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Alan's interment will take place at a later date.

Alan Trees, 84, of Winfield, passed away on Wednesday, October 9, 2019, at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 14, 2019, at the Winfield United Methodist Church. Immediately following the services, a time of food and fellowship will be held at the church. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Monday. Memorials will go to Winfield United Methodist Church and Winfield EMT's. The Honts Funeral Home of Winfield is caring for the family and his arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at <http://www.lewisfuneralhomes.com>

Alan Vern Trees was born on April 23, 1935, in Belmond, Iowa, the son of Vern and Violet (Starnes) Trees. Alan attended a one-room country schoolhouse, a mile from his home in Belmond. He went on to graduate from Belmond High School, then from Iowa State University where he received his degree in Agricultural Engineering.

On March 23, 1957, Alan was united in marriage to Alice Klopfenstein at the United Methodist Church in Winfield. After college, the newlyweds moved to Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin where Alan worked for Jamesway Manufacturing Company while they both worked to create Carla in 1959. After a further process improvement they created Chris in 1962. The in-laws Fred and Hazel were so impressed, they asked Alan and Alice to transplant the process to Winfield to help Fred's business. In 1965 final improvements were made, the process was perfect. The creation of that perfect process was named Carol.

After a few years of basking in all his success, Alan became bored. So, in the early 70's he created Trees AES to employ and entertain himself, friends and family in the greater Winfield area. Later in the early 1980s, with only Carol providing in-home excitement, Alice also became bored. So, they decided to create the CounTREESore to further entertain and excite themselves with an even larger cast of characters until their not-so-boring semi-retirement.

Alan was a member of the Winfield United Methodist Church and the Winfield School Board, where he served as president. He also served as Troop 21 Boy Scout Master and supervised expeditions to Camp Eastman, Boundary Waters, and Philmont. He also enjoyed traveling with Alice (and others) in his RV all over much of the continental US.

Alan will be deeply missed by his wife, Alice; children, Carla (Brian) Trees of Winfield, Chris (Andrea) Trees of Cedar Falls and Carol (Brad) Fletcher of Cedar Falls; three grandchildren, Brennan Lee-Trees Haymond and Clint and Emma Fletcher; Dutch exchange student, Anne Marie Herlaar (Jacques) Dutoit and her children, Kimberly, Bastian and Louise; sisters-in-laws, Marylyn Trees, Lavonne Klopfenstein and Carol Klopfenstein; brother-in-law, Joe (Ruth) Klopfenstein; Candy (Ron) Fjetland, Neal Rabe, Mike (Colleen) Trees, Diane Erickson, David (Aya) Trees, Dena Trees, Steve (Dixie) Klopfenstein, Kim (Laurie) Klopfenstein, Ned (MeeSook)

Klopfenstein, Paul (Carrie) Klopfenstein, Rex Klopfenstein, Betty (Gary) Metz, Sara (Tim) Tuschen, Neil (Chip) Klopfenstein and Jim (Sue) Klopfenstein and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Alan was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Paul (Marge) Trees and Tim Trees; niece, Cindy Rabe; nephew, Terry Trees; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Fred and Hazel Klopfenstein and brother-in-law, Phil and Bill (Lenore) Klopfenstein.