

WINGS AGAINST THE SUN

Forever earthbound are my feet,
Upon the rocky road ahead,
But high among the clouds, my thoughts,
And so my heart is comforted.
And if one shoulder aches, I shift
The burden to the other side,
Remembering the times I've laughed,
And not the ones in which I've cried.

Too short indeed these precious years,
To let a dream die needlessly,
Beyond tomorrow there awaits
A time and place designed for me,
And old hopes rising one by one,
Are golden wings against the sun!

– *Grace E. Easley*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



ROGER K. GINAPP

July 20, 1942 – May 16, 2026

Roger K. Ginapp, 83, of Garner passed away Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Good Samaritan Society in Forest City.

Roger Kenet Ginapp, beloved son of Kenet and Inez (Bell) Ginapp, was born on July 20, 1942, in Alexander, Iowa. He began his educational journey in Alexander before graduating from Belmond High School in 1960, where he distinguished himself as an excellent athlete, particularly in basketball and baseball. Roger pursued higher education at Iowa State Teachers' College (now University of Northern Iowa) for a year, followed by studies at Ellsworth Junior College and Wayne State Teachers' College. Throughout his college years, he continued to excel in basketball and baseball, earning the honor of basketball player of the year at Wayne State. It was during his time at Ellsworth that he met Patricia Hurst, who would become his lifelong partner. They were married on June 8, 1962, at the Eldora United Church of Christ. Roger dedicated his professional career to teaching and coaching, beginning with three years at Wyoming, Iowa, then two years in Irwin, Iowa. A call from a childhood friend from Belmond, Don Hoppel, led him to Garner-Hayfield High School, where he joined the business education department and coached a variety of sports until his retirement. His teams frequently reached state-level competitions, including girls' six-on-six and five-on-five basketball, as well as boys' and girls' golf. Roger will be fondly remembered for his easy-going demeanor and calm presence, qualities that endeared him to students and athletes alike. His commitment to education and sports left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Roger is survived by his wife, Pat, of Garner; two sons, Todd (Susan) Ginapp of Aurora, CO, and Scott (Robin) Ginapp of Garner; grandchildren, Michael Ginapp, Matthew Ginapp, Kylie (Nelson) Casey, Jori Meints, Braden (Haley) Meints, Joshua (Ashley) Lyons and Meagan (Christopher) Della Ratta; great-grandchildren, James and Freddie Meints, Maverick and Kasper Casey, Ryan Ginapp, Eliana and Lincoln Bravo, Elijah Lyons and Vail Della Ratta; a brother, Bob (Theresa) Ginapp of Rockmart, GA; a brother-in-law, Rob (Ginny) Hurst of Westmont, IL; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ron (Nancy) Ginapp.

Memorials may be directed to the Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Sports Boosters or the Garner Public Library.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

United Methodist Church
Garner, Iowa

10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026

OFFICIATING

Rev. Kristin Peters

MUSIC

Myra Bowman, Organist
Congregational Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Special Music

“Hallelujah”

Pastor Kristin and Jill Blank

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Pastor Kristin

HONORARY BEARERS

Marty Spriggs

Don Pederson

Jim Haag

Paul Nelson

Bill Awtry

Larry Eenhuis

URN BEARERS

Braden Meints

Michael Ginapp

Kylie Casey

Matthew Ginapp

Jori Meints

BURIAL

Concord Township Cemetery
Garner, Iowa

All are invited to a luncheon in the church fellowship hall immediately following the committal service at the cemetery.

If you are unable to go to the cemetery, you can begin eating after the church service.

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FUNERAL HOMES