



Bernard J. Larsen

January 9, 1923 - April 5, 2018

Bernard J. Larsen (1923-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Bernard J. Larsen, 95, of Cedar Falls died Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Western Home Communities Elizabeth E. Martin Health Center.

He was born January 9, 1923 in Ackley, Iowa, son of Burnham and Mable (Weaver) Larsen. He married Lucille “Lu” Reed on June 22, 1943 in Waterloo, and they later divorced. He married Janet Lindell on June 18, 1994.

He graduated from Janesville High School in 1940 and attended the University of Northern Iowa. He served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during WWII. He served in the European theatre and was part of the Normandy invasion, landing on Omaha Beach, earning the Purple Heart. In 1962, he started Cedar Falls Construction, retiring at age 90. He was active in the Iowa Concrete Paving Association, serving as president in 1979, and was a member of Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.

Survived by: his wife, Jan of Cedar Falls; two daughters, Peg (Hank) Brown of Cedar Falls and Pat (Ken) Budke of Waterloo; two step daughters, Whitney (Ryan) Witt of Grand Island, and Meredith (Archie) Elkins of Foley, AL; eight grandchildren: Malloree (Bill) Buchanan, Morgan Brown, Natalie Brown, Shelly (Aron) Fleischmann, Josh (Katie) Budke, Luke (Meghan) Budke, Jesse Elkins

and Dylan Elkins; 17 great grandchildren; a sister, Arlene (Charles) Simpson of Auburn, WA; two brothers, Gene (Michele) Larsen of Mason City and David (Gwen) Larsen of Perry, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: two brothers, Robert and Richard Larsen; and two sisters, Avonelle Foutch and Leona Kentzelman.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 28 at Nazareth Lutheran Church with burial in the Rock Island National Cemetery in Rock Island, IL, at a later date. Visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 27 at Richardson Funeral Service and for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the ICPA Scholarship Fund for the Bernard Larsen scholarship (ICPA, 360 SE Delaware Ave, Ankeny, IA 50021).

Bernard's two great passions in life were the construction industry and his garden. His family is very proud of the dedication he had to both.

Cemetery Details

Rock Island National Cemetery

Rock Island, IL 61299

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Memorial Service

APR **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church
7401 University Avenue
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-7589
<http://naz.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Larsen.*



April 25, 2018 at 06:10 PM



“ *From the family of Gene M. Larsen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bernard J. Larsen.*



From the family of Gene M. Larsen - April 23, 2018 at 07:28 PM



“ *Your friends at Iowa Concrete Paving Association purchased the Glorious Grace Bouquet for the family of Bernard J. Larsen.*



Your friends at Iowa Concrete Paving Association - April 23, 2018 at 11:02 AM

BJ

“ Peg and Pat, So sorry hearing that your dad Bernie has passed away. Your Dad was one of the sweetest guys, I have great memories of him and your mom at the river and all those great tomatoes he would bring from his garden. He always had time to sit and talk to me. I wish you much comfort, peace and many happy memories of him to get you through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Barb(Morris)Jacoby

Barb Jacoby - April 17, 2018 at 12:34 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Larsen.



April 16, 2018 at 12:36 PM

CC

“ Thinking of you all during this time. Thoughts & prayers to the whole family. Cindra Larsen-Cellini

Cindra Cellini - April 16, 2018 at 12:36 PM

ES

“ *Peg and Hank and family,*

We were sorry to see that your dad had passed away. 95 years is a wonderful long life, but it is always difficult to lose someone. I have learned in my life that God will never bring me to something, without bringing me through it. Hopefully His grace is holding you close during this most difficult of times.

Our sympathy and deepest condolences.

Dr. Eldon B. and Vicki L. Swanson

Eldon Bruce Swanson - April 15, 2018 at 08:43 PM

RE

“ *So sorry to hear of Bernard's passing, but also tip my hat to a life well lived. I think my greatest memory will always be how well he treated my Mom over the years - it meant so much to her. When he and Jan came to her funeral, it was greatly appreciated and would have made her smile. My Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family - May your memories bring you comfort.*

Roberta



ROBERTA ERICKSON - April 15, 2018 at 04:26 PM

ME

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Meredith - April 14, 2018 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ *Metal Forms Corporation purchased the Sunny Memories for the family of Bernard J. Larsen.*



Metal Forms Corporation - April 12, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bernard J. Larsen.*



April 11, 2018 at 11:52 PM

TB

“ *I was so sorry to read of his passing.*

Bernard and my dad worked closely together to develop the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area back in the 1960's and 1970's

Peg, so very sorry for your loss

Teri (Turner/Hanks) Backen

Teri Backen - April 11, 2018 at 05:16 PM