



## Willard Cleve Behlen

February 1, 1947 - December 29, 2020

Willard C. Behlen, aka Willy, Will, or Ponca, was born February 1, 1947 in Columbus, NE to Harvey and Crystal (Claussen) Behlen. He went home to be with the Lord on December 29, 2020. Willard is survived by his children; Shannon (Scott) Wallingford, Wade (Christine) Behlen, Stacy (Michael) Owens, and Ward (Dana) Behlen all of Omaha, the mother of his children Sharon Behlen-May, 9 grandchildren; Ben (Taija) Wallingford, Jacob (Ashley) Wallingford, Caleb (Melody) Wallingford, Weston Behlen, Wyatt Behlen, Eva Behlen, Olivia Behlen, Georgia Behlen, and Warrick Behlen, great grandchildren; Aspen, Janie, Whitley, Roman, Cannon, and baby boy due in 2021, fiancée Carol Wicks, and her children Chad (Joey) Wicks, and their children Raegen and Addison, Tara (David) Hlas, and their children Noah and Gracen, Kari (Danny) White, and their children Easton, Lyra, and Avery. A private memorial service for the family will be held 11 AM Friday, January 8, 2021, and will be available for live streaming on Willard's page on [www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com). Visitation and gathering with the family will be held Friday from 4-7 PM at Christ Community Church in the chapel, 404 S. 108th Ave, Omaha. A celebration of life will be held sometime in the summer when large groups can gather safely. In lieu of flowers we have set up a memorial in our father's name. <https://omahafoundation.org/donate/> (select Willard Behlen H.I.S. Legacy Fund)

# Previous Events

## Private Services will be held

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Community Church  
404 South 108th Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68154

## Gathering of family and friends

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Christ Community Church  
404 South 108th Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68154

# Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Willard Cleve Behlen*



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**Reichmuth Funeral Home** - January 07, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Willard Cleve Behlen*

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December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *I was shocked and truly saddened to hear of Willard's passing. The world seems emptier and a bit less fun without him. He was my cousin, 1 1/2 year older, that I looked up to as a kid and I spent some exciting times riding with him on his scooter on gravel roads and, later, before I had my license, in his souped-up '59 Ford going a lot faster than we should have been. I never laughed harder than when I was with Willard at family reunions. He was named after my Dad, Willard Claussen.*

*My thoughts and condolences are with his family at this time. Please take comfort in the thought that if anyone has a pipeline into Heaven, it would be Willard.*

*Doug Claussen*

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**Doug Claussen** - January 12, 2021 at 02:53 PM

SF

“ Behlen Family, your dad and granddad will be missed. I will miss his hugs and the way he always said my name, “Dots!!” He always new how to make you feel loved. Loved scrolling through all these picture memories and his service was just so special. Hugs to you all! Love Dots and family.

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**Stacy Fritz** - January 11, 2021 at 07:47 PM

LA

“ So many fond memories with Willard and Sharon surrounding basketball. Especially enjoyed carpooling to away games. On the ride home after thoroughly dissecting the game, we also managed to solve some world problems! He ALWAYS made us smile and laugh. I remember being in Bellevue at an all-star tourney that Ward and Kelly were playing in. We had a long break between games, so we decided to play a quick nine holes of golf because it was beautiful Spring day. Had a great conversation about family. I can assure you, a man could not be more proud of his family than Willard was about his family.

*I was always amazed by the closeness of the Behlen family. It seems like Shannon, Wade, and Stacy and their families were at every game that Ward had. Always very supportive and easy to laugh and smile. Willard and Sharon created a beautiful family, what greater achievement could a person have in life?*

*Over the years we have lost touch, but we want to express how much we enjoyed those times, and feel blessed to have spent time together. Just watched the beautiful service on-line, a truly great testament to a good man. May God bless all of you, and help you in the difficult days ahead. May your many fond memories help ease your pain.*

*Larry and Jean Anderson*

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**Larry Anderson** - January 08, 2021 at 01:50 PM

PP

“ Pat and Jackie Palmer purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.



Pat and Jackie Palmer - January 08, 2021 at 11:47 AM

PT

“ Willard was a great neighbor who always have a smile and positive word! We will miss him!



Patrick & Sarah Tripp - January 08, 2021 at 09:18 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.



January 07, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.



January 07, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.*



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January 07, 2021 at 12:51 PM



“ *Sending our love, prayers and sympathies to you all. We have so many great memories of Willard beginning with HIS bible study and the quartet. May the love of Christ surround you all with comfort and peace in the days ahead. Sending ((hugs)) and love, Rick and Lynda Lemp*

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**Lynda Lemp** - January 07, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.*



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January 06, 2021 at 10:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.*



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January 05, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RF

“ I was saddened to hear of Willard's passing. He was instrumental in teaching me to be unafraid of not compromising God's word while teaching. He always told me to be bold and if someone had an issue with God's word they needed to take to God.

You all have our Prayers during this time. I pray God's peace and comfort on each of you, I pray that He wraps you in his arms and draws you close. Those of you who know me, I love and miss you very much. Those of you who don't know me, know this, I am praying for you all.

