



Garry N. Belcher

May 4, 1945 - February 13, 2023

Garry Neil Belcher, age 77, died Monday, February 13, 2023 in Fonda, Iowa.

Military honors will take place Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. on the Buena Vista County Courthouse lawn with a Celebration of Life to follow until 8:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Garry Neil Belcher was born May 4, 1945, a man of many hats. His mom, Evelyn Nelson of Alta married Paul Belcher of Storm Lake during World War II. Paul was a career Navy man and Evelyn dressed the windows at JCPenney's in Storm Lake. Garry's brother, Phil was born the summer of 1947. Garry's parents divorced and remarried others. They are all deceased.

While growing up, Garry loved baseball and riding his bike. You could find him playing in the junkyard, fixing stuff with his Grandpa Clarence Nelson in his garage, or playing with his cousin's from Alta. While Mom was working, his Granny Nelson was in charge.

He also decided while in high school to grow up and do his own things. He moved from Storm Lake to Alta to California and stayed with his dad and step-mom. He graduated high school there. He then came back to Iowa and in

April of 1963, signed up for the Army at the age of 17 with the help of his mom, eventually becoming a Green Beret.

After Basic Training and jumping out of airplanes and other flying equipment, he was sent to Vietnam. He received a severe brain injury from shrapnel while there. He spent a lot of time in different government hospitals and became classified by the government as disabled.

He met Barbara Thul with son, Jason. They were married and a son, Jake was born April 1973. They later divorced. Garry married Irene Peters on December 31, 1981. She had two children: Hope and Sean. A blended family arrived.

Garry, Barb and Jason tried to live in Colorado, but work was too difficult for Garry. They moved back to Iowa, and eventually divorced. Garry had custody of the boys. He also helped at Beylis Bargains while the boys were in school. He loved bowling and that's where Gary and Irene met.

Garry enjoyed making street rods out of cars and pickups, and wood working using used lumber. He also learned to be a caregiver of the house and the kids and grandkids while Irene was at work.

Many times he enjoyed watching his kids in Little League and other sports, his grandkids in football, softball, baseball, track, and golf.

Surviving Garry are his wife, Irene of 40 years; children: Jason (Geraldine) and their children, Evan and Joy Rachael; Jake (girlfriend Jenni) and children, Brooke, Madison, Gavin, Carson, Ryan; Hope (Brian) Anderson and their children; Valorie (Jon) Grundmeir and their children: Harper, Joel and Charlotte; Brad Anderson and Kooper; Sean (Jennifer) Rath and their children: Caaden, Danica, and Xander; extended family and friends.

His hats that he wore were baseball, Army, Green Beret, and Cowboy. He loved his kids, grandkids, great grandkids very much.

Previous Events

Military Honors

MAR 11. 4:00 PM (CT)

Buena Vista County Courthouse
215 E 5th St
Storm Lake, IA 50588
<https://buenavistacounty.iowa.gov/>

Tribute Wall

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“ SO SORRY WE COULD NOT MAKE THE MKEMORIAL SERVICE ON FRIDAY. LARY IS NOT WELL. IRENE BE STRONG & AT PEACE

JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE
(A CARD WILL COME IN MAIL.)

PATTY GUNVILLE - March 12, 2023 at 01:05 PM

KN

“ I met Garry where else but the junk yard, I was looking for parts and so was he so we hit it off that day to be a great friendship that lasted until now. He enjoy bowling and so did I we just happen to bowl on the same nights but different teams. Spent time at the Moose playing pool and cards with that great guy and I am going to miss his smile and humor. 😂 Sorry to hear of his passing. My sympathies to Irene and family. 🙏. RIP my friend 🙏



Kevin & Deanne Neuroth - March 09, 2023 at 07:53 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 09, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Garry N. Belcher.*



March 03, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *Spent many nights bowling with Gary. Always fun to be around, even when Red lobster ran out of Salmon. Rest in peace.*

Jason & Mindy Stoltzfus - February 22, 2023 at 09:32 AM



“ *Garry was a classmate of mine at Alta. Condolences to his family.*

Ruth Kane - February 17, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Ride on, Garry.*

Mimi W. - February 16, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *Thinking of the times together and the help Garry gave to Dave after his stroke. Good family memories too with Irene and Evelyn's trips to visit. My condolences and sympathies to you all.*

Gigi Nelson - February 16, 2023 at 01:43 PM

JN

“ Thinking of Aunt Irene and all the family.

Josh, Cristina, Mateo, Ana

Josh Nutzman - February 16, 2023 at 12:34 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Phil Stough - February 16, 2023 at 11:58 AM

PS

“ Where to start with memories of my friend Bones. So many years from meeting at the old La Pizza house on Erie st back in the early '70s with his awesome chopper to the many years of bowling at Melody Lanes and later Storm Lake Bowl. The daily snooker games at Northside Rec later Lary's Tap will always be treasured as well. Stopping in to visit thru the years out in his wood shop at his house when I was back from Colorado. So sorry to hear of his passing. My sympathies to Irene and family. RIP my friend 😞

Phil Stough - February 16, 2023 at 11:19 AM

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“ My condolences to the family.

Amy (Geisinger) Lawrenz - February 15, 2023 at 09:46 PM

PL

“ Spent many hours playing pool and snooker with Garry! He was a great guy and I miss his smile and wisdom!

Patti Lane - February 15, 2023 at 08:32 PM

SS

“ Sorry for your loss prayers to the family and friends



Shelly schossow - February 15, 2023 at 07:59 PM

CM

“ My sympathy to Irene and family. Loved all the memories our family has of the times we went bowling together.



Cindy Morton - February 15, 2023 at 06:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Garry N. Belcher.



February 15, 2023 at 03:11 PM

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“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF GARY BELCHER. HE WAS GREAT HELPING WITH THE VET PROJECTS, FUNERALS & ETC. MAY HE RIP. TO HIS WIFE IRENE & HIS FAMILY, JAKE THE ONLY ONE WE KNOW, OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS. THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE.



JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE & ALL OUR FAMILY

PATTY GUNVILLE - February 15, 2023 at 02:27 PM

VJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss, Garry was my brother-in-law may you rest in peace, prayers to all the family and friends

vicki jensen - February 15, 2023 at 02:06 PM