



Dr. Gary R. Goodell

October 23, 1956 - July 7, 2016

Dr. Gary R. Goodell

UNION GROVE- Dr. Gary Richard Goodell, the son of Betty (McClurg) and Donald Goodell, was born October 23, 1956, in Estherville, Iowa. He attended and graduated from Harris-Lake Park High School in 1975.

After graduation Gary attended Mankato State, in Minnesota where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Math and Physical Education in 1979. Then he taught middle school and coached for two years in northeast Iowa at Edgewood-Colesburg Community Schools.

In 1981 he accepted a teaching position at the International School of Brussels in Brussels, Belgium where he taught Math and coached. While coaching there Gary enjoyed traveling throughout Europe for games and tournaments at other international schools. School field trips included touring parts of Russia and Egypt. He also traveled with family and friends.

He returned to Iowa in the fall of 1983 to pursue the study of chiropractic. He completed his prerequisites at the University of Iowa and then began his chiropractic studies at Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa in the summer of 1984. He graduated with his Doctor of Chiropractic degree in 1987.

In the fall of 1987, he moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa to begin practicing chiropractic with another doctor. While there he met his wife-to-be, Janice Hanson and her son, Jon Woods.

In the summer of 1988, he moved to Waterford, Wisconsin where he practiced with another doctor and learned the business aspects of running a practice.

He began his own practice in Sturtevant, Wisconsin in 1990 and continued to practice there for 25 years retiring in August of 2015.

Gary married Janice Hanson in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on October 4, 1992. They made a happy life together enjoying their vocations; their hobbies—running, biking, and traveling; and their family and friends. Spending time with their children and grandchildren brought them much joy.

Throughout his life Gary valued his community and supporting youth. He was a leader in the Sturtevant Kiwanis Club and offered his time for various projects. He sponsored youth sports teams. He also volunteered his time to support his ECK church community.

Gary will be remembered as an open-hearted, steadfast, and generous man. He cherished his family and made keeping up on their activities and happenings a priority in his life. He reached out gently to others with his smile, kind words, and affable nature. He helped others to flourish—to use their talents more fully.

He handled adversity and his battle for health in the most gracious manner. He continued to live vibrantly remaining present and positive. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle, cousin, chiropractor, and friend.

Surrounded by family Gary passed away peacefully at Alliance Hospice House in Pleasant Prairie, WI on July 7, 2016.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Janice Hanson; his mother, Betty Goodell of Lake Park, IA; his children Jon (Nadine) Woods of Johnston, IA; his grandchildren, Conner, Duncan, and Megan; his brothers Bruce (Jeri) Goodell and Brian (Michelle) Goodell of Lake Park, IA; his sisters Barb (Greg) Stephanie of Bloomington, MN and Becky (Todd) Hummel of Spirit Lake, IA; his brothers- and sisters-in-law Diane and Jim Kapalis of Bettendorf, IA, Donald and Patty Hanson of Elgin, IA, Dennis Hanson of Nalcrest, FL, Tom Hanson and Jolene Brandenburg of Elgin, IA, Ken and Karla Hanson of Elgin, IA, Keith Hanson of Elgin, IA, and Bob and Lesley Hanson of Le Claire, IA; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Don Goodell and his mother- and father-in-law Beulah (Hofer) and Robert Hanson.

Dr. Goodell's memorial service will be held at Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St., Racine, WI on Sunday, July 17th at 1:30 pm with fellowship and light refreshments to follow.

Online condolences may be expressed at sturinofuneralhome.com

Memorial donations in Gary's name may be made to Hospice House-Hospice Alliance, Pleasant Prairie, WI or to ECKANKAR in WI (Building Fund).

Gary's family extends a special thank you to Michael Mullane, MD; Kelly Konesko, NP; and the staff at Aurora Cancer Care for their compassionate care, continued support, and loving friendship.

