



## Ervin "Whitey" Loneman

August 11, 1933 - November 26, 2022

On Saturday, November 26, 2022, Ervin Carl "Whitey" Loneman, loving husband, and father of six, passed away at Regency Park Nursing Center of Carroll at age eighty-nine.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter, assisted by Deacon Dave Prenger. Music will be by Kathy Halbur, Cyndi Loneman and Anne Tigges. Lector will be Deacon Dave Prenger. Gift Bearers will be Whitey's grandchildren. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Terri Loneman, Elmer Venteicher, Norbert Baumhover, Kevin Larsen, Dave Sanders, Jerry Blum, Terry Magner, Scott Irlbeck, and Ken Loneman. Casket Bearers will be Carter Owen, Jon Owen, Patrick Maier, Shaun Loneman, Scott Bernholtz, and Dennis Loneman. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery in Maple River.

Visitation will be held on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and will begin with a rosary at 5 p.m. Visitation will continue until 6:30 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for Kindred Hospice. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Whitey's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Ervin "Whitey" Loneman, son of Joseph and Frances "Fannie" Loneman, was born on August 11, 1933, in Maple River, Iowa. Though named Ervin almost everyone knew him as Whitey. He grew up on the family farm outside Maple River where he learned the value of hard work and commitment to family. He graduated the 8th grade from St. Francis in Maple River in 1946.

Whitey saw a lot of changes in the Carroll area. He was there when cattle were shipped mostly on rail lines out of the small town of Maple River. The cattle had to be herded up a gravel road north of town and across a bridge to the rail head. One problem, the bridge was concrete which the cattle will not cross, so the farmers there spread hay all over the bridge, then the cattle would cross.

After leaving the farm Whitey worked a number of jobs in the early 50's as he was not yet married and settled down. Working as a farm hand or bartender was one way to earn a living but some of the best wages to be made were available on the railroads. Whitey worked for the Great Western Railroad based out of Carroll for a \$1.49/day. This was a top wage for any job at that time. His work would start at 8 am and go to 5 pm. The job took Whitey as far as Boone to work on the big Kate Shelly Bridge.

Family and friends are what you'll hear when you'd ask Whitey about entertainment in the 50's. Family get-togethers involved a lot of picnics and baseball. In his youth, for Whitey, every Sunday meant playing or watching baseball; either at Breda or in Carroll at the old ball fields located in the area of the new K Mart by Highway 30 and Quint Avenue. Baseball games were played in every town in Iowa back then with semi-pro teams playing in Carroll. Whitey would proudly talk about Bob Feller, another Iowa boy and future major league hall-of-famer, who he watched pitch some baseball in Carroll when he was 16 years old. Whitey was a life-long loyal Chicago Cubs fan. He was finally rewarded for his loyalty when the Cubs won the 2016 World Series

for the first-time during Whitey's lifetime.

After marrying in 1955 Whitey and Lois were blessed with six children. He worked tirelessly supporting his family and never asking anything for himself. As he and Lois grew their family, Whitey's jobs included the Goecke Locker in Mt. Carmel in the early 1960's, then for 46 years he worked as a Meat Cutter for Bernholtz Locker and also Mike's Meats, his evening and weekend jobs were as a Mechanic for Wolterman Distributing and also Ralph's DX, and a Farm Hand for John Thobe of Breda. He took pride in not retiring until turning 76.

Whitey easily made many friends throughout his life and valued each of them. Whenever he saw someone in need, he helped them, friend, family, neighbor, and strangers. Through his quiet way, he taught by example that honest, hard work won't kill you, that caring for friends and family and making sacrifices are always the right things to do, and that patience is its own reward. These important lessons and his dedication to his Catholic faith are what he has passed on to his children. Above all, hard work, kindness, quick wit, a gentle smile, patience, and generosity were his way of showing love to family and friends. That is who he was, his family and many friends will miss him terribly.

Whitey leaves behind his wife of 67 years Lois (Meisheid) Loneman of Carroll, six children: Cathy Thompson of Carroll IA, David Loneman of Palm Springs, CA, Doug & Stana (Milodragovich) Loneman of Bozeman, MT, Christy (Loneman) & Doug Fields of Fort Lawn, SC, Matt & Claudia (Goins) Loneman of Carroll and Jen (Loneman) & Chris Owen of West Des Moines and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. His only surviving sibling is sister Lois (Loneman) "Jim" Beymer of Denison.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers: Lawrence "Zeke,"

Merlin "Teddy," Eugene "Johnny," James "Jim," and Robert "Windy" Loneman.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ Hi family sorry for your loss although Whitey would say I'm ok now , he is where he wanted to be ! Whitey picked up a lot of beef n hogs from our farm n of Roselle. Not to mention his brother Windy worked for dad Norbert n Rita Rupiper for years ( a great guy too) mom always said his room was always keep clean ( army years did that) ! So to your family prayers n hugs God Bless. Jerry

jerry rupiper - December 05, 2022 at 08:45 PM

PR

“ Whitey was a good neighbor . Always said hi when I drove by. Hugs to all of his family. Pat Rohner

Pat Rohner - December 03, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.



December 02, 2022 at 09:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.



December 01, 2022 at 11:35 PM

ML

“ 40 files added to the album Dad



**Matt Loneman** - December 01, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JW

*So sorry for your loss of Whitey! Loved to pick on him at meals at Regency. Thinking if you Lois and family.*

**Julie A Wilson** - December 03, 2022 at 11:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



November 30, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



November 30, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



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November 30, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Love, Josh, Chelsea, Eston and Aaden purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



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**Love, Josh, Chelsea, Eston and Aaden** - November 30, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *The Fields Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



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**The Fields Family** - November 29, 2022 at 10:49 AM



“ *Friends and co-workers at OOSC, W DSM purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



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**Friends and co-workers at OOSC, W DSM** - November 29, 2022 at 10:30 AM

KC

“ *Lois, Matt, and families,  
My deepest sympathies on Whitey's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. There is nothing easy about losing a parent or a spouse and my heart goes out to all of you.*  
*Kas Clausen*

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**Kas Clausen** - November 29, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ervin "Whitey" Loneman.*



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November 29, 2022 at 06:44 AM

JS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Loneman family. They were the first family we met when we moved to Carroll and helped us get acquainted with the town. They were wonderful neighbors.*

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**Joan Shymanski** - November 29, 2022 at 12:13 AM

BR

“ *My parents Don and Arlene Wanninger along with us 9 kids would visit the Loneman family on Sundays when we were kids.....so much fun was had on the corner lot where they lived in Carroll. We loved the time and memories made with the Loneman family. May he rest in the loving arms of Jesus.*

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**Bev Ramsey** - November 28, 2022 at 10:16 PM

KL

“ *Lois & Family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences to all of you. Whitey was a wonderful neighbor to us. He helped us out many times. He was always willing to help with anything we needed.*

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**Kevin & Cindy Larsen** - November 28, 2022 at 05:19 PM

ML

“ *1 file added to the album Dad*



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**Matt Loneman** - November 28, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Lois and family, SO sorry for your loss. Whitey was such a nice man. Brandon liked to go watch him tinker in the garage when we lived on Court street. We will keep youin our prayers. Susan & Jason Lord and Brandon Greteman*



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**Susan Teter-Lord** - November 26, 2022 at 11:35 AM