



## Art Gadbois

March 25, 1926 - November 21, 2022

Arthur "Art" Henry Gadbois, 96, of Cedar Falls, passed away Monday, November 21, 2022, at UnityPoint Allen Memorial Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2022, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls with visitation one hour prior. Inurnment at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

He was born March 25, 1926, in Jefferson, South Dakota, the son of Dominique and Ida (St. Onge) Gadbois. He grew up on a farm near Howard, South Dakota with fifteen siblings.

Upon graduating from high school, Art joined the U.S. Army. He served in the Philippines during the end of WWII. At the end of his service, he moved to Waterloo and became a machinist at John Deere. On June 26, 1948, he was united in marriage to Lorraine Maifeld in Waverly. She preceded him in death on January 9, 2004. They lived in Waterloo until he built a new home in Cedar Falls in 1957. They raised two children, David and Diane here. Art retired from John Deere in 1983.

Art was a woodworker and a fisherman. He and Lorraine enjoyed travelling in their camper visiting friends and family. One of their favorite camping spots was at Sibley State Park near Wilmar, Minnesota where they would meet

friends and family every summer.

He loved working with his hands and was known as the neighborhood fix it man. He always had a joke to spare with whomever he was with. In his later years, he volunteered at St. Vincent DePaul. Art loved his family very much especially his great grandbabies.

Art is survived by his daughter, Diane (Doug) Hawker of Manchester; two sisters, Patricia Schaeffer of Portland, OR and June Herke of Watertown, SD; seven grandchildren, Sara (Hawker) Breckenfelder, Ryan Hawker, Chris Gadbois, Scott Hulett, Mark Russel, Brittany Hulett, and Max Hulett; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a son, David.

Memorial contributions may be directed to UnityPoint Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

the end of College St, north of First Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 273-8628

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church  
705 Main St  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kim B sent a virtual gift in memory of Art Gadbois*



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**Kim B** - November 29, 2022 at 07:42 AM

KB

“ To Art's family,  
Sorry for your loss.  
I knew of Art @ St. Pat's 730 a.m. Mass & Coffee & Donuts after.  
Our faith friends @ St. Pat's enjoyed our time together... during  
mass, our walk down to Commons for C & D - those many  
conversations of smiles & laughter too. A few times I would sit next  
to Art in church, people who I didn't know in the parish would say "I  
know you, you sit next to Art quite often."

*I bought a book from a gal in Manchester, she told me her Grandpa  
lives in CF and his name is Art. Well, that was the same Art I knew  
@ St. Pat's parish too, who would be at C & Donuts after mass. So  
Sara invited me to Chinese to celebrate his 90th birthday. I was able  
to come between work shifts...*

*As a casual photographer, I enjoyed taking pictures of the C & D  
friends too. Art would push Shirley in her wheelchair down to C & D  
too: they were a enjoyable part of that C & D get together as well.  
Will miss Art's time there with Ralph & Leeza too, even after they  
moved away from CF - Art kept in touch, Ralph would send Art  
some sweet treats that Art shared with everyone after mass. I went  
to visit Art at his home a few times & a couple of times when at  
assisted living with our parish friends. Will miss Art's conversations  
we all shared.... - Art's parish parishoner & friend.*

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**Kim B** - November 29, 2022 at 07:36 AM

EP

“ Art was a great uncle and one of the kindest people I have ever  
met. He was a very close life long friend of my Dad's who so  
enjoyed his company and of course "helping" him discharge the Art  
fix it list that my parents saved up for his visits. He will be missed by  
all who knew him and I am honored to be among those who did!  
Eliot Protsch

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**eliot protsch** - November 26, 2022 at 11:14 AM

LG

*Art was an uncle of mine who really knew how to enjoy the outdoors. I spent many times out in the boat with him. He loved to fish the Missouri River. Mainly at Ft. Thomson and Lake Thompson. He enjoyed his outings with his camper. He will be greatly missed.*  
*Larry Gadbois*

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**Larry Gadbois** - November 30, 2022 at 07:47 AM

GB

“ *I got to work with Art for at least 10 years at Deere. Never got over to visit him after we both had retired. I am sorry for that now. RIP Art....*

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**George Brubaker** - November 25, 2022 at 07:10 PM

DA

“ *Sorry for your loss I had known Art for any years My wife Pam and I camped many years at Sibly State Park Mn with Art and his wife One of the funniest times Art Ralph And I were fishing in my boat not much going on Art was in front Ralph was in middle I was in the back So Art and I was calling each other on the phone without Ralph knowing After about six or seven phone calls Ralph said dam you guys sure do get a lot of calls Art and I was laughing so hard we almost fell out of the boat Restin peace Art*

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**dale** - November 24, 2022 at 12:39 PM