



## Curtis Gravatt

April 21, 1953 - September 10, 2023

Curtis A. Gravatt, 70, of Cedar Falls, passed away at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics on Sunday, September 10, 2023. He was born on April 21, 1953, in Waterloo, the son of Albert and Louise Gravatt. He married Connie Jesse; they later divorced.

Curt graduated from North Tama High School in 1971. He earned a Landscaping and Turf Management AAS degree from Hawkeye Community College and was hired by Platt Nursery. Hinson Manufacturing was his next career opportunity. Most recently, he had been employed by John Deere Product Engineering Center as a Draftsman and Quality Engineer for 41 years.

He enjoyed riding his bicycle in many RAGBRAI events and on local trails.

Curt is survived by his sister, Nancy (Dennis) Miller of Cedar Falls; nephews, Dale Miller of Shelton, CT, Bryan Miller of Cedar Falls, and Douglas Miller of Cedar Falls; and niece, Laura (Jason) Ekstrand of Austin, TX. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation 5-7 p.m. Monday at Richardson Funeral Service. Interment in Washington Chapel Cemetery near

Janesville.

Memorials may be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington Chapel Cemetery

7035 W Bennington Rd  
Cedar Falls, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service  
615 Main Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-3525  
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com  
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
718 Clay Street  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
<http://aboutfirst.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Curt was a good friend of my sister from another mother, Sue Hummel. My best memory is taking a ride with him on a tandem bike. I'm 5'1", he was enormous. I couldn't see anything in front of us. Not so fun. But he was so sweet, caring, and funny. Curt, I'm glad that I got to spend some time with you. I'm sure your family will miss you.

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**Lindsay Reichert** - September 25, 2023 at 10:34 PM

SR

“ Curt has been one of my best friends since I started working with him in the early 90. Besides working with him, we got to do a lot of things outside of work. All kinds of bike ride events (some of the beat up to another Binky's cabin). Watching football and basketball at UNI. Watching NCAA basketball March madness and a lot of other events we did together. Will never forget our trapping gopher project! I will surely miss my friend!

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**Steve Reinke** - September 18, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LB

Curt was such a likable, funny, smart guy. My fondest memory is our RAGBRAI "ride out" to the starting point (2010?) and the unintentional Century ride into Sioux City. I will miss seeing him riding on the streets and trails around cedar Falls.

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**Lisa Brodersen** - September 19, 2023 at 08:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Curtis Gravatt.*



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September 16, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ *Curt was a little "stinker"  
That adorable face when he chuckled...the dry jokes sometimes...and the true comedian he was.  
I was not fortunate enough to work with him, and I don't think my productivity would have been worth a crap around him.  
May the Good Lord Bless his soul...we were all blessed by knowing him!*

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**Terri Focier** - September 16, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *Grayson Forcier  
Curt was the best he always had such joy and humor into everyone life. He will be missed greatly.*

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**Grayson Focier** - September 16, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Very sad to hear of Curt's passing. He was a great guy! I worked with him a bit at PEC, and bumped into him on the bike from time to time after he retired.*

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**Robert James Fry** - September 16, 2023 at 05:30 PM

AS

“ I worked with Curt at PEC when I first started at John Deere. We were in Engine Engineering. He was a super nice guy who always had a smile. We shared many laughs and fun times in those early years we were in the same Department. I always enjoyed running into him in the hallways at work and chat with him. He was always a genuinely nice person which I really appreciated about him.

*May you cherish your memories with Curt and may they help sustain you during this difficult time. My thoughts, prayers and sympathy to you.*

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**Anne Sergeant** - September 14, 2023 at 04:48 PM

DS

“ Curt and I worked together at John Deere, in fact we started our careers there at about the same time. We became good friends instantly and stayed that way for over 40 years. We shared many good times together as we "grew up" over the years. He could always make me laugh and was always good for a story or a joke when you needed a little uplifting. We spent a lot of time sailing on Rathbun Lake and he was one of the original members of the BOAT trip (Boys On A Trip) to the lake with several other guys from work. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. My deepest sympathies go out to his family. - Dan Sturm

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**Dan Sturm** - September 14, 2023 at 03:34 PM

MI

“ 6 files added to the album Curt



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**Missy** - September 14, 2023 at 03:27 PM

MI

*Curt and I worked together at PEC and became fast friends. We often lunched together and kept in contact after I moved around with Deere. When I came back to the Cedar Valley (home) to visit I would run into Curt a lot. We texted a lot and I will miss his friendship, his sense of humor and that bright smile. Curt and I shared a lot of memories together over the years and I will miss him dearly.*

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**missy** - September 17, 2023 at 04:04 PM

WR

“ Curt was a "Regular" at Old Toads so I've known him for at least 30+ years! He was always out on the trails and would stop in frequently, bringing his wit & humor along with him!!! He then became one of our 'Regulars" again at the new Toads - The Horny Toad. I loved practicing and pefecting my new jokes on him before telling them to my "real" customers! 🤝 I also looked forward to seeing what funny t-shirt or mix- matched crazy socks he'd be wearing on any given day - ya never knew with Curt what the fashion trend of the day would be! We girls at Toads really enoyed him coming in at lunchtime and would make sure his Weather Channel was on for him and that he got his 7 packages of crackers for his chili! 😊 We sure will miss him down there! Our hearts go out to all his friends and his family! Sincerely - "Wendil from Toads"

Wendi Roed - September 14, 2023 at 11:53 AM

PK

“ I worked with Curt at PEC and it was a pleasure to work with him and he always brightened my day with his presents and discussions. We are sorry to hear about Curt's Passing and want you to know that you and your Family are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Pete Kosmicki.

Pete Kosmicki - September 12, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Curtis Gravatt.



September 12, 2023 at 12:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Curtis Gravatt.

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