Previous Events

Service

JUL 17. 1:30 PM (CT)

Roma Lodge
7130 Spring Street
Racine, WI

Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell*

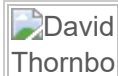


Sturino Funeral Home - July 12, 2016 at 10:36 AM

LR

Really nice memories!

Linda Rients - July 12, 2016 at 06:55 PM



David Thornbo

Beautiful, Loving Memories. Thanks for sharing!

David Thornborough - July 15, 2016 at 12:23 PM

CE

Beautiful memories of a great guy!

Cyndy Eckblad - July 17, 2016 at 09:53 AM

JH

Thanks for our talks, and all the adjustments. The office is in good hands with Amanda. Rest in Peace Dr. Gary!

Jayne Hoffman - July 17, 2016 at 11:55 AM

TB

An extremely well done video in tribute to Gary! It brought tears to my eyes and I will miss him.

Terry Buchman - July 17, 2016 at 09:51 PM



What a beautiful tribute to a kind-hearted, lovely man! Gary will live forever in our hearts. May the Blessings be.

Cary Lofquist - July 18, 2016 at 04:29 PM



I didn't know Gary outside of his practice, but every time I went to see him I felt like an old friend. He always greeted me with a smile and would see me at a moments notice if my back was bothering me. While I would typically only see Gary two or three times a year when my back acting up, he always remembered the specifics of my condition and how to treat it. He never recommended or pushed services or treatments I didn't need and always got me back on my feet quickly.

But more that anything, what I remember about Gary was his genuine interest in me as a person as well as my family. He always wanted to know how my two sons were doing, remembering each of their names, and genuinely wanted updates on how they were doing in their respective sports. I can tell when someone is genuinely interested, and being an ex-athlete himself, I could tell Gary was interested. We would talk a lot about the sports we both played growing up and well as his upbringing in South Dakota, a place several of my good friends also happen to be from. Everyone I have ever met from that region of the country has been an incredible person just like Gary... honest, reliable, hard-working and genuine.

Gary, was not only a fantastic chiropractor, but also a great man... the kind of man we need more of in today's world and the kind of man that makes this country great. Thanks Gary, you are sincerely missed and loved.

Steven Clark

Steve Clark - July 19, 2016 at 12:01 PM



Thank you. Miss him dearly!

Becky Hummel - October 16, 2016 at 08:26 PM

WT

“ I just received our CT Palmer news pamphlet and noticed Dr. Goodell's name in the Memoriam - I am so very sorry for your loss! You never forget a name when someone as nice as Dr. Goodell had such an impact on a newbie in college which seemed so far away from home. I went to the Chiropractic Technologist College there in 86-87 and I remembered his name from when I was interning at the Palmer Clinic. God Bless his family.

Wanda Thompson - February 09, 2017 at 08:31 AM

BT

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss.
Brenda Toler, Wisconsin Chiropractic Association



Brenda Toler - September 30, 2016 at 09:30 AM

DV

“ Debra Vanderpoole lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Debra Vanderpoole - July 18, 2016 at 04:07 PM

CK

“ I am so sorry that you had to leave so soon, however you leave so many warm thoughts of your friendship in my mind.
Farewell Gary,
loving, Connie Knutson

Connie Knutson - July 17, 2016 at 02:12 PM

JB

“ Kind, caring, fun-loving, strong, tenacious, attentive, and loving are just a few words to describe Gary. While we will always carry the memories, we will also miss Gary's smile which could light up the room. To Jan, to the family and to all who carry Gary in your hearts, we wish you strength and energy as you move forward. With loving thoughts, Kitty and John

John Bowen - July 17, 2016 at 01:41 AM

 Deb Vanderpoole

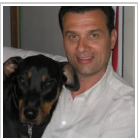
“ Our family has such beautiful memories of Gary! He was always such a gentle and loving support to all...constantly giving...and so gently and genuinely present and there for all who he was in the presence of. One important memory that stands out to both David and I (Debra) respectively, and most palpably...is that whenever we were graced by his presence, he imparted the feeling of complete affirmation and acceptance. He had a heart filled with more unconditional love than many we have ever known.

