



## Robert "Bob" Hardman

May 24, 1936 - March 25, 2018

Robert "Bob" Hardman (1936-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Robert "Bob" Hardman, 81, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, died Sunday, March 25, 2018 at the Western Home Communities Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center in Cedar Falls.

He was born May 24, 1936, in Cumberland, Maryland, son of Walter and Stella (Gordon) Hardman. He married Becky Lewis on December 31, 1959 in Winchester, Virginia.

He graduated from Maryland State College in Frostburg, MD, and received his Masters and Doctorate degrees from the University of Indiana. He was a professor and Director of Information Technology at the University of Northern Iowa, retiring in 1999. He served as past President of Cedar Falls Rotary Club and Cedar Falls Historical Society. He was an active member of the University of Northern Iowa Emeritus Association and Cedar Valley O Scale Modelers and was appointed three terms on the Iowa Communications and Technology Commission. He was named Cedar Falls Citizen of the Year and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: his wife of Cedar Falls; a son, Clint Hardman of Cedar Falls; and two grandsons, Tyler and Jake Hardman.

Preceded in death by: a son, Thomas L. Hardman.

Memorial Services: 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 29, at First United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until service time. Inurnment at a later date in Fairview Cemetery, Cedar Falls. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the Western Home Foundation, First United Methodist Church, or Cedar Falls Historical Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 29.** 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

**MAR 29.** 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DH

“ Dear Becky and family, So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I was in NY visiting Cole and didn't hear about it until my return over the weekend. Sorry to have missed the memorial service. So many wonderful memories of our neighborhood Christmas gatherings at your home and how excited Bob would get when the kids wanted to see his train set! He always had time for the kids' questions and loved their company! We miss you around the neighborhood and hope to see you around soon. Hugs to you! Diane Highnam

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**Diane Highnam** - April 02, 2018 at 08:31 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear about Bob's death. I worked with him at UNI and learned to respect and admire him more each year. He always greeted me with a warm smile--one of the last of the true gentlemen.

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**Barbara Safford** - March 31, 2018 at 12:35 PM

TC

“ Becky and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. I always liked working for the two of you. I no that for the next weeks ahead will be hard. Lean on family and friends, know that we will be praying for all of you. God Bless Tim Carlson

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**Tim Carlson** - March 31, 2018 at 12:05 PM

MB

“ I enjoyed working with Bob on many technology projects at UNI. He was integral in introducing me to the ICN, which lead to the Communication Studies Department offering a Masters Degree for teachers. He was a scholar and a gentleman. My sympathy to the family.

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**Mary Bozik** - March 29, 2018 at 11:22 PM

TL

“ My name is Timothy L Lapointe. I am currently the longest serving commissioner on the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission. I served with him through all of his three terms. It is with great sadness that I now hear of his passing. He was a gentleman and a friend. He was very instrumental in leading the Commission and the ICN through some very tough times. His insight and leadership was crucial during his years on the Commission and he taught me a great deal. I will miss him. My sincerest condolences to his family.

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**Tim Lapointe** - March 29, 2018 at 03:21 PM

BH

“ Becky: So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Remember I used to tell you I wanted to buy your home! Bob has seen Jesus face-to-face. What a blessing for him.  
Grief is exhausting. Take care of yourself  
Brenda Hempen

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**Brenda Hempen** - March 29, 2018 at 01:51 PM

JH

“ Dear Becky,

*My heart goes out to you and your family. Bob was such an important mentor to me. Having been colleagues at UNI, Bob was President of the CF Historical Society when I joined its Board. I admired his leadership and became devoted to those causes that were important to him. His interest in the UNI Emeritus Association was another source of inspiration for me. And then came the day when he suggested I join the Cedar Falls Community Foundation. His ongoing passion that things be done "right" was yet another touch point in his mentorship.*

*Because of him, I came to know you better--another gift. With deep sympathy,*

*Judy Harrington*

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**Judith Harrington** - March 29, 2018 at 10:46 AM

JA

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I enjoyed working with Bob during our time at UNI. Becky, thinking of you and sending condolences to you and your family. Janice Abel*

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**janice abel** - March 28, 2018 at 09:35 PM

GP

“ *Mrs. Hardman and Clint,*

*So sorry to hear of Dr. Hardman's passing. Keeping your family in our prayers.*

*Greg Piech*

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**Greg Piech** - March 28, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Bob was a terrific mentor and friend ...a decade ago, we spent Saturdays at the Cedar Falls Historical Society, swapping stories and insights about Cedar Falls history and technology while working on the model railroad layout. His was a life truly well-lived, and so many people have been inspired by his selfless service to others -- and his regular encouragement and unfailing good cheer. Thank you, Bob! You're a community treasure, and we're a better for your intelligence, energy, and enthusiasm for life!*

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**Rob Green** - March 28, 2018 at 05:18 PM

FE

“ *From Kyle, John, Kelsey, and Ellen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert "Bob" Hardman.*



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**From Kyle, John, Kelsey, and Ellen** - March 28, 2018 at 04:15 PM

CJ

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. We will always remember your hospitality for inviting us into your home and allowing us to share Bob's love of trains. We are thinking of you all.*

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**Carl and Michele Jacobsen** - March 28, 2018 at 02:19 PM

TF

“ *Dr. Hardman was a wonderful friend to education and such a supporter of Technology in Education. As a retired employee of the ICN and former Legislative Branch staffer, I appreciated his tireless work for sharing educational opportunities throughout Iowa. He was also one of the nicest persons I have ever worked with.*

*Tami Fujinaka*

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**Tami Fujinaka** - March 28, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert "Bob" Hardman.*



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March 27, 2018 at 09:20 PM

BW

“ *Becky and Clint and family. We are so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He was a great colleague and a very kind person. We are sorry we can not be there for his visitation and service as we are in Colorado with Rachel who lost her husband to cancer this past year. Bob was very helpful and welcoming to me (Barry) as a new faculty member at UNI. Always upbeat, smiling, and very kind.*

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**Barry and Jane Wilson** - March 27, 2018 at 02:00 PM

DA

“ *Becky, I was so sorry to learn of Bob's cancer and then his death. We have wonderful memories of the times we spent with you guys. LaVerne enjoyed taking trips with him.*

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**Donna Andreessen** - March 27, 2018 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ *Dear Becky,  
I was so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. I didn't know him real well  
but know he was a great man, and you have always been special to  
me. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
Marnie

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**Marnie Stewart** - March 27, 2018 at 10:25 AM

SS

“ *Bob was such a grand colleague for so many years at UNI. We  
spend many hours together touring Iowa as we helped teachers  
learn to use the ICN. We enjoyed many laughs about trains,  
especially when I insisted on putting the penny on the track before  
the California Zephyr came into town. As I predicted the penny was  
flattened. The best part was I had to use Bob's penny!  
Rest in peace dear friend.*  
Sharon Smaldino

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**Sharon Smaldino** - March 27, 2018 at 09:41 AM

MH

“ *Bob was wonderful to work with while implementing the ICN. His  
impact on education carries the legacy he has left. Love of trains  
"legendary. Dr. Mary Herring*

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**mary herring** - March 27, 2018 at 09:30 AM



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