



Pat Lyman

May 2, 1951 - December 13, 2018

CEDAR FALLS – Charles Patrick “Pat” Lyman, 67, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, December 13, 2018 at the Western Home Communities Martin Center.

He was born May 2, 1951 in Sioux Falls, SD, the son of Charles J. and Margaret A. Eastman Lyman. He married Mary M. Richardson on June 19, 1982 in Sac City, IA.

He graduated from O’Gorman High School, attended Iowa Central Community College and later graduated with his Geology degree from the University of Northern Iowa. He was employed as a dynamometer operator at John Deere for 37 years, retiring in 2008. He was a former union steward for UAW #838 and a member of the Cedar Falls Gun Club. He was also an active volunteer at Lincoln Elementary School, sharing his love of rocks and minerals, where he was known as Pat the Rock Guy.

Survived by: his wife Mary of Cedar Falls, daughter Katy Lyman of Minneapolis, 3 sisters, Barb (Charlie) Kluck, Mary (Kevin) Ryan of Silver Springs, MD, and Janet (Kenn) Willems of West Des Moines, IA and one brother Tom (Tweet) Lyman of Davenport.

Proceeded in death by: his parents.

Memorial services 12:00 pm Friday, December 21 at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Cedar Falls with inurnment in the church columbarium. Visitation will be Thursday, December 20 from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Richardson Funeral Service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the CFCSF/cancer

center, Cedar Falls Community Schools Foundation or the Community Cancer Center in Waterloo.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **20**. 5:00 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>

Memorial Service

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
2410 Melrose Drive
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 277-8520
<http://stlukescf.org>

Tribute Wall

JE

“ *The Eastman cousins in California wanted to offer our deepest condolences to our Lyman cousins. We have such fond memories of our visits to Sioux Falls, and visiting all of our cousins. Pat was one of the "older" cousins, and we, being younger cousins thought he was so cool and fun. We will always remember how kind and generous he was to those of us who were younger and didn't live in Sioux Falls. Last year, when suddenly and unexpectedly we lost our beloved dad and your uncle, it meant so much hearing from everyone. It was especially nice hearing from folks weeks after the loss, when the busy-ness and haze of those first few days wore off a bit. So, we decided to wait a month and let you know that we are so very sorry the loss of Pat. We continue to hold you in our thoughts and prayers. Please know we love being family with you and we love you all very much. We hope to see you soon at the next family reunion. All our love,*

Jennifer, Stacy, and Jim Eastman

Jennifer - January 12, 2019 at 10:55 PM



“ *Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes was purchased for the family of Pat Lyman.*



January 06, 2019 at 02:11 PM

DM

“ Dear Mary and Katy,

Pat so generously gave of his time to share his knowledge of "rocks" to our fourth grade classes for many years at Malcolm Price Laboratory School. Katy was the one who first told me about her Dad and his special gift of teaching when she was in my class at PLS. She was so proud of her Dad, and he came many years afterward to give other fourth graders insightful knowledge of geology.

He was a kind, gentle soul, and I know he'll be greatly missed. I am so sorry for your loss. May the many treasures he left behind through thought, word, and deed comfort you. My sympathies to all of you.

Dr. Diane McCarty



Diane McCarty - December 21, 2018 at 02:08 PM

DS

“ We have some great memories of Pat. Always keeping an eye out for our kids when they were young. So sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Tim and Debi Schmidt

Debi Schmidt - December 21, 2018 at 08:07 AM

DB

“ Pat Lyman was an incredible volunteer at Lincoln Elementary, CF for many years! He came to the 4th Grade classes and taught Geology lessons. He shared his love for rocks, and soon became "Pat the Rock Guy". The students LOVED him and looked forward to these lessons in 4th grade. He was instrumental in getting the tours of the rock quarry set up, and facilitated other activities at school for the students. He was a collaborative planner with the grade teams who worked with him. His genuine interest, humor, and gentle manner enhanced our building learning environment. We are so very thankful he shared his talents with our students. Both students, and educators are blessed for having had the opportunity to work with this wonderful friend!

Deb Beving - December 20, 2018 at 01:51 PM

TF

“ The Neeson Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Pat Lyman.



The Neeson Family - December 20, 2018 at 07:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Pat Lyman.



December 19, 2018 at 11:21 PM

KD

“ Met Pat thru trapshooting. He always had a good story and great advice if I had a bad day. Always looked forward to our visits at the State shoot.

Kevin Doerring

Wisconsin Delegate

Kevin Doerring - December 18, 2018 at 09:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Pat Lyman.



December 18, 2018 at 01:53 PM

MS

“ Thank you for being an awesome brother. This is for you. I hope you can hear it.