He will be so very missed, yet the memories of who he was and the exemplary life he lived will continue always to uplift the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

With Great love,

Debar, David and Rachel Vanderpoole

Deb Vanderpoole - July 16, 2016 at 09:52 PM



“ It doesn't seem fair. A man who spent his life healing others taken so soon. He is one of the kindest people I know. I hurt so much for the family.

Michael Bell - July 16, 2016 at 12:52 PM

JK

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John and Kitty - July 16, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



July 16, 2016 at 12:07 PM

CF

“ Chris & Sara Wolf and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



Chris & Sara Wolf and family - July 15, 2016 at 03:50 PM

JT

“ 2 files added to the album New Album Name



Joy Thornborough - July 15, 2016 at 03:38 PM

JT

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Joy Thornborough - July 15, 2016 at 03:27 PM

JT

“ *I never knew Gary as a Patient but as a Friend. Both Jan & Gary are the kind of Friends that make you want to Enjoy Life more. Always doing things and sharing long walks. Sometimes doing nothing but just Enjoying Life and Loving their Family & Friends. Thanks for sharing the video of Gary's Life He has lived a Life of Love & Service to His Family & Friends ... actually all who knew Gary were touched by this Kind, Wonderful, Generous & Loving Spirit. We will miss him. Jan, We are so sorry for your Loss.*

I remember going to a Eckankar Regional Seminar near Iowa. We ended up going to get Ice Cream with You and Gary and more Friends. You were sharing some Memories of your early life together. It was a Fun time. Thanks for your Friendship & Love.

Love, Joy & David Thornborough

Joy Thornborough - July 15, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.*



July 15, 2016 at 12:20 PM

BH

“ 1 file added to the album *Brothers and Sisters*



Becky Hummel - July 15, 2016 at 11:49 AM

AB

“ *Dear Jan*

So far from you but so close at the same time, when I remember the so lovely dinner with you, Gary, John and Kitty.

These moments will stay for ever in my mind...I think of you and Gary and feel so sad...

Sincerely yours

Anne-Marie

anne-marie bousquet - July 15, 2016 at 11:32 AM

CW

“ *Charlie, Denise, Erica and Cara Wesley purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.*



Charlie, Denise, Erica and Cara Wesley - July 15, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.*



July 14, 2016 at 10:36 PM



“ *Keith And Barb Pedley lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell*



Keith and Barb Pedley - July 14, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *Dr. Steve & Jennifer Troyanovich purchased the Fruits and Blooms Basket for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.*



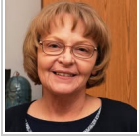
Dr. Steve & Jennifer Troyanovich - July 14, 2016 at 03:06 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.*



July 14, 2016 at 12:57 AM



“ Gary, you are such a kind and loving Soul. I will miss your smile and your gentle presence. I admire so much the strength with which you faced your illness. You paid attention to the important things in life. You spent time with family and friends. You took time to stop and smell the roses with Jan. I know your love and those memories will be with her forever.
I am blessed to have known you.
My heart is filled with love for you, for Jan, and for all of your family.
May you go in peace, and may the God of peace go with you.

Anne Wynne - July 13, 2016 at 09:51 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



July 13, 2016 at 01:57 PM



“ I'm so blessed of knowing Gary with Love
Gary Strothmann



Gary Strothmann - July 13, 2016 at 12:12 PM

NH

“ Nancy Brenner & Michael Holmes purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



Nancy Brenner & Michael Holmes - July 13, 2016 at 12:07 PM

MH

“ Michael Holmes sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Michael Holmes - July 13, 2016 at 11:08 AM



“ Cindy Ackley Mangold lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Cindy Ackley Mangold - July 13, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ Kim Mangold Hobock lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Kim Mangold Hobock - July 13, 2016 at 09:28 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



July 12, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ Tom & Christy Wicks purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



Tom & Christy Wicks - July 12, 2016 at 05:06 PM



“ Bob and Barbara Dessart who were long time patients of Dr. Goodell. We would like to offer our condolences to his family. He was always truly concerned about his patients even when his own health was failing. He always made us feel more like friends than patients. He was a truly wonderful man who will be sincerely missed by every one who knew him.

