



Kenneth Van Heiden

August 12, 1960 - January 24, 2025

Kenneth Wayne Van Heiden, 64, died on Friday, January 24, 2025, at his home in Cedar Falls.

He was born on August 12, 1960, in Waterloo, Iowa, the son of Ben and Alice (Abbas) Van Heiden. He graduated from Wellsburg High School in 1978. On August 31, 1985, he was united in marriage to Barbara Nelson in Cedar Falls. Ken worked in maintenance for Target in Waterloo and was a driver for Bill Colwell Ford in Hudson. He also was a volunteer firefighter for Wellsburg, Boy Scout troop leader, and a member of Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Ken loved his motorcycles, woodworking, camping, fishing, and simply being outside. Most of all, he loved his family. He loved the Lord Jesus and believed he would someday be with Him.

Ken is survived by his wife, Barb Van Heiden of Cedar Falls; sons, Kevin (Amber) Van Heiden of Cedar Falls and Justin Van Heiden of Waterloo, and three granddaughters, Lizzy, Olivia, and River Van Heiden; two sisters, Merna (Larry) Lovell of Waverly and Laurie (Don) Diehm of Reinbeck; three brothers, Ben (Judy) DeVries of Reinbeck, Jerald (Connie) Van Heiden of IL, and Richard (Kim Carter) Van Heiden of Steamboat Rock; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Jeanette (Gordon) Merrill; and brothers and sisters-in-law, Lavern (Kay) Van Heiden, Jerry (Sally) Devries, and David (Vicki) Van Heiden.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 30, 2025, at Nazareth Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 29th at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Nazareth Lutheran Church or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 4:00 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

JAN 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
7401 University Ave
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-5025
(319) 266-7589

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ I had the worst crush on “Kenny” Van Heiden back in the day, when his family and mine were members of Bethany Presbyterian Church. He was the tall, quiet Blonde guy with ashy smile, and he tolerated the preacher’s daughter’s awkward, preteenage efforts at flirting with kindness, always. I’m sorry to learn so many of his family are gone now, too, but I send heartfelt condolences to his wife, sons, and other relatives. I didn’t know him as an adult, but I know he came from good stock and will be dearly missed.



Beth Vanderwerf Jurenovich - January 31, 2025 at 02:36 AM

MS

“ My name is Mike Schmidt and I got to know Ken from when he worked PT at convenient store as I was in sells at CocaCola. I had a lot of visits together talking about alot of issues. I saw him a few times at Target as well. He was a good man and will be missed. Comforting to know that he is with our Savior now.

Michael Schmidt - January 30, 2025 at 06:47 PM

BB

“ Barb, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Ken was a great guy. The service was beautiful, a testament to Ken’s faith. Allow the Holy Spirit to hold you in His hand and give you peace.
Barb (Anderson) Buseman. Class of ‘78

Barb Buseman - January 30, 2025 at 02:15 PM

BH

“ Barb, I'm so sorry to hear about Ken. He was a great person. I hired him for maintenance at Goose Creek and he was one of the greatest people that worked for me. Always willing to do anything that needed to be done. Our paths crossed several times after then. He rented a camper space at Stow Away and we always had a good visit when he came in to pay rent. My prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Betty Heide - January 30, 2025 at 10:09 AM

LB

“ Dearest Barb and family, Deepest sympathy to you in yhe passing of Ken. We've lost one of the good guys!

Linda Bengston - January 30, 2025 at 03:15 AM



“ Mini Classic Charcuterie & Board Gift Set was purchased for the family of Kenneth Van Heiden.



January 29, 2025 at 12:34 PM

OV

“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. We wish we were able to make it down, know we are thinking of you.

Ona VanHeiden - January 29, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Van Heiden.*



January 29, 2025 at 09:43 AM



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

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth Van Heiden.*



January 28, 2025 at 02:35 PM



“ *We camped with Ken and Barb over Memorial Day weekend, It was so busy in Decorah campers were side by side. I parked my truck behind the camper and started walking towards Ken. The guy beside us told me to move it now or he would. I think I was going to get my butt kicked. Ken walked over and got right into the guys face. Everything got worked out and no hitting happened, That's for having my back big guy!*

Tim Carlson - January 26, 2025 at 07:31 PM

TC

“ My wife Cindy is Ken's cousin, when she was born Ken's Mom took care of Cindy till her mom got better. Ken's also use to tell Cindy dirt jokes till he got a rise out of her. We will miss you alot Ken.

Tim Carlson - January 26, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kenneth Van Heiden.



January 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM

RV

“ Roger and Dawn VanHeiden purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Van Heiden.



Roger and Dawn VanHeiden - January 24, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RV

“ Roger and Dawn VanHeiden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Van Heiden.

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