



## John A. Fehrs

November 23, 1937 - January 18, 2023

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for John Allen Fehrs, 85, of Norfolk, originally of Belgrade will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 23, 2023 at the Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Norfolk. Rev. Robert Wiest will be officiating the service. Interment will be held at 2:30 p.m., Monday, at the Peace Cemetery, rural Belgrade, NE. Visitation will be 2:30 p.m-5:30 p.m., Sunday, also at Mount Olive Lutheran Church. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post 16, V.F.W. Post 1644, and the United States Navy Honor Guard. John passed away at his residence on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

John Allen Fehrs was born on November 23, 1937 to Herman and Helen (Irwin) Fehrs. The family lived on a farm in the Timber Creek area of rural Nance County. The family attended Peace Lutheran Church, where John was baptized and confirmed. John attended country grade school and graduated from Belgrade High School with the class of 1955.

John attended Norfolk Junior College and the University of Nebraska Lincoln, graduating in 1959.

After college, John joined the Navy. He attended the Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. His service included active deployment during the Cuban Missile Crisis. John and Sharon K Hansen were married at Peace Lutheran on October 17, 1964. They were blessed with three sons, Troy,

Steven and David.

They operated the family farm until January 1972, when they moved to Norfolk. John worked for the Nebraska Veterans Home, and then with the 3M Company, until retiring. John, Sharon and family joined Mt. Olive Lutheran Church when they moved to Norfolk. John was an active member, serving in many positions, including on the Board of Elders.

John was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), serving Post 1644 in Norfolk as Past Post Commander, and was active for many years in the Post Color Guard. John was active in and is a past president of the Norfolk Panther Booster Club. Later in life, John became very passionate about two organizations: Lutheran High Northeast (LHNE) in Norfolk and The Orphan Grain Train.

John was active on many LHNE boards and committees dating back to 1997. John was humbled and honored to be inducted to the LHNE Wall of Faith in 2014. John volunteered at the Orphan Grain Train most weekdays from his retirement to his death. He put his forklift driving skills to use loading and unloading trucks and containers. He also enjoyed the many coffee breaks and Bible studies they had as a group.

John was very strong and continued to grow in his Christian faith. One of his favorite days of the year was Easter Sunday, when he would proudly proclaim “Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!” which he would also include in Easter morning texts sent to his grandchildren.

John loved being active and on the go, attending his kids’, then grandkids’, activities, family events and meetings of the organizations he was involved with. When he was at home, he was usually watching sports on TV—he

especially liked Nebraska football and volleyball. It was hard to slow him down, even after being diagnosed and treated for ocular melanoma in late 2020. After treatment, he continued his routines and activities with reduced vision.

John is survived by his sons Troy (Kymm) Fehrs of St. Louis, MO, Steven (Melissa) Fehrs of Norfolk, David (Monica) Fehrs of Sioux Falls, SD, four grandchildren Morgan, Jack, Katelyn and Amber Fehrs, two step-grandsons Brian and Paul Kowert, five step-great grandchildren, sisters-in-law Edna Hansen of Colby, KS, Janet Hansen of Seward, Angie Hansen of Fullerton and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Sharon, his parents, brothers and sisters-in-law Vernon Hansen, Lloyd Hansen, Norman Hansen, Eva (Don) Fitzgerald, Arlene Ann (D.D.) Hamel and Ona (Dean) Foland.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be given to Lutheran High Northeast, Orphan Grain Train or Peace Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Mount Olive Lutheran Church - Norfolk  
1212 S. 2nd St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

## Funeral Service

JAN **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Mount Olive Lutheran Church - Norfolk  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *John A. Fehrs*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Mount Olive Lutheran Church was very lucky to have John's leadership over the many years he was with us. John shared his gifts and was such a powerful role model, encouraging others to get involved in the Christian community. He will be greatly missed by so many.*

**Joyce Kirschner** - January 25, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *Joe and Peri Schomaker purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of John A. Fehrs.*



**Joe and Peri Schomaker** - January 22, 2023 at 12:07 AM



“ *Fair Seas to a fellow Navy Shipmate and 1955 BHS graduate. Thayne Loudon, HMC Retired, USN.*

**THAYNE LOUDEN** - January 21, 2023 at 07:44 PM

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“ We will always remember John with a smile on his face. He was always so kind.

*Prayers for peace and comfort for his family.*

*Keen and Susan Lerch*

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**keen & Susan Lerch** - January 21, 2023 at 01:14 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy.. Love..and Prayers for Johns family..I grew up with John and Sharon..John took care of us younger Peace Lutheran Luther league group...our parents trusted him completely.. We knew he would take care of us...Many many fond memories of our group....

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**Coleen mcintyre chase** - January 21, 2023 at 01:02 PM

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“ John was a sponsor when I was in Luther league at peace Lutheran. He went with us to a movie in Omaha. He was a good example of a good Christian man he will be missed. I will donate to peace cemetery in John's memory.

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**Judy Imus** - January 21, 2023 at 06:30 AM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Steve, Melissa, and Amber❤️Our thoughts and prayers to you and all if the family 🙏

*Sincerely with our love,  
Randy, Debra, and Katrina*

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**Debra Froebe** - January 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM