



Larry "Coach" Clark

October 13, 1935 - July 7, 2025

Larry "Coach" Clark, 89 of Carroll, died Monday, July 7, 2025 surrounded by his wife of 63 years and his four children.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2025 at Holy Spirit Church – St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Craig Collison. Mass Servers will be Jake Buel and Josh Sapp. Music will be by Jake Gute and Sherry Loughran. Lector for the Funeral Mass will be Phil Phillips. Gift Bearers will be great-grandchildren: Henry Richman, Lincoln Richman, Jax Ludwig, Kinley Ludwig, and Braxton Boeckman. Eucharistic Ministers will be Connie Sapp, Kris Boeckman, Phil Phillips, and Leon Muhlbauer. Casket Bearers will be Larry's grandchildren. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Saturday morning where additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for a later designation.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll and online condolences may be left for the Clark family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Laurence Edward Clark, son of Harry and Margaret (Burkhardt) Clark, was born on October 13, 1935 in Audubon. Upon graduating from Audubon High School, he joined the Army from 1954-1956 stationed in France where he became one heck of a cook! Larry then attended college at Northwest Missouri State in Maryville and graduated with high honors in 1961. On December 24, 1961, he married Sharon J. Anderson at St. Patrick's Church in Audubon, Iowa.

Larry and Sharon moved their family to Carroll in 1973, which was his last move with the Social Security Administration. He began this career in 1961, retired in 1992, and also began his career as the Kuemper Catholic Boys Golf coach in 1988. Forever known as "Coach," Larry would hold this position until 2012. He received numerous coach of the year awards, won state championships in 1995, 2009, 2010, 2011, took his team to state thirteen times, and captured eleven conference titles. In 2017, Larry was inducted into the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Besides coaching over 650 high school student-athletes with his calm and consistent approach, Larry gave numerous junior golf lessons to kids of all ages in Breda and Carroll programs. He forever preached that hard work and determination would always pay off!

Since 1974, Larry has been a member of Holy Spirit Parish and the Carroll Kiwanis Club and was active many years helping in so many ways. In 2012, he received the Public Service Award through the Carroll Chamber of Commerce. It's also no surprise that Larry was an accomplished golfer himself winning many tournaments including club championships, city championships, and senior championships. Larry loved to fish in all types of weather, he loved to play cards especially Euchre, and he was an avid fan of many: Green Bay

Packers, St. Louis Cardinals, Iowa Hawkeyes, and Arnold Palmer. Larry's all-time favorite teams were the Kuemper Knights! He was a devoted Kuemper fan to all boys and girls sports! Above all of his interests came Larry's family. He and Sharon spent countless miles and hours watching his favorite contenders of all, his fourteen grandchildren. It didn't matter if they were golfing, playing baseball, running cross country, cheering, dancing, playing basketball, playing football, or playing soccer! He was always extremely proud of them and his family!

Larry is survived by his wife, Sharon, and their children: Jodi (Randy) Ludwig of Carroll, Michael (Mindy) Clark of Solon, Theresa (Bob) Boeckman of Breda, and Amy (Glenn) Pudenz of Lees Summit, MO. Fourteen grandchildren include: Kyler, Tanner, and Carter Ludwig, Kirby (Clark) Richman, Cody, Olivia, and Jack Clark, Miranda (Boeckman) Kalish, Austin, Brandon, and Tucker Boeckman, Hunter, Cameron, and Kennedy Pudenz; Ten great-grandchildren always brought a smile to his face! He is also survived by sisters-in-law: Carleen Clark, Janice Black and Sally Bacher and brothers-in-law: Ron Anderson and Larry Bacher; as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Robert and John Patrick; parents-in-law, Ronald and Evelyn Anderson. Larry was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Jim Black, sister-in-law, Evelyn Anderson, and niece, Cathy (Clark) Johnston.

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ Sharon & Family.....My sincere sympathy to all of you On the loss of your husband & father..... Your Love & Memories of him will always be in your heart...May he R.I.PGod's blessing to you.....Kristi Schuler Jorgensen.....



Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - July 11, 2025 at 03:32 PM

TT

“ The Boeckman's - Tom, Kris, Riley & Tate purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry "Coach" Clark.



