

## Harvey Buckendahl

July 24, 1945 - May 30, 2025

Harvey Buckendahl, age 79, of Storm Lake, Iowa died May 30, 2025 at his home in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2025 from 5-8:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Harvey was born on July 24, 1945, in Santa Monica, California, to Harvey and Frieda (Braunschweig) Buckendahl. He was confirmed in his faith on March 22, 1959, at Zion Lutheran Church. Harvey attended Rembrandt School and graduated with the Class of 1963. Following graduation, he proudly served his country in the United States Army from September 16, 1963, to September 16, 1966.

On September 6, 1969, Harvey married the love of his life, Marian Smith, at the Storm Lake Methodist Chapel. Their marriage was filled with laughter, strength, and devotion. Together they raised three children—Tammy, Dawn, and Chad—and built a life grounded in love and family.

Harvey was known for his unwavering loyalty, dry wit, and kind heart. He had

a deep Christian faith that guided him throughout his life. His passion for cars began early and became a lifelong pursuit. Over 40 years ago, Harvey started his car detailing business, pouring his craftsmanship and pride into every vehicle he touched. His reputation for excellence earned him the trust of countless customers throughout the area. He also worked for many years at Witt Sales in Storm Lake and Spencer, and Service Master, where he was a valued employee and friend to many.

Harvey's love for cars was rivaled only by the love he had for his family. He especially cherished being "Grandpa" and "Great-Grandpa." His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his pride and joy. He attended their activities with pride, shared stories, and made sure each one felt special. His face would light up at the sound of their voices, and he never missed an opportunity to tell others how proud he was of them.

He also enjoyed time with his Brewster friends, attending car shows, watching NASCAR, and taking the occasional trip to the casino. But home was where his heart truly was—especially when surrounded by the laughter and love of his family.

Left to cherish Harvey's memory are his beloved wife of 55 years, Marian Buckendahl of Storm Lake; his loyal sidekick, Zoey; and his children: Tammy (Marty) Peck of Storm Lake, Dawn (Deno) Huntoon of Spencer, and Chad (Megan) Buckendahl of Fort Collins, Colorado. He is also survived by his sisters: Linda (Mike) Collins of Wahoo, Nebraska, and Shelley (Guy) McCausland of Camanche, Iowa.

Harvey's legacy lives on through his grandchildren: Victoria (Austin) Stille, Madison (Brandon) Burkard, Mason Peck, Tayler (Ryan) Kelsch, Ethan Huntoon, Aliza Huntoon and Leslie (Mike) Brunner; and his adored great-grandchildren: Remington, Wilder, and Stanton Stille; Granger Burkard;

Hadley and Rudy Kelsch; Chet, Kade, and Charlie Brunner; Each one held a special place in his heart, and he leaves behind countless cherished memories with them.

He is also fondly remembered by his siblings-in-law: Rosemary Henson; Karen (Leonard) Koch; Jim Smith; Susan (Mike) Gibbins; Kevin (Sandy) Smith; Lori (Scott) Watts; and many extended family members and dear friends.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Frieda Buckendahl; his beloved great-granddaughter, Murphy Burkard; his parents-in-law, Russell and Frances Smith; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Alice and Wayne Wallace; and his brother-in-law, Howard Henson.

Harvey's legacy of love, laughter, and craftsmanship lives on in those he held dear. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Service

JUN 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Grace Lutheran  
1407 W 5th St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588-3007

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 04, 2025 at 01:09 PM

RB

*A lot of great pictures of my older cousin. We both had a love of cars. My condolences to the family. Rest in peace Harvey Paul... ❤️*

Robert A. Buckendahl - June 05, 2025 at 07:17 AM

SM

“ *sheila mills lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



sheila mills - June 11, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 05, 2025 at 02:30 PM

RW

“ *Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl* ”



Ruth Westergaard - June 05, 2025 at 07:14 AM

JC

“ *He was truly a nice guy. Always loved talking with him* ”

John campbell - June 04, 2025 at 09:30 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - June 04, 2025 at 12:17 PM

JP

“ *James and Jeri Potter lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl* ”



James and Jeri Potter - June 04, 2025 at 11:10 AM

LH

“ *Laura Hanna lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



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**Laura Hanna** - June 04, 2025 at 08:19 AM

DF

“ *Drew and Leaha Eldridge and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Harvey Buckendahl.*



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**Drew and Leaha Eldridge and family** - June 04, 2025 at 07:14 AM

DF

“ *Drew and Leaha Eldridge and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harvey Buckendahl.*

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**Drew and Leaha Eldridge and family** - June 04, 2025 at 07:14 AM

TJ

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Harvey Buckendahl. His memory will live on through his family and friends.*

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**Tracy Johnson** - June 03, 2025 at 11:22 PM

TJ

“ *Tracy Johnson lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



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**Tracy Johnson** - June 03, 2025 at 11:20 PM

ER

“ *Eric Reimers*



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**Eric Reimers** - June 03, 2025 at 09:52 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Harvey Buckendahl.*



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June 03, 2025 at 08:55 PM

JP

“ *James and Jeri Potter lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



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**James and Jeri Potter** - June 03, 2025 at 08:16 PM

RP

“ Harvey , We and the car world will miss you!! Thank you for the great times when we were young! Ron Pingel

ron pingel - June 03, 2025 at 07:09 PM

AH

“ Ann (Westphal) Hagen purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Harvey Buckendahl.



