

**Neil M. Wubben** was born April 12, 1942, near Buffalo Center, Iowa, the son of Martin and Ada (Berryhill) Wubben. He graduated from Buffalo Center High School in 1959. Neil served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1960 to 1963. On October 13, 1963, he married Karen Gifford at the Congregational Church in Buffalo Center. In 1971, Neil graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, and received a Master's Degree in Agronomy from Iowa State in 1979. Neil taught vocational agriculture from 1971 to 1981 at Sentral Fenton and Bancroft Schools. He then worked for the ISU Extension Service in Woodbury County from 1982 to 1984 and in Mitchell County from 1985 to 2009. In 2012, he was inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame. Neil was currently a member of Prairie Lakes Church where he was a chaplain and small group leader and was a member for over 20 years of the Osage First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He played a central role in the creation of KJCY Christian Radio Station. Neil was a past member of the Osage School Board, was chairman of the Mitchell County Habitat for Humanity Board, and was a mentor in the Bridges Mentoring Program. He was elected chairman of the Mitchell County Republican Party, was chairman of the Older Iowan Legislature, and was appointed by the governor to the Iowa Department on Aging. Neil was a member of the Marine Corps League and was heavily involved in the Toys for Tots program. He was also a member of the American Legion, Lion's Club and Osage Rotary Club. Neil enjoyed golf, hunting, fishing, and bowling.

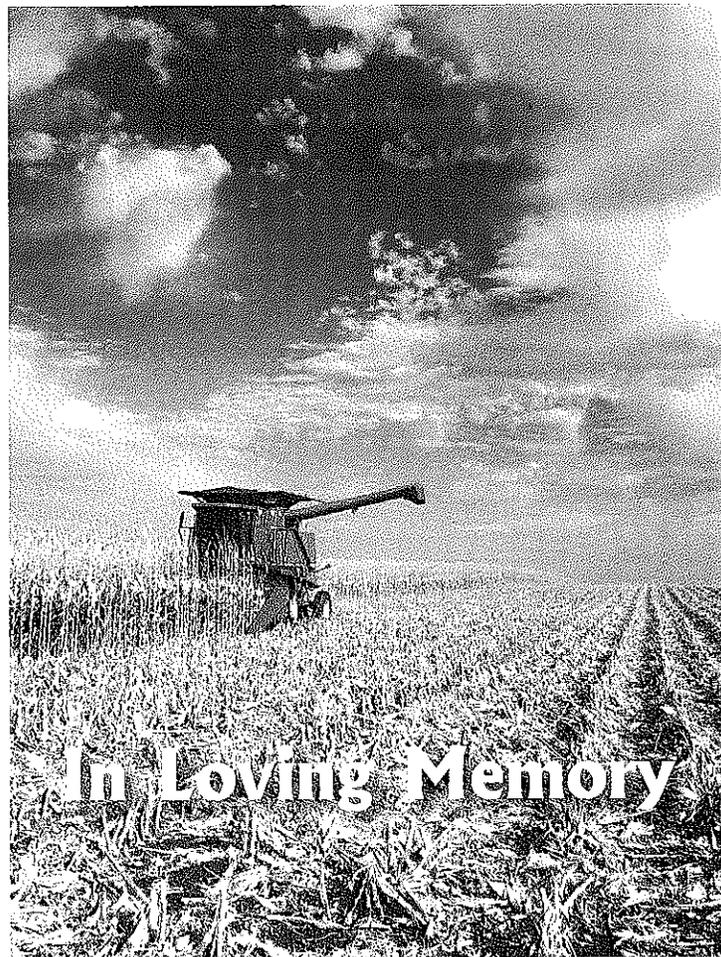
**Neil is survived by** his wife, Karen Wubben of Osage; his sons, Scott Wubben of Primghar, Wade (Val) Wubben of Manson, and Martin (Angie) Wubben of Starkville, Mississippi; his grandchildren, Thomas and Patrick Wubben, Caleb, Emily and Courtney Wubben, and Jacob, Ella, Matthew and Gabriel Wubben; sisters, Elizabeth (Richard) Gifford of Slater, Aldine (Mervin) Gramstad of Swea City, and Mary (Mark) Behrends of Lone Rock.

**He was preceded in death by** his parents; and his sister, Marjorie Braadland.

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## **He Walked With Me**

He walked with me on the hillside,  
He showed me the way to take,  
He told me the road would be winding,  
But He would make it straight.  
He told me how he loved me  
And gave me a work to do,  
He told me the road would be tangled  
But he promised to see me through,  
He told me sometimes the burdens  
Would seem too heavy to bear,  
And sometimes I would be wounded  
But promised He would be there.  
Oh, He walked with me on the hillside  
And He told me I was his own,  
And the sweetest promise He gave me was  
I will never leave thee alone.

IN MEMORY OF

## ***Neil M. Wubben***

April 12, 1942      January 26, 2015

SERVICES AT  
10:30 a.m. - Friday - January 30, 2015  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Pastor Chip Uhrmacher, Officiating

MUSIC  
"Thank You"  
"The Anchor Holds"  
Gretchen Milks, Musician  
"It Is Well With My Soul"  
Sung by the Congregation

INTERMENT  
Osage Cemetery  
Military Honors At The Grave By  
North Iowa Detachment of the Marine Corps League  
Osage American Legion Post 278

HONORARY BEARERS  
Emily Wubben - Courtney Wubben  
Matthew Wubben - Gabriel Wubben - Ella Wubben

CASKET BEARERS  
Thomas Wubben - Patrick Wubben - Jacob Wubben  
Caleb Wubben - Wayne Wubben - Jim Hill