



## Gordon Wayne Vongroven

April 23, 1947 - June 11, 2022

Gordon “Gordy” Wayne Vongroven, 75, passed away Saturday, June 11, 2022 at Veteran’s Memorial Hospital in Waukon, IA.

Gordy was born in Spring Grove, MN on April 23, 1947 to Norman and Julia (Lasseson) Vongroven. He grew up on the family farm, and later joined the navy to fight in the Vietnam war. Though he didn’t speak much of the war itself, he told tales of being the captain’s driver, jumping off the ship to swim in the ocean, and accidentally sounding the alarm for what turned out to be jellyfish rather than enemy submarines.

After his four years of service, he moved to Waukon, IA. He married Gloria Rosendahl and had two daughters, Susan and Tracy. They later divorced, and he met the new love of his life, Yvonne Tieskotter, whom he married on September 6, 1997.

Gordy had a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face. No one was ever a stranger, only a friend he hadn’t met. He was a hard worker, and was always available to lend a helping hand. After several different jobs, Gordy became owner/operator of Eastside Construction and did many remodeling and new construction projects, including building his daughter’s home in MN. During his free time, he enjoyed mowing his lawn and puttering in his workshop, but most of all he loved camping and fishing with family and friends.

Gordy was a wonderful man, loved by all who knew him. He brought so much joy and laughter in all he did, and lives are so much richer because of him.

He is survived by his wife Yvonne, daughters Susan (Don) Baker of Mazeppa,

MN and Tracy (Randy) Jensen of Hayward, WI, stepson Dan Tieskotter of Chandler,AZ, six grand-children, four great-grandchildren, two sisters Judy and Brenda, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 17, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at Waterloo Ridge Lutheran Church, rural Dorchester, IA  
Pastor Diane Odermann will officiate.

Military rites will be provided by American Legion Post # 249 of Spring Grove, MN

Friends may call from 10:00 to 11:00 A.M. at the church.

Roble Funeral Home of Spring Grove is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Waterloo Ridge Church Cemetery

169 Dorchester Dr.  
Dorchester, IA 52140

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Waterloo Ridge Church Cemetery  
169 Dorchester Dr.  
Dorchester, IA 52140

## A Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne Vongroven.*



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June 16, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Wayne Vongroven.*



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June 14, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Bob, Ron, Jeanne, Shirley & spouses purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gordon Wayne Vongroven.*



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**Bob, Ron, Jeanne, Shirley & spouses** - June 14, 2022 at 10:38 AM

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“ As kids, my brother Ron and I used to spend a week or two in August on the farm with cousin Gordy and his family. We spent the time helping with chores, bailing hay, and helping with the thrashing crew. We found time to roam the farm, get into mischief (usually led by Gordy) like riding the sheep, irritating the big boar, and jumping from the hay loft into the oat pile, along with many other adventures. I'll never forget those years. Those times faded as we got to High School, but when we went to visit Gordy and his family, I remember going on car rides with Gordy. The way he drove his car, one hand on the suicide knob on the steering wheel and the other one the shift lever, speeding over curving gravel roads could scare the hell out of you. He always had that mischievous laugh and thought he was on a Sunday drive. Rest in peace Cousin. You will always be remembered.

*Bob Goodno and Family*

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**Robert Goodno** - June 13, 2022 at 11:30 PM