Ann (Westphal) Hagen - June 02, 2025 at 08:41 PM

AH

“ Ann (Westphal) Hagen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harvey Buckendahl.

Ann (Westphal) Hagen - June 02, 2025 at 08:41 PM

SN

“ Always enjoyed visiting with Harvey. Great man! He detailed on every car we owned in Storm Lake and always did a fantastic job.

We were ready to trade vehicles years ago and decided to have Harvey shine it up before looking for a newer used car. He did such a great job that we kept that Chrysler for about another two years

Sheila and I send our condolences to the entire family.

Steve Sheila Neuroth - June 02, 2025 at 01:20 PM

MK

*God has his Arms Wrapped around You All through this time take Comfort from this.*

**Marlene Kollbaum** - June 04, 2025 at 10:10 AM

WT

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the family. Sending prayers during this difficult time.*



**Wilbur and Karen Triplett** - June 01, 2025 at 06:14 PM

AH

“ *My deepest Sympathy to all of Harv's family..RIP Harv!!*



**Arlo Hogrefe** - June 01, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DS

“ *Prayers to the family 🙏❤️🙏❤️ Will sure miss his jokes!!*



**Doug Sutton** - June 01, 2025 at 04:20 PM

SF

“ *The best vehicle detailer around! I wonder just how many he did? Great guy ....always a smile! Sympathy to the family!*

**Steven Frank** - May 31, 2025 at 11:16 PM

CD

“ Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl



Cheryl DeMan - May 31, 2025 at 10:55 PM

PM

So very sorry for your loss, prayers for all... ❤️🙏 .. Pat Mauch

Pat Mauch - June 01, 2025 at 06:04 PM

MH

“ mike and patty heuton lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl



mike and patty heuton - May 31, 2025 at 10:43 PM

JM

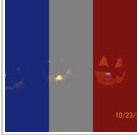
I always enjoyed chatting with Harvey whenever he detailed my car. GREAT conversations from a very car knowing guy. He'll be missed. You have my deepest sympathies.

Jeanna Morgan - June 02, 2025 at 12:52 PM

BS

“ Harvey was an exceptional person, someone who was always very kind and certainly hardworking. He will be greatly missed. May God's blessings be always with him in Heaven 🙏

Brad and Maureen Strader - May 31, 2025 at 09:46 PM



“ so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad.  
My prayers and thoughts go out to the family.



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**Sally Rassler** - May 31, 2025 at 09:41 PM



“ Jennie Davis lit a candle in memory of Harvey  
Buckendahl



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**Jennie Davis** - May 31, 2025 at 08:54 PM



“ Pat and Gene Barnett lit a candle in memory  
of Harvey Buckendahl



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**Pat and Gene Barnett** - May 31, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ Bob and Mary Beal lit a candle in memory of  
Harvey Buckendahl



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**Bob and Mary Beal** - May 31, 2025 at 07:45 PM

JW

“ *Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



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**Joan Whitney** - May 31, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SK

“ *Harvey was a one of a kind friend always telling funny stories and making us feel welcome when ever we visited. He will be truly missed. Our prayers to Marian, Tammy, Dawn and Chad. Also to the Grandchildren and Greatgrandchildren*

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**Steve ans Susan King** - May 31, 2025 at 01:33 PM

DF

“ *Darlene Armstrong and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Harvey Buckendahl.*



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**Darlene Armstrong and family** - May 31, 2025 at 01:32 PM

KS

“ *There was no one who wasn't a friend of Harvey. Hugs of support, love, and comfort to Marian and Tammy, Dawn, and Chad and their families during this most difficult time. We loved Harv's infectious laugh, making our vehicles shine like it was his, and our many conversations!!*

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**Ken and Janet Strouse** - May 31, 2025 at 11:29 AM

LN

“ We have so many fun memories of our childhood, going to the cousins. We grew up calling him Harvey Paul because Harvey was their Dad. Harv was always into cars & I remember him polishing cars way back then, like he still did recently. Praying for Marian & family, Linda, Shelley & all the families, you have our deepest sympathy. He will be missed.

Lori Nehring - May 31, 2025 at 09:14 AM

DW

“ Dale and Doris Wiley lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl



Dale and Doris Wiley - May 30, 2025 at 11:15 PM

VM

“ Harvey was one of the best of the best coming out of RHS. Easy going, even tempered and loved cars. No one detailed cars like he did. We were blessed to know him. RIP. Rolf and Valerie

valerie Mosbo - May 30, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DZ

“ Deborah Zerfoss lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl



Deborah Zerfoss - May 30, 2025 at 07:02 PM

DJ

“ *Deb Jesse lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



Deb Jesse - May 30, 2025 at 05:44 PM

SM

“ *Steph& Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



Steph& Sharon Mickelson - May 30, 2025 at 04:59 PM

TG

“ *Marian & Family,  
Our hearts hurt for you over the loss of Harv.  
Know you are in our thoughts and prayers!  
Tyler & Whitney Gibbins*



tyler & whitney gibbins - May 30, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CR

“ *connie roche lit a candle in memory of Harvey Buckendahl*



connie roche - May 30, 2025 at 01:54 PM