



Rev. Dr. Oliver Larkin

May 9, 1946 - July 18, 2018

Reverend Dr. Oliver L. Larkin (1946-2018)

CEDAR FALLS – Reverend Dr. Oliver L. Larkin, 72, of Cedar Falls died Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at the Cedar Falls Health Care Center.

He was born May 9, 1946 in Waverly, Iowa, son of Oliver E. and Margaret G. (Good) Larkin. He married Brenda Grieder-Vavroch on May 24, 1997 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Grinnell, Iowa.

He graduated from the University of Northern Iowa, earned his Masters from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City; and Doctorate from Drew University in New Jersey. He was a minister with the Methodist church for 30 years, then Disciples of Christ, and later taught at Hawkeye Community College, retiring in 2008.

Survived by: his wife of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Sarah (Erik) Hoffman of Fort Atkinson, WI; a son, Dan (Chevonne) Larkin of Hawaii; three stepsons, Eric (Dawn) Vavroch of North Carolina, Todd Vavroch and Justin (Brenda) Vavroch, both of Cedar Falls; ten grandchildren; mother-in-law, Hila Grieder of Illinois; a brother, Tim (Deb) Larkin of Keystone; a sister, Jane (Raymond) Meyers of Cedar Falls; a brother-in-law, Marvin (Deanne) Grieder of Belle Plaine; a sister-in-law, Diane (Paul) Cooper; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: his parents; and father-in-law, Howard L. Grieder.

Memorials Services: 10:30 a.m. Saturday, August 11th at First United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
718 Clay Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
<http://aboutfirst.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *I grew up with Oliver and Timmy and neighbors in North Cedar. Great kids and a great family I have many nice memories. Rest in peace Oli.*
Bill Silverson
Cape Cod

Bill Silverson - April 10, 2024 at 10:17 PM

JS

“ *Rev. Larkin married Amy and I when we eloped in July, 1979. He did an outstanding job and it stuck; we've been together ever since. He was apprehensive at first, naturally, but after talking about things he could see we were of one mind. Only Oliver, his young(5?) daughter, Amy and I, and our best man, Mike were in attendance. I remember a reassuring look from Rev. Larkin kept me on the ground when I was going crazy inside. He even had a restaurant in town throw us a breakfast wingding in congratulations! What more could you want in a man of his community?*
Our thanks to him and Godspeed.
Jim and Amy Schleier
Madrid, Iowa
This year is our 41st anniversary!

Jim Schleier - June 01, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rev. Dr. Oliver Larkin.*



August 10, 2018 at 05:40 PM

GT

“ *Dr. Larkin was my professor for Western Civilization almost 15 years ago, but time and again I still find myself thinking about tidbits of information learned from him: the history of the dirty finger, his pantomiming of the various ways the Romans historically chose to Hail Caesar, and watching him perform the characteristic bobbing-up-and-down dance of a three year old to demonstrate how engrained music is in everyone regardless of age, race, or gender. The man was a unique and fascinating character, a great teacher, and he didn't seem to have a mean bone in his body. I am very sad to see he has departed this world, and my deepest condolences go out to those in his family - I hope they are all able to find peace.*

George T - August 10, 2018 at 03:11 AM

DG

“ *Oliver was our Pastor at Wesley United Methodist Church in Pomeroy! He was dearly loved by his parishioners and the whole community. He counceled many during the farm crisis. He also helped my Mother thru a tough time in her life! Our son grew up with Daniel in the parsonage as the Larkin's were his babysitter's! Great memories of Oliver! Deepest sympathy Daniel, Sarah and family! We know he is a higher place!*

Deb Gray - August 06, 2018 at 09:28 PM

FP

“ *From all of your friends at Pepsi. purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Rev. Dr. Oliver Larkin.*



From all of your friends at Pepsi. - August 06, 2018 at 08:10 AM