



## Gregory Ray Schriber

June 15, 1956 - February 9, 2022

Gregory Ray Schriber was the kind of guy who would prefer to not have a fuss made out of him in the paper – in life or death. The recent Cherokee retiree and lifelong Storm Laker died on Feb. 9, 2022, at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center. He was 65.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home is directing the arrangements.

Greg was born to Romaine and Dorothy (Kalin) Schriber on June 15, 1956 in Storm Lake. Growing up, Greg attended grade school in Peterson, Iowa, and later attended St. Mary's School in Storm Lake before graduating from Storm Lake High School in 1975.

Greg lived a life that embraced the thrill of adventure over the banality of staying in a single, secure place. In 1979, he moved to Seattle, Washington, where he graduated from dive school and traveled the world as a deep-sea welder. Starting in 1990, he helped his father at Schriber Sales & Service.

After graduating from high school in 1975, Greg enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served until he was honorably discharged in February 1977.

Looking back, it was not out of character for him to downplay the length of his service to the point of obscurity – even to those with whom he was closest.

On April 25, 1992, he married Leigh-Ann Harrington at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with their son, Alexander and step-son Jeremy Winebrinner.

After living in Texas, Oregon and California, Greg retired from diving in his 40s. In 2000, he moved back to Storm Lake before his career shifted to working as a crane operator assembling wind turbines throughout Iowa and Texas. In 2018, Greg and Leigh-Ann moved to Cherokee.

Greg remained thankful by choice throughout life in many of his endeavors. For years, he would pick up sticks and repair gopher holes at St. Mary's Cemetery, always being sure to do so out of sight. His love language showed care through these types of gestures.

Greg enjoyed keeping his hands busy by doing home improvement projects, always looking for the next change to bring variety to a life staying put in one place. He leaves behind a multitude of unfinished projects and stacks of unused materials.

As an artist, he put into living color a variety of mediums including sketches and copper wire art of ships, ocean scenes, lighthouses, and picturesque seascapes. Unfussy about the paper he drew on – it could be a piece of printer paper or the inside of a Lean Cuisine box -- you could always expect a letter from Greg to have a few words of love alongside a quick sketch of a sailboat. To him, the picture said a thousand words.

Later in life, he channeled his talent into other painting mediums, like watercolors.

Greg is survived by his wife, Leigh-Ann Schriber of Cherokee; son: Alexander Decious (Elijah) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; siblings: Barbara (George) D'Amore of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Gary (Debbie) Schriber of Hollywood, Florida; Mark (Linda) Schriber of Billings, Montana; Michael (Cheryl) Schriber of Casper, Wyoming; brother-in-law: Vincent (Patricia) Harrington of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law: Cynthia Harrington (Mary Rose Algya) of Peoria, Arizona.

He is preceded in death by parents: Romaine and Dorothy (Kalin) Schriber; parents-in-law: Glenn and Jean Harrington; step-son: Jeremy Winebrinner.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I watched easyrider in late 80s when he visited Scottsdale on a rented vcr tape.down to earth, large, funny he had a cat,it was last minute get together,he got their before my roommate got home that I didn't know that we was very allergic to cats.Good times!He knew that I had big sisters,but never I had big brothers.The look was geat as he Greg greets him with a bear hug! One of the great memories,bear hugs to everyone,Love Mark

Mark McKenna - February 20, 2022 at 11:43 PM

CH

“ Cynthia Harrington lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



cynthia Harrington - February 19, 2022 at 11:14 AM

CH

“ Greg will be dearly missed.



cyntha Harrington - February 19, 2022 at 11:10 AM

CF

“ Cousins: Linda and Renee' and Families purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Gregory Ray Schriber.



Cousins: Linda and Renee' and Families - February 19, 2022 at 06:35 AM

FJ

“ 2 files added to the album Memorial Folder



Fratzke & Jensen - February 17, 2022 at 11:30 AM

LC

“ Gonna miss you Greg..RIP

lou chea - February 14, 2022 at 06:38 PM

SM

“ Steph Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



Steph Mickelson - February 14, 2022 at 09:59 AM

MM

“ *The whole McKenna family was saddened to hear of the loss of our nephew/cousin Greg. We have so many fond memories of him from all of our visits over the years. Dad and I are grateful we were able to see him in May 2019 on our last visit to Iowa. Our hearts go out to Leigh-Ann, Alex, Barbara, Gary, Mark, and Mike. Please accept our deepest sympathy.*



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**Monica and Donald McKenna** - February 14, 2022 at 07:44 AM

MM

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Monica and Donald McKenna** - February 13, 2022 at 02:13 PM

JT

“ *Greg was a fellow classmate and a neighbor of ours when we lived on the farm south of Storm Lake. Our deepest sympathy your family.*

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**Jean Biggins Toillion** - February 12, 2022 at 02:54 PM

SZ

“ RIP Greg



Sue Zemke - February 11, 2022 at 10:55 PM

JF

“ I don't have a memory but I certainly enjoyed reading his obituary. A very interesting life he lived. All the places he went and the diversity of jobs he held. All the secret things he volunteered doing while no one witnessed. A true child of God! 🙏 to his family-Joan Frederick

Joan Frederick - February 11, 2022 at 06:14 PM

PF

“ Peg Harrington Flynn lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



Peg Harrington Flynn - February 11, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ Teresa Handy lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



Teresa Handy - February 11, 2022 at 03:34 PM

JS

“ Janet Schneider lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



Janet Schneider - February 11, 2022 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family.



Debby Miller - February 11, 2022 at 01:20 PM

PH

“ Pat Harrington lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



Pat Harrington - February 10, 2022 at 09:34 PM

CH

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cyntha Harrington - February 19, 2022 at 11:08 AM

GC

“ Grace Neuroth Casson lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



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**Grace Neuroth Casson** - February 10, 2022 at 09:31 PM

LA

“ Jim and I and the whole family are truly sorry to hear of the loss of our cousin, Greg. We remember his visits with us in California staying with his Uncle Raymond and Aunt Leota.



Please accept our condolences to his family and brothers and sister and may our prayers help comfort you. Love, Linda Rae (Schriber) Andrews and Family.

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**Linda Andrews** - February 10, 2022 at 09:07 PM

PB

“ Pat And Gene Barnett lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber



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**Pat and Gene Barnett** - February 10, 2022 at 07:31 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Gregory Ray Schriber*



John/Connie Demers - February 10, 2022 at 05:07 PM

RR

“ *We are so sorry to hear about our cousin Greg. Our sympathy to Greg's family. May he Rest In Peace. Love, Renee ( Schriber) Razee and Family.*



Renee Schriber Razee - February 10, 2022 at 03:24 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF GREG SCHRIBER. MAY HE RIP. TO HIS WIFE & FAMILY ARE PRAYERS & SYMPATHY.*



*JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE, IOWA*

PATTY GUNVILLE - February 10, 2022 at 02:47 PM

NH

“ *So sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers are with all of you If i can do anything please ket me know*



Nicki Harrington - February 09, 2022 at 11:25 PM

PM

*Prayers sent, Gods blessings of comfort to all 🙏❤️*

**pat mauch** - February 10, 2022 at 01:14 PM

RF

*Prayers and sympathy to Leigh and family. May he rest in peace.*

**Ruth Freese** - February 11, 2022 at 10:03 AM

DF

*Thanks, Leigh-Ann for sharing this; tho' Jerry and I never met Greg, we know the pain of separation from loved ones. The promise of eternal life is the best consolation..Love, prayers. Dawn/Jerry Frederick*

**Dawn Frederick** - February 11, 2022 at 05:54 PM

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**Monica and Donald McKenna** - February 13, 2022 at 02:06 PM