



## Bob Adams

April 18, 1929 - January 5, 2019

Bob Adams, 89, of Fairfield and formerly of Oskaloosa passed away Saturday evening, January 5, 2019, at the Jefferson County Health Center in Fairfield. Bobby Dean Adams, son of Warden Glenco and Veda (McIntosh) Adams, was born April 18, 1929, in New Virginia, Iowa. Bob was 1946 graduate of New Virginia High School. He joined the Naval Reserves in 1947 and during this time also worked at Solar Aircraft in Des Moines as a quality control engineer. In 1951, Bob was called to active duty in the Korean War and served total of eight years. He returned to Solar Aircraft following his discharge and worked there until the plant closed in 1959. Living in Indianola at the time, Bob went to work as an agent for Warren County Farm Bureau Insurance. In 1960, he was promoted and was transferred to Mahaska County to manage the agency in Oskaloosa. He remained with the company for three years and in 1963, bought the Gamble's Store in Oskaloosa. Bob owned and operated Gambles until 1981, at which time he sold the business to Doug Swim. One of Bob's passions was drawing and painting, and after selling the store to Doug, he continued to operate his art gallery/framing business within the store until 2011, when he sold it to Dave Boender.

Bob married Mary Alice Nine, November 6, 1949, in Medora, Iowa. And after 31 short years, she passed away, September 25, 1981. He was blessed to find love a second time and married Donna Marie (Shepherd) Fulton, June 5, 1982, in Oskaloosa. Bob was a member of the St. Paul Congregational United Church of Christ where he sang in the choir for many years. He later

transferred his membership to the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa. Bob was an American Legion member and a past Mason; he was also a member of Elmhurst Country Club where he served on the board and enjoyed golfing with his friends. While his children were small, he coached Little League. Birds were Bob's favorite subject to draw and paint, but he found beauty in all of nature and in addition to his artwork, Bob enjoyed hunting and fishing. Family was very important to Bob; he loved being surrounded by his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and after his marriage to Donna, her family as well. He entertained the family playing his harmonica, piano, trumpet, and guitar at many family gatherings. In July 2014, Bob and Donna moved to Fairfield.

His family includes his wife, Donna of Fairfield; his children and their spouses: Dr. Bradley (Diana) Adams of Austin, TX, Marcia (Dr. Patrick) Crocker of Medina, TX, Julie (Mark) Armstrong of Marion, IA, Kathryn (Alan) Love of Libertyville, IA, Kay (Tom) Atwood also of Libertyville, Craig (Joan) Fulton of Fairfield, IA, Kristie (Steve) Mitrison of Columbia, MO, and Karla (Dennis) Whitaker of Centralia, MO; 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and his first wife, Mary Alice, Bob was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Patricia Lee and a sister, Marie Thompson. Funeral Services for Bob will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, January 11, 2019, at the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa with Pastor J.D. Boatman of the Faith United Methodist Church of Libertyville, IA officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Thursday, January 10, 2019, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. The family will greet visitors from 10 a.m. to service time on Friday morning. Cremation will follow the service and burial will be at a later date. Memorials can be made in to the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa or Faith United Methodist Church in Libertyville, IA.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
secretary@forestcemetery.com  
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

# Previous Events

## Open Visitation

JAN **10**. 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

## Family Visitation

JAN **11**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
405 High Ave. E.  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
presby1@mahaska.org  
<http://www.oskaloosafirstpresbyterian.org>

## Funeral Service

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JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
405 High Ave. E.  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
presby1@mahaska.org  
<http://www.oskaloosafirstpresbyterian.org>

## Military Honors

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JAN 11. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church  
405 High Ave. E.  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
presby1@mahaska.org  
<http://www.oskaloosafirstpresbyterian.org>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Bob Adams*



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**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - January 08, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ *Bob Adams*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Brad, Marcia, Julie and families, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Bob always sat behind me in the church choir at St. Paul's Congregational United Church of Christ. Also, I enjoyed his artwork and have one of his pictures hanging on my living room wall. He was a great guy and I know that he will be missed.. I have you an your families in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Nancy Jane Stapp McCurdy*



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**Nancy Jane Stapp McCurdy** - January 30, 2019 at 05:46 PM

