



## Gordy F. Ubben

December 17, 1938 - September 23, 2023

CEDAR FALLS - Gordon F. "Gordy" Ubben, 84, died Saturday, September 23, 2023, at The Deery Suites at Western Home Communities.

He was born December 17, 1938, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Theodore and Evelyn (Rowson) Ubben. He graduated from Hudson High School in 1957 and later served in the United States Army. He married Barbara Rekers August 10, 1991, in Cedar Falls. Gordy owned and operated Ubben's DX Station in Hudson and later raised hogs, built a commercial lawn service, and worked in maintenance at Land O'Lakes.

He was very involved in the community, serving as a volunteer Fireman for 20 years and driving bus for the Hudson Community School District for 42 years. He loved driving for athletic events and got the opportunity to drive for multiple generations. His faith was strong, and he became a devoted member of Prairie Lakes church.

Any spare time that he had was spent attending his kids' and grandkids' sporting events, playing golf, and cheering on the Hawkeyes. He enjoyed summers boating/fishing with friends and family at their cabin in Clear Lake and more recently, winters in Arizona. Above all, family was his top priority.

Gordy always had a smile for everyone. We will really miss his humor and his

ability to make people feel special, wherever he went.

Gordy is survived by his wife of Cedar Falls; four children, Gwen (Jeff) Bown, Bruce (Polly) Ubben, and Sara (Mike) Ingamells, all of Lincoln, NE and Mitch (Cindy) Ubben of Castle Rock, CO; stepson, Troy (Sheila) Walbaum of Cedar Falls; ten grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and brother, Russell (Rose) Ubben of Oelwein.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and stepson, Eric Walbaum.

Funeral Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 30, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Friday, September 29th at Prairie Lakes Church. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church  
1907 Viking Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-2655  
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

## Funeral Service

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

Prairie Lakes Church  
1907 Viking Road  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613  
(319) 266-2655  
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Barb, so sorry, I just saw this. Y'all were the best neighbors on Brentwood Dr and made us feel so welcomed! Your friendship was so precious and we will miss Gordy always! ~ Julie, Paige and Patrick Sellen

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**jukie Sellen** - January 14, 2025 at 10:16 PM

CL

“ Gwen, Sara, Mitch and Bruce I am truly sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was definitely one of the good ones and we all made some great memories on Elm Street! They don't make them like him anymore (except you guys lol)! It's bittersweet to think of how fast our time really does fly by. I feel awful I was not there to see you or your dad at his service I just saw the post today on Bruce FB wall. Just know you are all in my heart and in my prayers.

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**Clarice Lakota** - September 30, 2023 at 09:56 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Gordy's passing. Was always an joy seeing him at Panera Bread when I worked there and then at Prairie Lakes Church. Prayers for the family

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**Laura Bowden** - September 30, 2023 at 05:13 PM

CW

“ Gordy always was a great bus driver. He greeted us every morning with a smile, even though our dog tackled and raced us to the bus each day!

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**Colleen (Rasmussen) Wrage** - September 29, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 29, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ *Gordy was my bus driver for a number of years of my growing up in Hudson. He also came out to our farm when my grandpa became ill and was taken by ambulance to Waterloo one time when he was up visiting. We had just been talking about him at our class reunion during Hudson Days. we discussed his allowing us to have a water fight on the bus on the last day of school. He was a good friend to all his bus riders.*

*A former bus rider Sharon Bennink*

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**Sharon Bennink** - September 28, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 27, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 27, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Nancy Lynott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordy F. Ubben.*

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**Nancy Lynott** - September 27, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Nancy Lynott purchased the Simply Elegant Spatiphyllum for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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**Nancy Lynott** - September 27, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 27, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 27, 2023 at 12:11 PM



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

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September 27, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 27, 2023 at 11:55 AM



“ *Dear Barb, Russ, & families,  
We were very saddened to hear of Gordy's passing. He was a good friend and my idol with sports skills in school.  
Gordy's legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched and possitive influence he had in the Hudson community. He will be missed.*

*"Albie" & Kathy Albert*

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**Jerry & Kathy Albert** - September 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM

RR

*Thank you "Albie" and Kathy, he was a deeply religious man, and his suffering is over! He's with the angels now! We love you two! Russ and Rose Ubben*

Rose Ubben and Russ - September 27, 2023 at 07:51 AM

KA

“ Kay A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordy F. Ubben.

Kay A. - September 26, 2023 at 02:35 PM

KA

“ Kay A. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.



Kay A. - September 26, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.



September 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CE

“ Gordy was a kind and happy soul who never failed to brighten my day with his smile. He will be missed!

Cheryl Einsweiler - September 25, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 25, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ *I am very sad to hear this news. Hudson has lost another true gentleman. It has been years since I physically saw him, but every memory of him is a good one all the way back to collecting football stamps at the DX station after we moved to Hudson. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*  
*Bryan Church*

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**Bryan Church** - September 25, 2023 at 04:37 PM



“ *To the Ubben family, my heartfelt condolences for the loss of such a fine man. Gordy was one of those people that whether you saw him in person or heard his name, your first reaction was to smile. What makes small towns special are the people; and there are always those certain few that you think of that make growing up in small towns like Hudson even more special. Gordy was one of those people. Whether it was as a business man, fireman, bus driver, church member, parent or friend, Gordy impacted so many lives. Always quick with a smile and a kind word, Gordy made your life better simply by interacting with him. What a blessing to have had Gordy Ubben in our lives. Hugs to all of you.*

*Gary Kristensen*

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**Gary Kristensen** - September 25, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Ubben family during this difficult time. Gordy will be remembered as a kind-hearted soul who served his community as a volunteer fireman, bus driver, and choir member. My thoughts are with you as you mourn. -Greg Joens*

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**Greg Joens** - September 25, 2023 at 02:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordy F. Ubben.*



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September 25, 2023 at 01:31 PM



“ *Barb and family, my heart cries with yours at losing such a wonderful man. I recall Gordy always being concerned for my mother and for me, too!*

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**Alice Janssen** - September 25, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Gordy! Mr. DX, one of Dad's best friends and captain of the great group of parents we had growing up. Your Dad will always be a great memory for me. Let's play some Pepper Saturday night!*

*Love you all,  
John and Barb Charley*

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**John Charley** - September 25, 2023 at 09:51 AM

LW

“ *Fwen, Mitch, Bruce, Sara, So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was 'one of the good ones'. He always had a big smile and a hug for me whenever I would see him, even after years and years. Treasure the memories and hold them close to your heart. RIP GORDY!!*  
*Much love,*  
*Lori Kristensen Waters*

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**Lori Waters** - September 24, 2023 at 09:23 PM

LW

*Sorry for typo, Gwen!!!*

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**Lori Waters** - September 24, 2023 at 09:24 PM

ST

*A life well lived and well loved.*

*Steve and Susan McCoskey*

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**Steve** - September 24, 2023 at 09:42 PM

RS

*I remember going w/ my grandparents (Wayne and Evelyn Penne) to the DX and watching him fill up the car, wash the windows and check the tires/fluids. RIP.*

*Russ Schneider*

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**Russ Schneider** - September 26, 2023 at 10:44 AM