Love,
Mary Lyman Ryan

<https://www.google.com/search?q=forever%20young%20bob%20dylan>

Mary Lyman Ryan (Pat's sister) - December 17, 2018 at 07:55 PM

JS

“ I worked with Pat at Lincoln. He was a great guy, and taught geology to many students. I'm glad I knew him. *Jim Sprau*

jim sprau - December 17, 2018 at 05:05 PM

JD

“ I have only met Mary & Tom but you all have my sincere condolences. I am a better person for having known him.

I met Pat many years ago through trapshooting. Extremely intelligent, always friendly & I always looked forward to getting caught up w/ him. He was a positive force for the Iowa State Trapshooting Association & the Cedar Falls Gun Club. I remember when his Dad ran 100 straight at the Iowa State Shoot. You would've sworn that Pat was the proud Dad!!! And when he acquired a Perazzi from Phil Thyer. And then his new Kolar that was built for him! As giddy as a kid on Christmas morning! He always stopped by Beer Camp to catch up w/ everyone @ the Iowa State shoot. When Kathy (my wife) was battling chemo & radiation the 2nd or 3rd thing Pat would ask; was how is she was doing? He was battling his own health issues yet he was concerned for her.

I know he has been in a lot of pain the past few years. This unfortunately kept him from participating in trapshooting (and life in general) the way he would have like to. Well my Friend the pain is over & you can rest easy. You may be gone from this earth but you will be long remembered. RIP Pat.

*John & Kathy Dvorak
Marion, IA*

John Dvorak - December 17, 2018 at 02:41 PM

MR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was taken too soon. We have had many great times with Pat. Our greatest sympathy. Mike and Ann Riley



Mike and Ann Riley - December 16, 2018 at 09:38 PM

KH

“ To the family of Pat Lyman,
I've known Pat ever since I was in 4th grade when he taught my class during our "rock" unit. "Pat the Rock Guy" was a very popular name at my school. I still have some of the unique rocks he gave me as a prize after I won a little trivia game he had one day. I then knew Pat through the Cedar Falls Gun Club and would often see him when I would work at the State Trap Shoot. He was such a friendly man, he would always give me a big hug and would often give me a small amount of money and he would always tell me to put it towards my college fund. He was such a kind and caring man, and he definitely had an impact on my life, and I was greatly saddened to learn of his passing. My prayers and condolences go to you and the rest of his family. He will definitely be greatly missed, but I know Heaven gained an absolutely wonderful man.

Sincerely,
Karmen Hitchcock

Karmen Hitchcock - December 16, 2018 at 08:22 PM

PB

“ Hi Mary and Katy,
I wanted to extend my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I have such great memories of Pat teaching me, along with my 4th graders, all about his rocks and minerals. I was so clueless! He became my friend and colleague, along with the other teachers he taught. He talked about you both often. I still think of Pat as my grandkids grow older and have their 4th grade science unit! God's Oesce be with you!

Sincerely,
Peggy Bernard

Peggy Bernard - December 16, 2018 at 07:34 PM

CA

“ *Mary and katy,so sorry to hear of Pats passing!! I will miss Him! I called Him Your Left handness! We had a lot great conversations about Life! Charlie Aldridge*

charles Aldridge - December 16, 2018 at 04:47 PM

TR

“ *My sons knew "Pat the Rock Guy" because of the time he spent volunteering at Lincoln Elementary School. Pat was a natural with the kids and enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge. He made science come to life. My son Noah, in particular, really connected with Pat. Pat was very encouraging to my 4th grader who loved science.*



I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you all during this difficult time.

Tyann Rouw - December 16, 2018 at 11:16 AM

JR

“ *I met Pat in the late 1960s when his family moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa. I always liked Pat. My brother, Kevin, married his sister, Mary, and Pat and I were godparents to their first child, Matt. Pat was always a special friend and I am so sad that he passed on at such a young age but glad he is no longer in pain*
Jane Ryan

Jane Ryam - December 15, 2018 at 03:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Pat Lyman.*



December 15, 2018 at 02:37 PM



“ *Lymans; We are so sorry for your loss. Pat was a wonderful guy who always wanted to do things for others. He will be missed by many.*

*Don and Judy Ryan Haaversen
Minneapolis*

Judy Haaversen - December 15, 2018 at 01:50 PM



*Pat was a great person. I had not seen him for years, but was aware of his health problems. He was so young to die. May he rest in peace.
Steve and Shirl Ryan, Detroit*

steve ryan - December 15, 2018 at 02:41 PM



My 2 children were fortunate to have known, "Pat, the Rock Guy" from Lincoln School. He was so passionate about rocks and it was wonderful that he shared his knowledge with the students. My thoughts and prayers are with Pat's family at this sad and difficult time. With deepest sympathy, Christina Isley

Christina L. Isley - December 16, 2018 at 04:51 PM