



Richard "Dick" Cobler

May 2, 1935 - April 22, 2026

Richard "Dick" Cobler, age 90, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

He was born May 2, 1935, in Ottumwa, Iowa, the son of Donald and Woneta (Dotson) Cobler. He graduated from Ottumwa High School in the class of 1953. On April 18, 1960, he was united in marriage to Bonnie Kelp in Mason City. Bonnie preceded Dick in death on December 10, 2024.

In his early career, Dick was well-loved in the Cedar Valley area as the manager of the Starlite Drive-in theater and the Regional Manager for Central States Theaters. Later he worked as a food broker, ultimately starting his own company, Cobler Foods, and representing clients such as Smucker's, Dei Fratelli, and many others.

Dick's greatest joy was to be surrounded by family and friends. He enjoyed traveling and having adventures with his wife and friends. He loved to tell a good story. He was very witty and always enjoyed a good laugh and making others laugh.

Dick is survived by children, Dawn (Ernie) Doeden of Cedar Falls, Kari (Kevin) Carney of Norwalk, Kathleen Cobler of Marion, Scott (Stephanie) Cobler of Iowa City, Matthew (Leann) Cobler of Johnson Creek, WI, and Jennifer (Quentin) Boatman of Bennett; grandchildren, Lindsey, Jacob, Laramie,

Joshua, Kelsey, Carson, Madisen, Xander, and Gage; and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Bonnie, sister Marilyn Hutchinson, and brother Robert Cobler.

Memorial services will be 11am Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Visitation will begin at 10am, one hour prior to the service. Inurnment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls. A reception and luncheon will follow in the community room at 4305 Autumn Ridge Road, Cedar Falls.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
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Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

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Inurnment

APR **28**. 11:45 AM (CT)

Fairview Cemetery
12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Reception

APR 28. 12:15 PM (CT)

Community Room
4305 Autumn Ridge Rd
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Tribute Wall

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“ *BRENT COBLER purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Dick" Cobler.*



BRENT COBLER - April 26 at 08:22 PM

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“ *Mark and Kristie Cobler families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Richard "Dick" Cobler.*



Mark and Kristie Cobler families - April 26 at 02:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard "Dick" Cobler.*



April 23 at 06:25 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Richard "Dick" Cobler.*

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