



Larry Edgar Hilgendorf

December 1, 1934 - July 2, 2021

Larry E. Hilgendorf, 86, died peacefully on July 2, 2021 surrounded by his family at Paula J. Baber Hospice Home, Fort Dodge, IA. A celebration of life will be held 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church. Burial with military honors will take place at St. Olaf Lutheran Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to Gunderson Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Larry was born Dec. 1, 1934 in Reading, PA. He was the oldest child of J. Edgar & Evelyn (Lawrence) Hilgendorf. Larry graduated from Reading HS & Penn State University in animal husbandry. After graduating PSU in 1956, he moved to the midwest & began his career with Hormel in the livestock dept. Larry served in the US Army for 2 yrs as a corporal trained as a cryptographer, serving overseas @ NATO Hdqtrs in Turkey. He was honorably discharged & returned to the midwest to complete his 4 yrs in the Army Reserves & continued working for Hormel. In 1962 he was united in marriage to Rose Ann Christiansen, making their home in Fort Dodge, IA & Austin, MN. After nearly 40 yrs with Hormel, Larry retired at the Austin corporate office as the Supervisor of Transport Services in 1995. Larry was a collector of many things & a big ancestry/history buff. He spent his time enjoying gardening, camping, his flock of sheep, stamp collecting, Kiwanis & wintering down south in Gulf Shores, AL.

Surviving him are his children: Elizabeth (Steven) Schrauth, Fort Dodge, IA, Theodore (Karen) Hilgendorf, Isanti, MN & Theresa Hilgendorf, Twin Lakes, IA; 9 grandchildren: Andrea (Kevin) Blagg, Aaron Thompson, Sarah (Duncan) List, Nicole (Jordan) Ford, Matthew Hilgendorf, Rebecca Hilgendorf, Jessica (Ty) Moffitt, Alexandria Leffler & Macenzie Leffler; 7 great-grandchildren: Gabriel & Kaitlyn Blagg, Emily & Caleb List, KyMaree & Karter Wheat & Zayne Fletcher; sister Ann (Craig) Meyers; brother-in-law Robert Frey; sisters-in-law Susan Hilgendorf & Lora Balzhiser; 5 nieces & 2 nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 55 yrs, Rose Ann; step-sons Michael Christiansen & Grant Swan; grandson Anthony Swan; sister Linda (Hilgendorf) Frey; brother J. Karl Hilgendorf; nieces Julie (Meyers) McCaulley & Sue (Frey)

Wickowski.

Memorials may be left to Paula J. Baber Hospice Home at 214 S. 25th St. Fort Dodge, IA.

Cemetery

Events

St. Olaf Lutheran Cemetery

JUL	Celebration Of Life	10:00AM
14	<div>St Olaf Lutheran Church</div> <div>239 N 11th St, Fort Dodge, IA, US, 50501</div>	

Fort Dodge, IA,

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Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services - July 14 at 01:25 PM



“ Always enjoyed dealing with Larry at the Corporate Offices in Austin. Sincere sympathy to his family.

Sandy Gruhn
former Director of Sales
Greenfield Trasport

Sandy Gruhn - July 11 at 04:55 PM



“ Worked at Hormel Foods Corporate Offices North and always remember him with a smile, laughter as he would speak or say hello in passing at work. Sorry and deepest sympathy to your family for your loss and may you hold many beautiful and loving memories of Larry! Condolences .. Donna Tollefson (retired since 2013 from Corporate Packaging Austin MN)

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“ We always loved spending time with Larry (a fellow Pennsylvanian) and Roseanne. Abbie Mohler

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