



## Howard Aldrich

April 17, 1946 - December 14, 2025

Howard Dyer Aldrich, 79, died peacefully on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at his home in Waterloo, Iowa.

He was born April 17th, 1946, in St. Paul, Minnesota, the son of Howard and Edith (Dyer) Aldrich.

Howard was a 1964 graduate of Waterloo West High School. He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1968 while playing tennis, before being drafted into the U.S. Army. He honorably served his country in Korea during the Vietnam War. On December 9, 1972, Howard was united in marriage to Hope Jungling in Waterloo. He retired from John Deere Engine Works after 35 years of service. He also ran Aldrich Landscaping with his father for 10 years. Howard enjoyed landscaping so much that he still had annual customers that called him up until recently.

Howard was a man with many hobbies and interests. He knew so many people through his involvement in Nazareth Lutheran Church, his landscaping customers, and his bridge friends. Howie was also a scratch golfer for 30 years and sports enthusiast – he was a devoted UNI Panther fan who ran the shot clock for the Men's Basketball team for 25 years.

He will be forever remembered by his wife, Hope Aldrich; his three daughters,

Camille (Thomas) Connell of Byron, IL; Emily (Joshua) O'Donnell of North Liberty; and Marina (Andrew) Reynolds of Iowa City; nine grandchildren: Ethan, Maxwell, Abigail, Evan, Liam, Brady, Carl, Waldo, and Beatrice. He is also survived by siblings Winthrop Aldrich of Waterloo, IA, Jane Heideman Battle of Lakeland, FL, and Douglas Aldrich of Tulsa, OK.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at the Larsen Chapel at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls and one hour prior to the service at church. Burial at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

# Cemetery Details

## Greenwood Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel  
7401 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Funeral Service

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DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Lutheran Church - Chapel  
7401 University Avenue  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ My husband (Merlyn) & I first met Howard at John Deere in 1973. Howard was Merlyn's supervisor on the paint line in the Z building. Fast forward to a few years ago we walked the track at the Sports Plex & reconnected. We're sorry for your loss. Howard loved his family & will be missed by those who knew & loved him. Eileen (Leahy) McFee

Eileen F McFee - December 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM

KH

“ Hope and family: Was so sorry to hear of your loss. You have my sympathy. Karla Hunt

Karla Hunt - December 18, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Aldrich.



December 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM

IA

“ Iowa City Schools Administrators planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Aldrich.

Iowa City Schools Administrators - December 17, 2025 at 02:27 PM

DM

“ David and Tunisia May planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Aldrich.

David and Tunisia May - December 17, 2025 at 02:01 PM

DM

“ David and Tunisia May purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Howard Aldrich.



David and Tunisia May - December 17, 2025 at 02:01 PM

SK

“ Hope - so sorry to learn of Howard's passing. Our hearts are with with you. Santha & Jim

Santha & James Kerns - December 17, 2025 at 12:24 PM

RF

“ We played online bridge together for many years was our morning ritual to get coffee and play a game Will miss him greatly was a good friend  
Dick frier

richard frier - December 17, 2025 at 06:23 AM

JB

“ Hope - My deepest condolences to you and your family. I got to know Howard at John Deere and then always enjoyed chatting with both of you at Nazareth. He was always so welcoming with his hellos, smiles, and handshakes. Jan Blevins

Janice Blevins - December 16, 2025 at 04:06 PM

RF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories



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RFS - December 16, 2025 at 03:15 PM

KS

“ We knew Howard & Hope from Bible Study at Nazareth Lutheran Church many years ago. I also played bridge with & against him many times in Waterloo & C.F. He was always friendly & had a good sense of humor too. Sympathy to Hope & family.

*Kay Schmiesing*

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Kay Schmiesing - December 16, 2025 at 02:29 PM

YH

“ Your church family at One Ancient Hope purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Howard Aldrich.



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Your church family at One Ancient Hope - December 16, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Howard Aldrich.



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December 16, 2025 at 10:01 AM

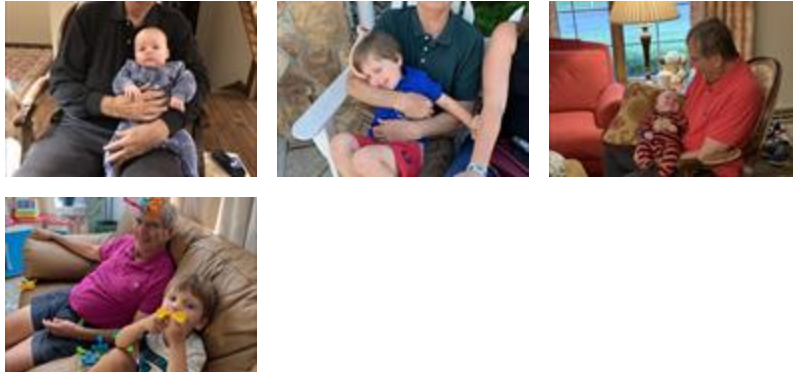
GB

“ Gary & Marcy Borwig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Aldrich.

Gary & Marcy Borwig - December 16, 2025 at 10:01 AM

MR

“ 4 files added to the album Grandkids



Marina Reynolds - December 15, 2025 at 10:00 PM

JH

“ Howard was a great neighbor and friend for over 30 years. Incredible memories. There always seemed to be a friendly competition to see whose yard was best maintained; Howard always won. He helped me landscape my yard when I first moved in the neighborhood. Our girls grew up together, running between houses. So many great memories. Too many to share here. He will be missed.

Jan Hahn - December 15, 2025 at 09:08 PM

RS

“ I came to know Howard thru bridge club. I also worked with Hope at John Deere in supply management. Howard and Gary Gordon used to run a friendly bridge club and charged only \$1 to play and Howard used to do the duplicate bridge scoring on paper (a tedious work). I partnered with Howard several times at the bridge club and we did well. He used to talk about his 3 daughters a lot. I will miss him. He lived a great life and while it is sad to see him leave us, he had more than his share of health issues and now he is not suffering. I wish Hope all the strength to cope with a loss of long time companion and friend. Ramesh Shah.

Ramesh Shah - December 15, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Howard Aldrich.



December 15, 2025 at 06:21 PM

JW

“ Our moms were sisters and our family spent almost every holiday with the Aldrich cousins. Many good memories of the 'kids table' at big holiday dinners, although, since Howie was the oldest cousin he always sat at the adult table! Dad always enjoyed a round of golf with Uncle Howard and Howie. I'm pretty sure his was the mulligan-free scorecard. Hope, Win, Jane and Doug, my heart goes out to you. I'll always remember Howie with a smile. -Jenny Wilder

Jenny Wilder - December 15, 2025 at 06:11 PM

JW

Howie's was the mulligan-free scorecard!

Jenny Wilder - December 15, 2025 at 06:16 PM

BS

“ was a devoted bridge player, and we shared many games and tournaments. He played weekly until the last two weeks and enjoyed the game and the other players. He will be greatly missed by his many bridge friends.as well as the people from the multiple aspects of his life. Bonnie Stettler

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**Bonnie K Stettler** - December 15, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Howard Aldrich.



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December 15, 2025 at 02:22 PM

CC

“ Cami Connell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard Aldrich.

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**Cami Connell** - December 15, 2025 at 02:22 PM