Bob and Barb Dessart - July 12, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ Not really a memory but rather just a comment. Gary was one of the most generous, gentle, caring men that I have ever met. I don't say this lightly, when I was with Gary I often felt that I was in the presence of a saint. Love him lots.

Dennis McGoldrick - July 12, 2016 at 12:48 PM

SL

“ Stephanie, Keith And Taylor Lemens lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Stephanie, Keith and Taylor Lemens - July 12, 2016 at 11:54 AM

LC

“ Dr. Goodell was my chiropractor for at least 10 years. He was always kind, considerate and jovial. Even when he was going through his treatments and still working he was always in a good mood, he was more concerned about his patients well-being. He was truly a very good person and will be sadly missed. My condolences to his family and co-workers.

Laura Castaneda - July 12, 2016 at 11:22 AM



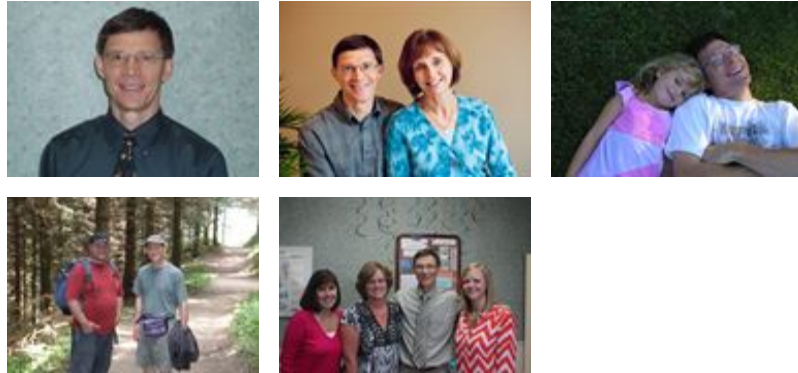
“ Dear Jan and family,
I will remember Gary as a most Gentle person. His smile radiated unconditional love and caring for everyone. I know he left this world better than it was. What a wonderful example of a life well lived. My heart goes out to all who knew and loved Gary.
With much love, Sue Haebig



Susan Haebig - July 12, 2016 at 10:38 AM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - July 12, 2016 at 09:04 AM

SH

“ I met Gary while working for Dr. Yorgan, they would share their love for chiropractic and caring for people. He was a kind and gentle soul. I think God gained an amazing angel. Wishing his family peace and comfort in your memories of him. - Shanda Hess

SHANDA HESS - July 12, 2016 at 08:23 AM

DA

“ Debbie Ahrenstorff lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Debbie Ahrenstorff - July 12, 2016 at 08:09 AM

GC

“ Gloria Christenson lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Gloria Christenson - July 12, 2016 at 06:49 AM

LL

“ Dear Janice, Just wanted to let you know you and your family are in our prayers. I have to work Sunday so will not be able to attend. I pray you will find strength from family and friends and from our Lord to help you through this tough time. May God give you strength and wisdom, love and joy, and comfort and fellowship. Love Lorretta (Hofer, Sam and Betty's daughter) and Bob Lerch.

Lorretta Lerch - July 12, 2016 at 01:33 AM

DA

“ Debbie Ahrenstorff lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Debbie Ahrenstorff - July 11, 2016 at 09:55 PM

CW

“ Gary and I met 41 years ago at Mankato State. Gary made it a point to stay in touch and keep our friendship strong all these years. Gary was the rare person who cared more about you and how you were doing, than he did about himself. Gary was the nicest person I have every met and I will miss him greatly.

charlie wesley - July 11, 2016 at 05:53 PM

BH

Well said Charlie! It was all about us! Thanks and take care!

