



## Abel Conrads

October 22, 1932 - August 30, 2025

Abe Conrads, 92, died Saturday, August 30, 2025, at his home in Cedar Falls.

He was born on October 22, 1932, in Visguard, Germany, the son of Jan Jansen and Jacoba Hinerika Ennenga Conrads. He graduated from Pewsum High School in Germany and later attended trade school, Hawkeye Community College and UNI. On April 17, 1953, he was united in marriage to Wilma Jean Adelmund in Parkersburg, IA. Abe was trained as a metalworker at his grandfather's blacksmithing shop. He worked in the shipyards in Emden, Germany and upon immigrating to the United States worked at John Deere, H&H Machine Tool Company, GMT, and later O'Reilly Auto Parts.

Abe was a very unique metal artist. Many of his sculptures are hanging in various banks in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area, homes, and some overseas. Abe enjoyed flying airplanes and building his bright red ultralite.

Abe is survived by his wife of Cedar Falls; daughter, Rose Marie Lapole of Colorado; grandchildren, Christopher Lee (Jalynn) LaPole and Rebecca Lynn LaPole (Sara Newman); great granddaughter, Abigail Rene LaPole; and two brothers, Jake (Dorothy) and Bernhard Conrads.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Janice Elaine Conrads; and brother, John Conrads.

Memorial services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, September 6, 2025, at Greenhill Baptist Church in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Parkersburg.

Memorials may be directed to Greenhill Baptist Church

Online condolences at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Greenhill Baptist Church  
4316 Cedar Heights Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Memorial Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry for your lost. I will bever forget the time with Uncle Aber and Ahnt Wilma ....and the time at Uncle Bernhards place . 92 years is an very long lifetime.  
I send big hugs to my family and sorry,when I mit found tge right words in english.  
Many love to my Aunt Wilma and my famaly  
God bless you  
Ina Siebelds & Martini



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**Ina Siebelds** - September 12, 2025 at 05:10 PM

CH

“ Abe was one of a kind, one of the greatest guys I ever worked with during his time at GMT, he will be missed! Abe built a metal vase filled with 10 steel roses as a gift for my wife on our 10th anniversary (20 years ago) and we still proudly display this in our living room to this day...he was a great artist and man.

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**Chad Hansen** - September 05, 2025 at 12:02 PM

WD

“ I am sorry to hear of Abe's passing. 92 is a good life. I worked with Abe at H&H Machine Tool and at GMT in Waverly. I have good memories of Abe.

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**Wayne Dietrich** - September 05, 2025 at 11:30 AM

HK

*I met Abe through my husband while they were working at H & H Machine Tool. Abe was the kindest, nicest person and a gentle soul. My youngest daughter wanted to play piano. Abe helped me search the local ads for a used piano and came along with me when I found one in order to make sure I was getting a good deal. The world lost a good man. Rest in peace Abe and enjoy the beautiful music you loved.*

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**Helen Driscoll Kemp** - September 10, 2025 at 07:43 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss, 😭 Jeanie. And family. You have our deepest sympathys. And are all in our prayers!! Abe, was a very nice man. He will be missed. Rip Abe!! He's journey is over and now has gone HOME, to be with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! In Jesus name, Amen!! Love James Wahner ❤️🙏❤️

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**James A Wahner** - September 03, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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“ My uncle Abe brought fun and adventure to the family. I remember seeing him fly over our house in his ultralight, white scarf trailing in the wind, Red Baron style. Once we came upon him on his little homemade sailboat on the Cedar River. He learned to water ski and then taught each of us kids! I remember him getting in the water with me and helping me get on my skis. Then his booming voice would shout "Hit It" and I was off. He and Aunt Jeanie were a home away from home when my brother was at Drake U and we were overseas. Another great memory is of him waltzing with us girls in my parents' living room at Christmas. I cherished the fact that I was "Lanie" to him. You see, I always wanted a nickname but didn't have one. But he had one for me! Abe could be counted on to work endless hours to provide for his family and never complained. He was always "for" others, not himself. He cherished Jeanie as his prized possession. His daughters were his princesses. His church lost a great servant of the Lord when he became infirm. I cannot imagine all the acts of practical service he did there. He also cared for his parents in their old age, making sure all was well with them. He raised two fine daughters, each nurtured and appreciated for her respective talents, who grew up to be highly regarded and respected. But first and foremost was his devotion to the Lord God who gave Him his gifts and his family. And now Abe is home with Him!

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**Elaine Drake** - September 03, 2025 at 09:55 PM