



**IOWA WINNIE HAWKS**



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**\*\*\*\*\*I know this reminder/announcement is late, but....**

**Iowa Winnie Hawks Gathering in Texas is this Saturday, the Hersom's are planning it, and their contact information is: 641-750-2774. Please let them know you are coming.\*\*\*\*\***

**Many of the members may already know our club lost a valued member and former Iowa Winnie Hawks president, Louie Walderbach. His obituary follows:**

John Louis "Louie" Walderbach, 72 of Ely, died December 9, 2017 at the Dennis & Donna Oldorf Hospice House of Mercy in Hiawatha, after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma multiforme (GBM).

Services: 10 a.m. Saturday, at St. Jude's Catholic Church by Rev. Mark Reasoner. Burial: St. Joseph Cemetery. A Vigil will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, at Teahen Funeral Home, where friends may visit with the family following the Vigil until 8 p.m., and on Saturday at the church after 9 a.m.

John is survived by Janet, with whom he celebrated 51 years of marriage earlier this year; his daughter Jill (Nick) Knuth and their children Nicholas, Kimberly, and Ian; his son Jim (Shelly) and their son Daniel; his daughter Joleen Dake and her sons John and Jordan; his sisters Inez (Ralph) Kremer and Judy Quint; and many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his son John Louis Walderbach, Jr.; his brother Jim; his sisters Ann Durfey, Jean Fank, and Frances Quint; two brothers in infancy; and his brother-in-law Ken Horak.

John was born November 6, 1945, son of John and Bernice (McEnany) Walderbach in Cedar Rapids. He married Janet Horak February 5, 1966, in Ryan. He served in the Marine Corps from October 1965 to October 1969 during the Vietnam War where he was stationed on the USS Providence (CLG-6) and at Camp Pendleton. He worked at General Mills from August 1970 until his retirement in December 2007.

John and Janet spent the last several winters in Mesa, AZ. They were members of St. Jude's Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids and St. George Catholic Church in Apache Junction, AZ as well as the Busy Bees and Iowa Winnie Hawks RV clubs. John was a member of the American Legion Post 298.

John enjoyed his family and spending time with his grandchildren. During his retirement he spent many hours perfecting his woodworking skills making shelves, pen and pencil sets, elaborate bowls, and jewelry boxes. A diehard Hawkeyes fan, Grandpa learned to love the Cyclones when his grandchildren decided to go to Iowa State. Uncle Louie never missed an opportunity to pick on his nieces and nephews and enjoyed being around extended family whenever possible.



**Louie is missed.**

**Louie was a former Iowa Winnie Hawks President 2010-2011.**

**Sympathy is also extended to the Good's at the passing of Dave's mother in January 2018.**

**Mark your calendars ....**

- **Spring Meeting: Spring in the Hills May 17-19 Deer Run Resort, Elkader, IA**
- **Iowa Rally: German Fest July 12-14 Amana RV Park, Amana, IA**
- **GNR: Red White & Winnebago July 23-28 Forest City, IA**
- **Fall Meeting: Salute to Veterans Riverview Park, Marshalltown, IA**

A little side note about the Spring Campout in Elkader: it is a new campground (under 15 years old) with full hookups, large paved sites, paved roads, and in beautiful Northeast Iowa. For those who have never visited the area, it is referred to as the Swiss Alps of Iowa. There is plenty to do so plan to come early or stay longer it is in a great tourist area.

**A letter from the Presidents:**

Greetings from the cold country. Hope everyone had great holidays. We are looking forward to this year's camping season. The first State Meeting will be at Deer Run Resort in Elkader, IA May 17 – 20. This is a very nice campground with full hook-ups, concrete pads and a very nice meeting room. We will be going to the Osbourne Conservation Center where the Buffalo roam. Pay a visit to Motor Mill, a historic Mill. We will be visiting other sites as well. Start getting your reservations in. Go to the Iowa Winnie Hawks website for the registration forms. We will be getting more details to you closer to the dates.

The Iowa State Rally will be held in Amana this year. Plan to come early since we have the special rate for camping of \$27 a night from July 6 – 15. If enough people come early we will plan some tours to other areas around the Amanas as well. On Saturday night Barefoot Becky will be performing. There will be other surprises as well.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

## Recap of Fall Campout:

Fall Campout was held in Oskaloosa. Toured the Dumont Museum at Sigourney, which was very interesting...it was booked as a tractor museum, but it was not only a tractor museum it had more Barbie dolls than I have ever seen together in their boxes, many Roy Rogers & Dale Evans Memorabilia including a life sized cutout of Trigger, and a pair of model railroad displays second to none, many more hours could have been spent there.

Officers for the coming year were installed and outgoing officers were thanked, especially Wanda Wendt who so graciously stepped up to the role of past president for the second year in a row, and she was successful in finding a new candidate for Vice President, Dave Good.

It was also announced that Lyle was able to make 1 whole canopy out of the 2 damaged canopies (his and the club's) that were damaged at GNR, and that the club's would not be replaced at this time, because they can use Lyle's and Harberts' as needed.

Friday evening Entertainment was a showing of the movie RV, starring Robin Williams, with Popcorn. A lot of laughs and some new methods for camping were learned. Saturday evening entertainment was card bingo with prizes being monetary, the money normally used for entertainment was returned to members inside balloons, which then had to be popped, which turned out to be entertaining as well...the 2 people who didn't win anything were Mike Isebrand and Patrick Wright. A gift card was presented to the outgoing Central area reps, Patrick & Janet Wright. Butch & Val Peters were introduced (like they need introduced to us) as the incoming Central Area Reps for WIT Club with their duties beginning in Spring of 2018.

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On a sad note, a thank you and tribute to the Iowa Winnie Kornes was done upon their disbanding effective October 2017. On a brighter note, the Reynolds' who were some of the last Winnie Kornes, plan to join both Busy Bees and We Wan To Go's, so we haven't seen the last of them yet, which is a good thing!

\*\*\*\*A little reminder for **Chapter Presidents**...Please check the IWH website for chapter responsibilities ahead of the state functions. When your chapter is responsible for something, it is your responsibility to make sure it is covered and let the officers know WHO is covering WHAT. With us being down to only 2 active local chapters, we are all going to have to pitch in and help. If it says one chapter is responsible for decorations, that is to mean they will get them to the event....they may need help to get them ready...the same may be true with food...after all, we are ALL Iowa Winnies Hawks. Remember many hands make light work. THANKS!!!

## **\*\*\*A REMINDER FOR MEMBERS ABOUT STATE FUNCTIONS\*\*\***

Your officers appreciate part of the RV lifestyle being spontaneity...**HOWEVER**, when meals are catered and breakfasts provided by the local chapters, it is helpful and fiscally prudent to have your reservations as soon as possible. We want to have plenty of food, as we are sure you would want to eat when you are there, but we don't want to pay for extras when trying to guess who might be coming! Also, some tours hinge on numbers attending and having the proper number of guides available.

### **2018 Officers ....**

**President:** Carol & Bob Hustad

**Vice President:** Dave Good

**Secretary:** Shari Harberts

**Treasurer:** Carol Gammon

**Immediate Past President:** Ken & Barb Pitt

**Directors:** Richard Nichols, Paul Harberts, Don Harper

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