



Larry Gene Strayer

November 3, 1935 - June 2, 2020

Larry G. Strayer, 84, of Fort Dodge, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at the Mayo Clinic Hospital St. Marys Campus in Rochester, Minnesota.

Services will be 1:30 PM on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at St. Paul Lutheran Church and Schools with Rev. Kendall Meyer officiating. Services for a Larry Strayer will be lived streamed on St. Paul Lutheran Church and Schools Facebook page. Burial will be at the Lotts Creek Cemetery near Lone Rock, Iowa at 4:30 PM on Saturday. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday at the Gunderson Funeral Home and Cremation Services in Fort Dodge.

All guidelines from the IDPH will be followed by Gunderson Funeral Home and Cremation Services for visitations and services. The use of face masks are encouraged.

Larry is survived by his wife, Diane; their two children, Carla Jo (Jeff) Sotzen of Plano, Texas and Todd (Sherri) Strayer of Fishers, Indiana; two grandchildren, Cole Sotzen and Cody Sotzen both of Plano and two great grandchildren, Landyn and Beckham and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by a sister, Virginia Will of Algona. He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Dolores Zumack and his brother, Donald Strayer.

Larry Gene Strayer, the son of Kenneth and Mabel (Godden) Strayer was born November 3, 1935 near Burt, Iowa. He was a member of Algona High School graduating class of 1953. On October 12, 1958, Larry was united in marriage to Diane Wichtendahl at the Lotts Creek Church near Lone Rock, Iowa After their marriage Larry and Diane made their home in Biloxi, Mississippi where Larry was stationed with the Air National Guard. After their daughter was born, the family moved to Fort Dodge. Larry worked for the Farner-Bocken Company for about 10 years before he started working for the United States Post Service. Larry retired after 32 years of service with the Post Office.

Larry was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church & Schools and was very active as at St.

Paul's serving on several church boards and committees. Larry was a great prankster, an optimist, a church usher and a Hawkeye fan. He loved to garden, go fishing, bird watching, summer vacations at Spirit Lake and traveling with Diane visiting family and spending time with the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

Cemetery

Events

Lotts Creek Cemetery

Lone Rock, IA,

JUN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services
1615 North 15th Street, Fort Dodge, IA, US, 50501

JUN **Service** 01:30PM

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St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
400 South 13th Street, Fort Dodge, IA, US, 50501

Comments



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Larry was a great window clear at the Fort Dodge Post Office. Although I worked as a supervisor primarily overnights, occasionally I worked with the day shift. When it came to window operations I used Larry's knowledge and background to help make work decisions. Larry had a great sense of humor and was always pleasant to work with. My thoughts and prayers go out to Larry's family and friends. There is no doubt in my mind Larry will be missed daily. I hope for those days Is that good memories of special times spent with him will be remembered with a smile. Rest In Peace my friend.

Bob Adams - June 05 at 07:10 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Strayer.



June 04 at 11:34 PM



“ It was great when my mom would get together with you guys and uncle Don will get together with you guys it was a lot of fun I enjoyed it a lot. praying for you guys

Marlene Z - June 04 at 11:41 AM



“ Frank and Theresa Strayer purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Gene Strayer.



Frank and Theresa Strayer - June 03 at 11:28 PM



“ Frank and Theresa Strayer purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Larry Gene Strayer.



Frank and Theresa Strayer - June 03 at 11:23 PM



“ Uncle Larry was the life of all our family functions. He kept us all smiling and laughing. I will miss him so much but am comforted knowing when he slipped the surly bonds of this life he entered his reward of eternal life in Heaven. Aunt Diane, Carla and Todd I pray you all will be comforted knowing Uncle Larry was Loved, Appreciated and Treasured by our family.

Sincerely Frank and Theresa Strayer

Hans Peter Frank Strayer - June 03 at 10:45 PM



“ Diane, Carla, and Todd - I'm very sorry to hear about the loss of Larry. So many great memories with Larry and all of you - filling sand bags during flood of 1993 at your cabin on Spirit Lake, Larry showing Steve and I how to prepare a live chicken for cooking, fishing at Leech Lake, and playing Blitz along with many more! We'll miss you Larry - see you in our Heavenly Home! God's peace, comfort, and Blessings to you!

Scott Hallgren & Family

Scott Hallgren - June 03 at 09:38 PM



“ Diane and family, I am so sorry to learn of the loss of Larry. Too many cousins have left our family. Larry was enough older than me that my long-ago memories are mostly of his smile, he always seemed happy and laughing...but then the extended Godden family did a lot of laughing when gathered together! And most of my life I thought that Larry looked a lot like his uncle, my dad Les, when Dad was younger. I haven't shared that thought very often with anyone, but every time I was around Larry I noticed that. We all know he is no longer in pain and he is whole again. And think of the joy of the rest of his family when they saw him! The joy and laughter.....

cousin Doxie Godden Weber

Doxie Weber - June 03 at 05:03 PM



“ Larry was a good friend of my mom and dad, Don and Arlene Mathey. They have passed away. My dad also worked at the post office. Thinking of all Larry's family and peace that only God can bring. Donna Mathey Longhauser Quick

Donna Mathey Longhauser Quick - June 03 at 03:39 PM



“ LARRY WAS A LOVELY MAN AND SUCH A HARD CHURCH WORKER AS HIS WIFE WAS, I AM DEEPLY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSE DIANE IT IS NOT EASY TO LOOSE YOUR HUSBAND AND I PRAY THAT WITH GOD WALKING BESIDE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY YOU FIND SOME PEACE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

LEILANI NORDQUIST

LEILANI NORDQUIST - June 03 at 08:43 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Diane and family for their loss. Although I have not seen Larry for these many years I have some clear memories of him and his stories. I began work at the Fort Dodge Post Office in February of 1966 with Larry beginning to work there soon after. I left the FDPO in November of 1975 but have carried forward some great memories. In Larry's case the memories include duck blood pudding, the wild horse race at the Dayton rodeo and an evening playing cards and drinking beer at Larry's after a night shift on Tour 3. We were not invited back to Larry's for a night of cards again for good reason. It seems that to marry into Diane's family at that time a young man must partake of Christmas duck blood pudding and that story was told more than once. Then there was the Dayton rodeo and the wild horse race story. Again it seems that Larry's brother-in-laws (was it) coerced Larry into teaming up to enter the wild horse race, making a team of three. According to Larry one team member bites the horse's ear, sinking his teeth in deeply to control the horse so that one of the other team members can saddle and ride the wild horse. The volume of horse blood on Larry's t-shirt became thicker with each telling of the story. A prankster? You bet. We listened to KVFD every Friday night for the high school football games. One Friday night for some reason the broadcast was delayed an hour so most of us knew the outcome of the game as it was broadcast. Larry duped a co-worker who shall remain nameless into betting a dollar on the final score after spotting the dupe seven points with the score tied at half-time. Yes he paid Larry the buck but cried about it for days. Then there was the 1959 Rambler with a rag tied around the hole in the muffler secured with wire that was smoldering in the PO parking lot. Some passerby called the fire department and we watched from the PO swing room prior to the start of our shift as they sprayed CO2 onto the muffler.....Larry's reaction was “deal the cards”. Rest in peace Larry.

Bill Hamilton - June 04 at 12:33 PM