence under the loving care of her son.



Visitation will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home. A private graveside service will take place at Oregon Township Cemetery. Memorials have been established for PAWs & More Animal Shelter. Online condolences may be sent for Claudine's family at [www.jonesfh.com](http://www.jonesfh.com).

Claudine was born on July 23, 1935, in Washington, Iowa, the daughter of Claude and Helen (Acheson) Kilgore. She attended Cotter School and graduated from Ainsworth High School. On September 21, 1957, Claudine was united in marriage to Gary Rex Augustine in Ainsworth.

Claudine spent most of her life in Washington County, though she also lived in Colorado and Iowa City for a short time. While in Denver, she worked in the abstract office of Shell Oil Company. Claudine was a member of the Ainsworth Community Church and the County Line Club. She enjoyed gardening, traveling, bird watching, and taking care of her flowers. She especially loved her dogs.

She is survived by her son, Steven (Shilo) Augustine of Ainsworth, Iowa; and three nieces, Becky Knebel of Riverside, Iowa, Billie (David) Taglauer of Noble, Iowa, and Barbara (Phil) Schnoebelen of Riverside, Iowa.

Claudine was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gary, in 1974; and brother, Bill Kilgore.

# Words on Wellness Live at the Fairfield Public Library

Join Courtney Burkhalter from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Jefferson County at the Fairfield Public Library on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. as she shares information from the February Words on Wellness Newsletter.

The focus of this month's presentation and discussion are on Beating the Afternoon Slump Without Caffeine, Cleaning vs. Sanitizing: What's the Difference?, and Staying Active During the Day. Concluding the half hour, there will be hummus

samples available to try from a recipe from Spend Smart. Eat Smart.

For more information about Words on Wellness, or to access the monthly newsletter, visit: [www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/wellness](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/wellness)

### NOTICE OF MEETING

## Fairfield Public Library Board of Trustees to meet Feb. 19

The Fairfield Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. in the FPL Meeting Room

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Address
3. Communications
4. Call for Additions to the Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes

6. Treasurer's Report
7. Approval of Bills
8. Report of Director
9. Continued Education — Demonstration of Library Website
10. Reports of Committee
  - a. Report of Personnel Committee
  - b. Report of Building

- a. Report of Finance Committee
- b. Report of Fundraising Steering Committee
11. Old Business
  - a. Proposal to Revise Privacy and Confidentiality Policy
  - b. Proposal to Revise Borrower Policy
  12. New Business
    - a. Proposal to Re-

- a. Request Funds from Foundation for Computers
- b. Proposal to Revise Study Room & AV Room Policy
- c. Proposal to Revise Meeting Room & Conference Room Policy
- d. Proposal to Extend Long-Overdue Lost Date
- e. Discussion of Staff Parking
13. Adjournment

## Register now for Self-Care Strategies for Resilient Individuals and Communities

Submitted by Courtney Burkhalter

Registration is now open for Self-Care Strategies for Resilient Individuals and Communities, an educational program from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Jefferson County. The program will be offered in-person on Feb.

26 at Fairfield Public Library. The program will run from 4:00 to 5 p.m.

"When you're facing challenges, it's extra important to take care of yourself," said Courtney Burkhalter, County Director. "In this program you'll explore six strategies to help you recharge and stay grounded."

During the session, participants will learn about self-care strategies. They will choose a few that best fit their life and create a plan to incorporate those strategies into their routine.

"Practicing self-care can help you feel more balanced, energized and strong every day," Burkhalter said.

This program is being offered at no cost. Registration is not required. More information can be found online at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/self-care> or by contacting Burkhalter at the Jefferson County Extension Office at 641-472-4166 or [cburk@iastate.edu](mailto:cburk@iastate.edu).