The Boeckman's - Tom, Kris, Riley & Tate - July 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry "Coach" Clark.



July 10, 2025 at 02:19 PM

CH

“ Corinne H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry "Coach" Clark.

Corinne H. - July 09, 2025 at 08:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry "Coach" Clark.

July 09, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Larry "Coach" Clark.



July 09, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ God bless Larry.
And th entire Clark family.
Experiencing Larry's friendship, watching him with family made the world a better place.

Mike G Eckerman - July 09, 2025 at 10:00 AM



Thank you for your kind words.

Amy Pudenz - July 09, 2025 at 11:06 PM

NG

“ Larry was the best. Sure, he helped a lot of us become better golfers but that was just the bond that brought us together. Coach found a way -through patience, humility, humor and his competitive spirit - to teach us how to navigate both the golf course and life. His legacy will live on forever in the Western Iowa golf community and especially with those of us lucky enough to play for Larry and later call him a friend. RIP, Coach!

Condolences to Sharon and your amazing family.

Nick Grossman - July 09, 2025 at 09:11 AM

AP

Perfectly said. Thank you.

Amy Pudenz - July 09, 2025 at 12:26 PM

CB

“ Coach Clark was a significant influence in my golf development as a young kid—if not the most important. He always showed incredible patience with me and was willing to adapt to new methods to help me grow. His love for the game was evident, but it always came second to the love he had for his family. Wishing Sharon, his children, and grandchildren all the best during this time. God bless.
Corey Bluml

Corey Bluml - July 08, 2025 at 06:49 PM

AP

Thank you Corey, you nailed it!

Amy Pudenz - July 09, 2025 at 12:25 PM

MP

“ Thoughts & prayers are with the family.



Marv & Kristi Pudenz - July 08, 2025 at 02:01 PM

KB

“ Kim B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry "Coach" Clark.

Kim B. - July 08, 2025 at 04:05 AM

KB

“ Larry was a great guy. I'm so sorry for your loss Sharon and family. My prayers. All my love .

Kim Bauman - July 08, 2025 at 03:55 AM

JP

“ A great golfer and a better man. Will be missed by everyone who knew him!

Jim Petersen - July 07, 2025 at 11:00 PM

AP

Absolutely!!

Amy Pudenz - July 09, 2025 at 11:04 PM

JP

“ *My condolences to the Clark family. Larry was a mentor, a competitor, an unbelievable golfer, a great friend, and someone every golfer looked up to. He was a legend and will live in so many folks memories.*

Jon Petersen

Jon Petersen - July 07, 2025 at 07:37 PM

AP

So very true Jon. Bet he and Dale are setting tee times.

Amy Pudenz - July 09, 2025 at 12:27 PM

CC

“ *My grandpa Larry was such an amazing, and incredible man, I am so lucky to have all the memories I do growing up. Love you grandpa, miss you but I know you are swinging a club, happy in Heaven. - Cody*

Cody Clark - July 07, 2025 at 07:26 PM

AP

That he was Cody.

Amy Pudenz - July 09, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MB

Condolences to Sharon and the entire family. I was fortunate to not only know Larry through our times together on the golf course, driving range, and Kuemper activities but also as a teacher at Kuemper when his kids were students. Also as the golf coach prior to Larry I had the privilege of coaching Mike as a varsity player for all 4 years. As avid golfers and coaching comrades we had numerous conversations over the years and I treasure so many of the great "one line observations" that Larry shared. One of his best was " you know Mike I've had this game figured out about 50 times"! Larry loved coaching and was a standout advocate for his golf team. As mentioned by others he and Sharon so loved their family and he often shared stories with me when we crossed paths. Will truly miss the "one liners of wisdom" and the fist bumps from Larry at Mass when our paths crossed.

Mike Barrett - July 11, 2025 at 10:38 AM

PV

*Sharon & family,
Sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was the manager of the Carroll Social Security office when I worked there in the 80s. He was a "no nonsense" type of boss but one who appreciated his employees and would stand up for us in all situations. I respected him as a boss and as a person. I'm sure you will all miss his gentle chuckle in your lives!!*

Patricia A Vogl - July 13, 2025 at 02:23 PM