



## Kent Ruby

November 7, 1944 - April 10, 2025

Robert Kent Ruby, age 80, died unexpectedly at home on Thursday, April 10. He was a man of deep faith who brought joy and laughter to many people. Kent was born on November 7, 1944, in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the son of Robert and Dorothy (Osgood) Ruby. He was a 1963 graduate of Cedar Falls High School and a 1967 graduate of NW Missouri State University. He worked in the department of residence at UNI for 35 years.

At age 20, Kent was diagnosed with diabetes and courageously faced this challenge for 60 years. Kent had a personal relationship with his Savior, Jesus Christ, sharing his faith with others, and participating in small group bible studies.

Kent was a self-taught handyman, loved the theater, classical music, dogs, plain cake doughnuts, Cornflake cookies, and bacon. He enjoyed riding the bike trails, especially on the Root River trail in southern Minnesota where they owned a vacation home in Lanesboro,

Minnesota for several years. Kent was a generous giver, sharing his time, talents, and finances with those in need.

In December 1966 Kent married Linda Wiesley. They had 3 children: Lynette, Erynn, and Jason.

In October 1982 he married Juanita Hutchison.

Kent is survived by his wife of 42 years, Juanita, his two daughters, Lynette Wagner (Kevin) and Erynn Clark (Richard), his daughter-in-law, Tammy, 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

In addition, Kent is survived by his sister, Marcene Tack, and brothers Erlin Ruby (Linda) and Mike Ruby (Jo Anne). He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert & Dorothy Ruby, his son, Jason in 2023 and his brother-in-law Elvin Tack, in 2020.

Services will be held at Orchard Hill Church in Cedar Falls on Thursday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m.

with visitation starting at 10:00. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be sent to Orchard Hill Church

(3900 Orchard Hill Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613), NE Iowa Food Bank (1605 Lafayette St., Waterloo, IA 50703), or Retrieving Freedom (1152 230 th St., Wavery, IA 50677) in memory of Kent.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church  
3900 Orchard Hill Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

Orchard Hill Church  
3900 Orchard Hill Drive  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

# Tribute Wall

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“ -Woodland Hills Staff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kent Ruby.



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**-Woodland Hills Staff** - April 16, 2025 at 12:54 PM

CC

“ Lynette and Erynn, I was saddened to see that your dad had passed. Although I didn't know him well, any time we would chat he was always very friendly and kind. It seems like just the other day I talked to him at Menards. My condolences.

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**CHRIS CONRAD** - April 15, 2025 at 11:46 AM

GK

*My condolences to Kent's family. I was a friend from early childhood living across the street from Ruby's. We were in scouting together and had a lot of good times growing up and through high school.*

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**Greg Kamienski** - April 20, 2025 at 12:48 AM

AB

“ Juanita and family. My heart goes out to you. Kent's enthusiasm, and smiles just made anyone's day. I've missed you two at Orchard and so admire the way you've made your lives work with all its challenges. Hugs, Thoughts, and Prayers for sure. I'll be there Thursday!

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**Ann Barry** - April 14, 2025 at 01:48 PM

RD

*Dear Juanita and family,  
Rory and I were blessed to have known you darling Kent. He and Juanita were the first friends we made at Orchard Hill Church. We will be praying for those who love Kent as you strive to move forward in your lives without his kind presence.*

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**Rochelle Dolan** - April 14, 2025 at 02:12 PM

TC

*“ Prayers for the family, Kent was such a nice person and I am glad to say I knew him. First meet him at UNI when I was in food service. Always had time to talk or to help out. God Bless! He will be missed all who knew him!*

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**Tim Carlson** - April 13, 2025 at 08:52 PM

PB

*“ It was a pleasure getting to know Kent. He will be missed.*

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**Peggy Bast** - April 13, 2025 at 01:24 PM