God's peace

Rex and Elizabeth Freeman

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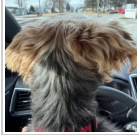
Rex C Freeman - January 05, 2021 at 06:57 AM

NH

“ Shannon and family,  
Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your father.  
Cherish the memories of the times you had together.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you,  
Nancy Harms & Gerhart Wehrbein

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Nancy Harms - January 04, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ Sending a few photos of our times with Willard doing the HIS quartet thing. So many memories too amazeballs (wink wink) to mention. Love that I found a photo of him preaching during a concert. But I can just imagine Randy and Willard preaching at each other now!!!

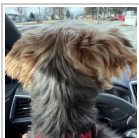


Chris Betz - January 03, 2021 at 06:24 PM



Love seeing this!!! Such wonderful times!!

Stacy Owens - January 03, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Chris Betz - January 03, 2021 at 05:48 PM

DJ

“ *Time is so precious and memories so special. Treasure these beautiful memories you have of this special man. Thoughts and prayers and Love being sent to all of you.*  
*The Johnsons*

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**DIANNA JOHNSON** - January 03, 2021 at 03:56 PM

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**Christine Behlen** - January 03, 2021 at 02:07 PM

BS

“ *I will miss Willard. I have many great memories of him from playing basketball to the ongoing humor we shared whenever I had the chance to speak to him. He will be with you always. He always told me when I was shooting, “whether you think the ball is going in or not, act like it’s going in.” I think about that often, true in life too.*  
*You’re all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, The Schnabel family*



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**Brett Schnabel** - January 03, 2021 at 12:50 PM

LP

“ I remember Willard when he sang in a gospel quartet in Columbus. I also recall him at the ASCS office in Columbus when he would come in to do business. He was a very nice man. My sympathy to his family. Praying for you for peace and comfort.

*Lynda Cederlind Pospisil*

*Newman Grove and Apache Junction, AZ.*

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**Lynda Cederlind Pospisil** - January 02, 2021 at 09:30 PM

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**Christine Behlen** - January 02, 2021 at 06:56 PM



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**Jackie Drown** - January 02, 2021 at 12:40 PM



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**Jackie Drown** - January 02, 2021 at 12:34 PM

RM

“ I’m Russ Mohrman I was the High tenor . I will be 66 on January 8 ,2021 Willard’s Funeral Day however unfortunately I regrettably will not able to attend the funeral. But for sure i’ll be there in spirit and I wish to extend my Families deepest sympathies to all the Immediate family members. We appreciate what Willard did at HIS Bible study. He help Change our Lives . I think God that I Got to serve with Him in the H.I.S (He Is Savior \*Acts 4:12 ) Simple Truth Quartet for the many years together.

I’ll always remember The first words from Brother Willard preached at every Concert:

“\*: (Speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ was : )

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” [Act 4:12]

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**Russ & Linda Mohrman** - January 01, 2021 at 06:48 PM

RM

*Continuing:*

*About a month ago the last words Willard shared with me with these: “ All I know is that no matter what, Jesus is all I will ever need. it’s His plan not mine. His finished work not mine. His grace that I don’t deserve but He freely gives unconditionally to me it’s His power and grace to me not mine to Him.”*

*And to that I say Amen!*

*Www.WelcometoGrace.com*

**Russ & Linda Mohrman** - January 01, 2021 at 06:59 PM

RM

*Friends & Family: Come Visit us Russ & Linda Mohrman at our Cabins in Branson Mo.*

*Www.BransonCabins.org*

**Russ & Linda Mohrman** - January 01, 2021 at 07:03 PM



*Thank you Russ for sharing this! I so loved the quartet days and still listen to the cds! What a blessing!*

*Thank you also for sharing this memory of our father! He did love Jesus and proclaimed the simple truth everywhere he went!*

*Stacy (Behlen) Owens*

**Stacy Owens** - January 02, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.*



January 01, 2021 at 04:20 PM

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Dana Behlen - January 01, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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Stacy Owens - January 01, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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Dana Behlen - January 01, 2021 at 02:03 PM



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Stacy Owens - January 01, 2021 at 02:02 PM

AB

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May God comfort you.  
Ardith Behlen

Ardith Behlen - January 01, 2021 at 01:16 PM

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Dana Behlen - January 01, 2021 at 11:59 AM

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Dana Behlen - January 01, 2021 at 11:57 AM



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Stacy Owens - January 01, 2021 at 09:11 AM



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Stacy Owens - January 01, 2021 at 09:05 AM

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Christine Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 11:48 PM

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Christine Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 11:45 PM

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*A day of Golf in Tekamah, Nebraska.*

Christine Behlen - January 03, 2021 at 10:50 AM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 10:04 PM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 10:03 PM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 09:44 PM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 09:33 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Willard Cleve Behlen.



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**Dana Behlen** - December 31, 2020 at 09:21 PM

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**Dana Behlen** - December 31, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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**Dana Behlen** - December 31, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 09:16 PM

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Dana Behlen - December 31, 2020 at 09:05 PM

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**Dana Behlen** - December 31, 2020 at 09:02 PM

RG

*What a WONDERFUL MAN.  
ONE OF A KIND.  
Met Willard thru the TORO Company.  
God Bless his Soul.  
God Bless his LOVING FAMILY.*

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**Ruth Ann Graef** - January 03, 2021 at 06:19 PM

KB

“ *Shannon and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your dear dad. I have such fond memories of him, his mischievous grin, and his fierce and bold love for the Lord. I pray you feel God's love, peace and comfort in the days ahead. Karlene and Jon Behlen*

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**Karlene Behlen** - December 31, 2020 at 06:18 PM