MJ

“ *Marc & Pat Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Bob Adams.*



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**Marc & Pat Johnson** - January 10, 2019 at 04:14 PM

DC

“ *To entire families of Bob's He was talented painter I have one of his paintings as a wedding present 30 years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are to be with you all in the ahead. I graduated with Brad in the class of '71' Loss of a parent is never easy . Gary and Delores (Morgan) Cundiff*

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**Delores Morgan Cundiff** - January 09, 2019 at 07:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob Adams.*



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January 08, 2019 at 07:43 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Extended Garza Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Bob Adams.*

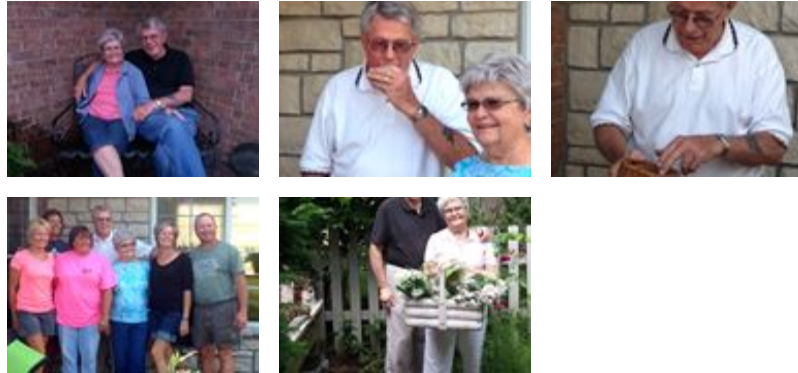


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**Love, The Extended Garza Family** - January 08, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory** - January 08, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ *Carol and Bob Armstrong and families purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Bob Adams.*



**Carol and Bob Armstrong and families** - January 08, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Judy And Larry Lewis lit a candle in memory of Bob Adams*



**Judy and Larry Lewis** - January 08, 2019 at 08:58 AM

RC

“ Rhonda Callison lit a candle in memory of Bob Adams



Rhonda Callison - January 08, 2019 at 07:28 AM

DA

“ Donna and Tony Anderson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bob Adams.



Donna and Tony Anderson - January 07, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bob Adams.



January 07, 2019 at 08:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Bob Adams.



January 07, 2019 at 08:30 PM

CH

“ *Bob Adams was a special individual. I loved him as if he was my Grandfather. May you rest in peace Bobby D.*

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**Curt Heideman** - January 07, 2019 at 08:12 PM

BD

“ *So sorry for your loss. Bob was a special person. Prayers for his family.*

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**Barbara Donohue** - January 07, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ *Bob was such a great man Always so kind and helpful . My sympathy for Brad, Marcia, and Julie . You were blessed with great parents. I also say the Adams house when I drive by your childhood home. Lots of memories in that neighbor hood.*

*Marty Burke*

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**Marty Burke** - January 07, 2019 at 03:28 PM

MW

“ *My brother, John Lewis, worked for Bob for awhile and they remained friends until John died 30+ years ago . Always loved the house on 3rd (we've lived on 2nd Ave E for 40 years. My sympathies to the family . He was a special man!*

*Mary & Karl Wisbrock*

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**Mary Wisbrock** - January 07, 2019 at 03:16 PM

KL

“ *Brad, Marcia, Julie and family,  
My love and prayers go out to you at the loss of your father. Your dad was one of Oskaloosa’s icon’s. He was well known and well liked. I know he felt so much love around him in his final days from all of you. Whenever I go by your house where you grew up, I look at it and say “ there is the Adams house. I am so sorry.*

**Kathy Larsen** - January 07, 2019 at 01:19 PM

CW

*Brad, Marcia, Julie, and family,  
May God give you comfort, strength, and peace in the days to come. So sorry for your loss of your dad. He was a very talented man.  
Connie Wymore Wright*

**Connie Wright** - January 07, 2019 at 02:37 PM

MC

*Brad, Marcia, Julie, sorry for your loss. Great memories of the Gambles store and your family.*

*Mike Christian*

**mike christian** - January 07, 2019 at 04:26 PM

RM

“ **ROBERT MORRISON** *lit a candle in memory of Bob Adams*



**ROBERT MORRISON** - January 07, 2019 at 12:49 PM