



George Lester Hursh

January 30, 1947 - June 29, 2021

CEDAR FALLS-George Lester Hursh, 74, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at MercyOne-Waterloo.

He was born January 30, 1947, in Waterloo, IA, the son of Richmond and Marie Geater Hursh. His mother was advised to “stay in town” the week before he was born because the weather was too stormy in rural Iowa to allow safe travel from her rural home. George has one sister, Susie and a brother, Aaron who died in infancy.

George grew up on the family farm in rural Cedar Falls and attended school in Janesville, graduating in 1965. He married Mary Jane Britt July 21, 1973 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Waverly. He worked for seven years at Kay Industries and then began working at Wayne Engineering in Cedar Falls, retiring due to disability in 2005. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and belonged to the Knights of Columbus. He was also known as “the cookie maker” for his talent for making and sharing chocolate chip cookies. He enjoyed cheering for the UNI Panthers especially the Men’s Basketball team and the New York Yankees.

Survived by his wife of Cedar Falls; son, John of Cedar Falls; son-in-law, Shawn Carlson of Cedar Falls; four grandchildren, Austin (Dorian Larson), Abigail, Aaron and Adalie Carlson, all of Cedar Falls, and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Emily Carlson; granddaughter, Analeigh Carlson; sister; and his wife’s siblings and their spouses.

Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 2, 2021 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, with interment in the Washington Chapel Cemetery, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at the Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a 4 p.m. Rosary. Memorial contributions may be directed to the church or the family. Online condolences may be left at: www.richardsonfuneralservice.com

Cemetery Details

Washington Chapel Cemetery

7035 W Bennington Rd
Cedar Falls, IA

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 1. 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Mary Jane so sorry for your loss! I just read about it on line our thoughts and prayers are with you and John! George will be missed by many!!!*

Cathy McRoberts - July 01, 2021 at 08:30 PM

CP

“ *Thinking of you Mary Jane and all of your family. It's been nearly 25 yrs since we worked together, but still remember you talking fondly of your family. Although after reading this page I do have to say I sure do wish you had shared some of George's "famous" chocolate chip cookies with your teammates all those years ago!*

*Cheri (Grebner) Payne
Houston, TX*

Cheri Payne - July 01, 2021 at 04:53 PM

JF

“ *What a gentle giant. May God bless all of you as George celebrates the glorious love of God. Thinking and praying for all of you. Hugs Don and Janice Frost*

Janice Frost - July 01, 2021 at 04:51 PM

RH

“ I went from fearing George Hursh (being blocked or tackled by him in football practice) (now that will build a memory) - to appreciating him as a gentle giant friend. On the Homecoming game, 1965, I was lucky enough to intercept two passes and on the bus ride back to the locker room, George said to me, "I didn't know ya' had it in ya" which was a compliment no other player or coach ever said to me, and which I have never forgotten. God's best comfort to May Jane (as we called her then) and the Hursh family.

Randy Henry - July 01, 2021 at 12:13 PM

RH

Mary Jane - correction above - Randy's post

Randy Henry - July 01, 2021 at 12:16 PM

BB

“ 🤗 Hugs, 💕 Love and Prayers to the Hursh family 👨‍👩‍👧. Rest in paradise George.

Becky and Greg Black - July 01, 2021 at 11:12 AM

JS

“ Dear Mary Jane, John, Shawn and Family,

I extend my sincere sympathy to you at this time of George's death. I remember well those Saturday evening gatherings with the Hills, Hagartys, and George and you (the "H" gang) in my early days as pastor at St. Patrick's. I'm sure along the way I was also a recipient of some of his famous chocolate chip cookies!

Know of my prayers for George's eternal repose and of my prayers for all of you at this time.

Fr. Jim Secora

James L Secora - July 01, 2021 at 07:40 AM



PA

“ Mary Jane, I am so sorry for your loss. I know George has struggled over the last few year but it does not make the pain any less. Right now will be a blur for you. You will strong for your family. I will be in Iowa in July and August if you need me. Hold the good memories dear.

Love and Hugs,

Pat Bachman Billingsley

patricia - June 30, 2021 at 11:25 PM

LL

“ George was one of those guys you could count on to always lift you up. As Grand Knight, when I was uncertain about a particular decision, I knew George would remind me that things would all work out. A man of Faith, who taught me about true faith. I will always cherish the time I got to spend with George. Rest in peace, my friend.

Larry Lyman - June 30, 2021 at 09:19 PM

PC

“ MJ, I hope that you know that I do now and always have dearly loved you. George was such a good person, and I was so happy that the two of you got together. So wish that I was close by so that I could legitimately offer to help in some way. HUGS to you and know that my heart is always with you. Paula Cole

PAULA COLE - June 30, 2021 at 08:59 PM

TH

“ George was a great friend! Mary Jane and George have been long lasting friends.
Our group got together for church, pizza, camping. We formed a group called the "H" group and even had baseball hats with our name on the hats! If your last name didn't start with "H" we just changed your name to start with an "H"!
Our families were close and we watched the children grow, and we stuck together.
George was always calm, even when we called him "Lumpy"
You will be missed George.
Tom & Cathy Hagarty

Tom Hagarty - June 30, 2021 at 07:07 PM