



## Harlan Elroy Fretheim

March 3, 2018

Harlan Elroy Fretheim, 88, of Loveland—entered into eternal rest March 3, 2018 while in care at Pathways Hospice. Harlan was born February 17, 1930 on a farm near Decorah, Iowa to Herman and Esther Fretheim. Harlan attended Luther College, then University of Iowa, where he received his Bachelor's and met his first wife, Leona, mother of his four oldest children. After graduating, he went on to work for General Services in D.C. in the fledgling computer science field. Our country saw promise in Harlan and provided a fellowship to Harvard, where received his Master's in Applied Mathematics. He had a varied career as a computer software engineer, beginning with Control Data, where, as a widower, he met his second wife, Sue. His most distinguished achievement was developing software for capacitive touchscreen for Control Data, providing a foundation for current touchscreen technology. His career brought him and his family to live in several states. He finally moved with Sue to Colorado in 1999.

He was a life-long student, active until recently in his church's Greek class. He was active for two decades with the Valentine's City Chorus Barbershop. He was an active participant in every Lutheran congregation to which he belonged. He was also a member of the Sons of Norway. He loved to travel. His time off always included time away from home. Family vacations eventually spanned 49 of the 50 States, Canada, Australia, The Philippines and Norway.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sue, and his children--Harold, Karen, Barb, Eric, Cindy and Mike and seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services will be Thursday, March 8th at 11:00am at Trinity Lutheran in Loveland, where he will be interred in the church's urn garden. Donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran, 3333 Duffield, Loveland 80537 or Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Rd, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (MT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
3333 Duffield Avenue  
Loveland, CO 80538

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harlan Elroy Fretheim*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I worked with Harlan at Control Data Corporation at the University of Vermont in the 1970s. He was my boss. I was only in my 20s and my experience there was fondly memorable. Harlan was a brilliant thinker, and I recall he spent one vacation flowcharting and outlining a new software tool called Stage2. I still have his notes on that, now converted to computer-readable form, and just referred to them today. My best wishes to all who knew him and loved him. -- Clarence Lehman, University of Minnesota, June 6, 2020.*

Clarence Lehman - June 06, 2020 at 03:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harlan Elroy Fretheim.*



March 07, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harlan Elroy Fretheim.*



March 07, 2018 at 07:03 PM



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**Eric Fretheim** - March 06, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Harlan and Family



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**Cindy Stokes** - March 06, 2018 at 01:17 PM

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“ So sorry Sue may God help you though this difficult time .sending prayers your way . We are still in Arizona so won't be able to attend his funeral but will thinking of you. Myron and Donna Lloyd

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**donna Lloyd** - March 06, 2018 at 08:16 AM

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*Sue, Mike, and Cindy,  
I just heard. I'm so sorry. The last time I saw him was in Arkansas five  
years ago. He was a great man. I had a lot of respect for him.*

*Darrell Nelson*

*Blaine, MN*

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**Darrell Nelson** - March 06, 2018 at 07:31 PM

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*Harlan was a good neighbor, an asset to our community, and a kind  
man. May he rest in peace. Our deepest condolences to Sue and  
family. Mel and Gerri Gerling*

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**Gerri Gerling** - March 07, 2018 at 11:14 AM