

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life, and I will dwell
in the house of the Lord forever.

– PSALM 23:6



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



DAVID A. GIESE

March 7, 1942 - April 14, 2026

David A. Giese, 84, of Marshalltown, formerly of Mason City, passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at The Willows of Marshalltown.

David Allan Giese, the son of Allan William and Blanche Emily (Morgan) Giese, was born on March 7, 1942, in Boulder, Colorado. He grew up in Boulder and graduated from Boulder High School in 1960. David continued his education at Colorado State College (now the University of Northern Colorado), graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 with a double major in Theatre and Language Arts. In 1974, he earned an M.A. degree from the University of Colorado.

On June 20, 1970, he married Mary Caroline Boehnke at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City. During their marriage they were blessed with two sons: Allan and Michael.

David began his teaching career in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and then moved to Mason City in 1968. He taught language arts, served as speech coach, and directed three major plays annually at Mason City High School for over three decades, until his retirement in 2003. During his tenure, he became Department Chair for Language Arts, taught Advanced Placement courses, and was a trainer for the Principals of Effective Teaching with the Area Education Agency. He created and directed the Chamber Players choral reading group, originated the Mohawk Interpretation Festival, and served as an assistant coach for Mock Trial teams. He was an officer in the National Forensic League and the Iowa High School Speech Association. Three of David's students competed in national speech tournaments, and several became theatre professionals themselves.

A professional highlight for David was his selection to participate in a summer-long course on teaching Shakespeare at the high school level, sponsored by Northwestern University and funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The course was taught at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford-upon-Avon, England, and participants talked directly with directors and actors in each of the summer's productions.

David was a founding member of KCMR radio, and served as president and treasurer of the board, as well as hosted the Music for Sunday Morning program for many years. He was active in community theatre as an actor, director and president of the board. He was a member of the boards of Friends of the Library, Ames Town & Gown, Binford House, and Worship and Music at his churches.

Upon his retirement, he and Mary moved to Marshalltown where David taught at Marshalltown Community College as an adjunct professor. He was elected to the board of Central Rivers Area Education Agency, and he pursued his interest in photography as a member of the Central Iowa Camera Club. Several of his photos were selected for exhibit at the Iowa State Fair.

David was a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather who found great joy in his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Giese, of Marshalltown; two sons, Allan (Lori) Giese of Ham Lake, MN, and Michael (Amber) Giese of Port Matilda, PA; four grandchildren, Emily and Ethan Giese and Hannah and Blaine Giese; a brother, James (Sue) Giese of Longmont, CO; brothers-in-law, John (Barbara) Boehnke of Roswell, GA, and Paul (Julie Elhard) Boehnke of St. Paul, MN; nieces and nephews, Rae Buchanan, Jamie Giese, Eva Shell, Lila Boehnke and Bryan Boehnke; and other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his wife's parents, George and Edna Boehnke.

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Trinity Lutheran Church - Mason City, Iowa
10:30 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2026

OFFICIATING

Rev. Dan Gerrietts

REFLECTIONS

John Boehnke
Leslie Winston Yannetti (Read by Barbara Boehnke)

READINGS

Michael Giese

MUSIC

Nathan Elsbernd, Organist
Skyler Lee, Vocalist
Loren Stoneberg, Trumpeter
Special Music
Paul Boehnke, Julie Elhard, Bryan Boehnke

CASKET BEARERS

Allan Giese
Ethan Giese
John Boehnke
Michael Giese
Blaine Giese
Paul Boehnke
Jim Giese

BURIAL

Memorial Park Cemetery - Mason City, Iowa

*All are invited to a luncheon in the church basement
immediately following the funeral service.
Burial at the cemetery will follow the luncheon.*

Major Erickson
Funeral Home and Crematory

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PRELUDE MUSIC

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GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

HYMN

ELW 502

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Verses 1, 4 and 6

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“Che si puo fare” by Barbara Strozzi

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Michael Giese

Job 19:23-27

Verse setting of Psalm 43:2 by Paul Boehnke Skyler Lee

Psalm 121

HYMN

ELW 838

“Beautiful Savior” Verses 1, 2 and 4

READING

Pastor Gerrietts

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

SERMON/MESSAGE

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MUSIC

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