



## John Bentley Jr.

December 17, 1962 - January 24, 2025

Cedar Falls – John Leroy Bentley Jr, age 62, died Friday, January 24, 2025 at MercyOne Cedar Falls Medical Center.

He was born on December 17, 1962, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of John Sr and Patricia (Baker) Bentley. He graduated from Waterloo West High School in the class of 1981. On September 12, 1987, he was united in marriage to Penny Husome in Cedar Falls. Together, they had two sons, Justin and Jerrad. They later divorced. John worked as head custodian at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls for over twenty years. He enjoyed fishing with buddies, collecting Budweiser memorabilia, riding his tricycle, and spending time with his granddaughters.

John is survived by: his sons, Justin (Kara) Bentley of Cedar Rapids, Jerrad (Brianne) Bentley of Waterloo; his granddaughters, Maelee and Kelby Bentley of Cedar Rapids, and Ella and Emmersyn Bentley of Waterloo; his special friend, Emily Terpstra of Cedar Falls; his sister, Jodi Thein of Waterloo; his brother, Jason Bentley of Elk Run Heights; his pets, Lila and Sassy; and numerous other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, James Bentley. Funeral services will be 11am Friday, January 31, 2025, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 9:30am-11 at the church on Friday. Memorials may be directed to the family. Online guestbook at [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com).



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

LC

“ I’m so sorry to hear of John Boys passing! I’m sure gonna miss seeing him around! He always had time to laugh n joke around. He was friendly with everyone, he really liked my dad n my dad him . Whenever they’d see each other they’d gab n the jokes n much laughing would go on . He’d hang around downtown n Bob , Cindy, Ralph n so many more. He was a lot of fun. The Blue Room was a typical hangout then . Lots of good memories of Penny , Jody n Marty n Chuck way back . I remember the boys when they were little! I’m so sorry I didn’t know or I would’ve been there . RIP John Boy! My condolences to his entire family n his friends !

Leanne Coonley - March 20, 2025 at 11:37 PM

MF

“ Marlys Larson and family purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Bentley Jr..



Marlys Larson and family - January 30, 2025 at 03:36 PM

KF

“ Kathy Stepan & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Leroy Bentley Jr..

Kathy Stepan & Family - January 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM

KF

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Kathy Stepan & Family - January 29, 2025 at 02:24 PM

DW

“ I remember I think it was 7th grade we might have been skipping school but it was pic day so instead of getting caught skipping we went back for pic. We'll it was raining that day and Johnny got all wet he couldn't wear his shit wet so we both wore my shirt that day may not sound funny to some people but we laughed are asses of everytime we would see each other oh yea it's documented by photo one of those memory's we will never forget love you bro

Don wellner - January 27, 2025 at 01:21 PM

JE

I love this story! Thank you for sharing. Id love to hear more stories about him! 🍻

Jerrad - January 28, 2025 at 08:58 AM

DF

That is hilarious! ☐

Danielle Fox - January 28, 2025 at 03:52 PM

RJ

I do remember that

Randy Janssen - January 30, 2025 at 11:12 AM

JG

“ You were a great brother-in-law & an awesome friend for the last 30 years. Oh the times we had!! I will cherish those memories forever. I love you and will miss you dearly.

Jody Grittmann - January 27, 2025 at 12:41 AM

CG

“ John, you were a great man. Funny laugh goofy thoughts, strong will. I will miss you forever. Your friend, Cal

Calvin Grittmann - January 25, 2025 at 10:36 PM

RM

“ I will miss you Johnny I remember when we were kids and you used to protect me

Robin McDonald - January 25, 2025 at 09:44 PM

WS

“ As Johnny became closer and easier with our family I remember Bristow Day street dance and him just cuttin a rug to the music with not a care in the world. What a night we had! Another fond memory is taking Johnny and Emily to the go cart track... oh my would those two compete to win at the track and then also at mini golf. We will miss you very much Johnny.

Wendi Schipper - January 25, 2025 at 08:39 PM

JB

His mission Everytime at the go-karts was to wipe anyone out and outlap them. 🤪 Being a kid and riding with him in his kart id almost have whiplash as much and he'd crash the other karts out! Lol I will forever cherish those memories.

Jerrad bentley - January 25, 2025 at 11:35 PM

ET

*I will always love you and miss you dearly.*

**Emily Terpstra** - January 26, 2025 at 12:08 AM



*I'm so happy I got to see you a few weeks ago. 💕💔  
And gave you a big ol hug. My condolences 🙏*

**Lisa C Thein** - January 26, 2025 at 01:12 AM

CW

*Emily and family, he had a way of making people feel comfortable and welcome. The few times I got to enjoy his company I saw his sense of humor and most of all his love for you.*

**Carolyn White** - January 26, 2025 at 07:45 AM

CP

*You were such a great brother-in-law, uncle to my boys and friend!!  
You were a great person and fun to be around! I remember when you  
took my coil wire off my car to teach me a lesson. It never happened  
again! I will miss you dearly!! I love you!! Chris (Husome) Paulson and  
family.*

**Chris (Husome) Paulson** - January 28, 2025 at 11:03 PM

ML

*So sorry . You are at peace now.Love Aunt Marlys,Uncle Dale and  
family.*

**marlys larsen** - January 30, 2025 at 03:27 PM