



## Robert Leo Dykes

April 14, 1961 - February 16, 2017

CEDAR FALLS-Robert Leo Dykes, 55, of Joliet, IL, formerly of Waterloo, died Thursday, February 16, 2017 in an industrial accident in Rockdale, IL.

He was born April 14, 1961, in Cedar Falls, IA, the son of Eldon Leo and Kathryn Louise Dykes. He graduated from Waterloo Central High School in 1979. He had been employed at FedEx and Nieman Marcus, both in Chicago, and currently self-employed in antique and machinery sales.

Robert is survived by two sisters, Kathy (Bob) Rowray of Delhi and Kiona (Darren) Pommer of Cedar Falls; one brother, Chris Dykes of St. Petersburg, FL; two nieces, Kaylee Mettlin and Brandi Bresson; one nephew Josh (Amy) Minikus; two uncles, James (Marcia McKee) Wahner and Jerry (Donna) Dykes, great niece Zoey Bresson, and many other aunts and cousins.

Preceded by: parents, uncles, and grandparents.

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, with interment in the Garden of Memories Cemetery, Waterloo. Visitation 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday and also one hour prior to the services.

Online condolences may be left at: [www.richardsonfuneralservice.com](http://www.richardsonfuneralservice.com)

Bob enjoyed being a man of all trades, animals, art, music, gardening, flowers, entertaining his friends and family and helping others. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories

3669 Logan Ave  
Waterloo, IA 50703

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **22**. 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

FEB **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RA

“ So sorry to all of Bob's family for your loss. Prayers for all.

*Rick & Rosemary Amos*

Rick & Rosemary Amos - February 27, 2017 at 04:38 PM

RT

“ Bob, you are missed. You will always be in our hearts. We were blessed to have shared a friendship with you.

*Rose and Robin*

Rose Ticoli - February 23, 2017 at 07:24 AM

AM

“ Bob, you were take way too soon. We will miss all your stories and plans for the future... We will keep your memories in our hearts forever...

*Alan Myers & Scott Sichterman*

alan myers - February 22, 2017 at 01:03 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Robert Leo Dykes.



February 22, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Leo Dykes.



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February 21, 2017 at 09:58 AM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Robert Leo Dykes.



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February 20, 2017 at 11:26 PM



“ We are still shaken by the news of Bob's sudden passing and send our heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Although we knew him for a short time, Bob welcomed our family into his home and heart with open arms. He instigated getting Tom & I into neighborhood functions again where we were introduced (and in some cases reintroduced) to his other good friends & fellow neighbors. Our son, Owen and his friends helped move granite into Bob's infamous kitchen last weekend, Afterward, the pool table was opened up to the crew while his sister, Emma retreated to a loft room she claimed as hers. I will always be grateful for our evening text sessions. Valentine's Day was our last communication; when we firmed up our next visit after letting him know how much he meant to us. We are so fortunate to have known him. He was such an incredible gift to everyone he touched.

*The Dziekans~ Tom, Jina, Owen & Emma*

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**Jina Dziekan** - February 20, 2017 at 09:40 PM

TD

“ Here at Thayer brothers restaurant bob will greatly missed..he was a burst of energy every time he walked through those doors...he was here at least 3 times a week to help us with anything he could find to fix..😞 And tell us the best jokes and made us laugh until we cried....😁...we are so so sad..😞😞😞..god bless u Bob..🙏 we will always keep your memory with us forever..R.I.P.....we love you..❤️

tjayer brothers deli - February 20, 2017 at 09:17 PM

KN

“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend and neighbor. We send our deepest condolences to his family. Bob made dinner for us the night before his tragic accident. He was a great cook and he loved sharing meals with his many friends and neighbors. He was the first person we met when we moved into the neighborhood. He loved restoring his home, but would drop everything to help a neighbor by fixing a broken light, or picking vegetables, or putting trim on their porch. You didn't need to ask for his help – he seemed to just show up and offer. His pets were his children and we want you to know that they are all being well cared for. Bob was invited to every family gathering we had our house and I send sincere condolences from them as well. He and I shared a passion for Christmas decorations and he called me Wednesday night after we had gotten home from dinner at his house. He said, “I plan to have the kitchen done soon and we will have lots of room to bake Christmas cookies together this year.” The Season will not be the same without him. The neighborhood will not be the same without him. His loss is felt by many. Kathy and John Nassios

Kathy & John Nassios - February 20, 2017 at 04:16 AM

JD

“ Bob, only recently, had John and myself (Michael) at his beautiful home for dinner. We met some wonderful friends of his that live in Chicago. Afterwards, Bob proudly gave John and I a tour of his home's Christmas displays...simple out of this world. I can only pray, whom ever takes Bob's Christmas collection, will appreciate it as much as he did. He was a man of character, intelligence, and generosity. His home was open to any one...including four legged friends. John and I will terribly miss Bob's passion and stories and his exquisite Christmas décor. God bless you Bob on your final journey.

Most sincerely,  
John Bailey & Michael D'Atri

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**John Bailey & Michael D'Atri** - February 19, 2017 at 10:58 PM

MW

“ Very sad to hear about this sudden tragedy from a former neighbor when he lived in Pullman for about 10 years or so until he moved to Joliet. He will be missed.

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**Mike Wolski** - February 19, 2017 at 09:06 PM

BE

“ I'm so sorry to see this about Bob. This would have been such a terribly shock on your mom. Now he is with his folks. I still remember you kids when your folks bowled with me and Wayne. God bless and give you strength through the the days ahead. So sorry.

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**bettyraffield** - February 19, 2017 at 07:15 PM

RN

“ We are in shock and deep mourning over this terrible loss. Bob was a good friend, a wonderful neighbor, and the savior for the fine old house he bought and was renovating. He had a lot of life left to live and a whole lot of to-do's still on his list. We all miss him.

*Bob and Linda Nachtrieb  
Joliet, IL*

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**Robert Nachtrieb** - February 19, 2017 at 05:23 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Robert Leo Dykes.



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February 19, 2017 at 04:52 PM

GM

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear of Bob's death. We visited him in Joliet a few weeks ago to see his Christmas decorations and have dinner with him. So grateful for that time with him. His kind spirit will be missed by all who knew him. Gary Monson & Jim Needles, Chicago

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**Gary Monson** - February 19, 2017 at 03:57 PM

WF

“ *WITH LOVE FROM THE ZERAVICH/CISZEWSKI FAMILIES purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Robert Leo Dykes.*



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**WITH LOVE FROM THE ZERAVICH/CISZEWSKI FAMILIES -**  
February 19, 2017 at 12:04 PM