Becky Hummel - September 23, 2016 at 10:08 PM

KM

“ *Kathy Lichtenwalner / Frank Muto lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell*



Kathy Lichtenwalner / Frank Muto - July 11, 2016 at 05:30 PM

JM

“ *Gary was the most gracious man I have ever know. Regardless of how much time it had been since the last time I had seen or spoken to him, he always made it across the room and greeted me with the warmest regards.*

As soul, Gary continues to be a shining example of God's love for he is truly someone that I can say, loved all life. With love, John M. Mulvey

John M. Mulvey - July 11, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JT

Wishing you a Speedy recovery, John. Both you & Gary are people, we have been very glad to know. Please take care!

Joy Thornborough - July 15, 2016 at 01:56 PM

MJ

“ *Marv And Fran Jungjohan lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell*



Marv and Fran Jungjohan - July 11, 2016 at 01:38 PM

JR

“ Joleen, Brian, Riley, Baylee, and Kelsey Roskamp purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



Joleen, Brian, Riley, Baylee, and Kelsey Roskamp - July 11, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



July 11, 2016 at 01:08 PM

TB

“ Terry Bergendahl lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Terry Bergendahl - July 11, 2016 at 12:56 PM

PF

“ Paul & Stacy Wolf and Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



Paul & Stacy Wolf and Family - July 11, 2016 at 12:42 PM

JH

“ Joe & Mavis Hornick lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Joe & Mavis Hornick - July 11, 2016 at 11:27 AM

MR

“ Gary was a lifelong friend. His family and mine lived on neighboring farms in Iowa. Even after we moved to CA in 1962, our families stayed in touch and still do to this day. He was a kind, caring and gracious person and will be missed by many. My prayers are with Jan and all his family as I remember this wonderful man.



Maureen Rowe - July 11, 2016 at 11:01 AM

MR

“ Maureen Rowe lit a candle in memory of Dr. Gary R. Goodell



Maureen Rowe - July 11, 2016 at 10:55 AM

TS

“ Taos, Egans, Herlihys and Syslacks purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.



Taos, Egans, Herlihys and Syslacks - July 10, 2016 at 09:47 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Gary R. Goodell.*



July 09, 2016 at 11:04 PM



“ *Dr. Goodell... Was such a Caring Man...He was my Chiropractor for many years Greeted with that Amazing Smile and Laugh Unforgettable...He was always there when I needed his care and made my Pain go away...He Loved People and helping them...He was a Gentle Man....I will surely miss seeing him .God must of needed him in Heaven for a purpose..May He Rest In Peace....My Condolences To The Goodell Family...*

Linda Rea - July 09, 2016 at 08:49 AM



Wish I felt well enough to be there, but I have good memories of happy birthdays and a special surprise birthday for Gary and I that times matter more. Many family times for celebrations & weddings. Gary was always there for everyone. Memories I will never forget. Love from Aunt Alma Schreiner

Alma Schreiner - July 11, 2016 at 10:23 AM



I met Dr. Gary in Iowa when we were both fairly new in practice. Although we practiced 25 miles apart from each other, Gary always made an extra effort to get together, share insights, encourage each other, and blow off steam(bicycling). He always studied, remained curious, and was optimistic. I have learned what a good friend and good man looks like from the time we spent together. Peace to Jan and the family. Thanks for sharing Gary with us!

Tom Wicks - July 12, 2016 at 04:00 PM

SH

My mother and myself went to Dr. Goodell for chiropractic work. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He is one of those people that you will never forget. So sorry for your loss. Take care Jan, Sue Hammel

sue hammel - July 13, 2016 at 03:50 PM

GO

A prayer for you at Notre Dame de Paris on Sunday dear Gary and memories came back of our walk along the Seine River with Jan a few years ago.

I will never forget your warm smile and kindness to all of us .

Gisèle Odhner

Gisèle Odhner - July 20, 2016 at 11:10 AM