



Larry Ruhde

March 21, 1943 - March 23, 2024

Larry Ruhde, age 81, of Carroll, died Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Unity Point Health, Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Larry's family will host a celebration of his life in the Sharp Center, 218 W. 8th Street, Carroll, from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for Larry's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Lawrence (Larry) William Ruhde was born March 21, 1943, to parents Harold and June (Jensen) Ruhde in Manning, Iowa. Larry was raised in Manning where he attended Manning schools and began his long career as a truck driver. Larry married Patricia Knobbe in September 1961. They had 2 children, Renee and Rob.

Larry's first driving job was with Ramsey's in Manning and then with Juergens Produce & Feed in Carroll for over 40 years. The truck driver in him never stopped as he went back to driving part time for several years. He liked to park on Hwy 30 and watch the trucks go by and talk to the drivers on his CB. He loved playing cards, listening to polka music, sitting in his garage watching the traffic and neighbors go about their business, watching westerns, and listening to the Carroll radio station. Most of these activities were done with an Old Milwaukee Light in hand.

Larry married Elaine (Dai) McCord on November 29, 1982, in Las Vegas, NV. They lived in Carroll and were members of St. Lawrence Catholic Church.

Larry and Elaine were married 37 years. After their retirement, they spent several years traveling with their camper and spending winters in the Rio Grande Valley in south Texas.

Larry died on Saturday, March 23, 2024, after 17 days in Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines following a fall that left him with a spinal injury at the age of 81 years 2 days.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Elaine; his brother Steven; stepdaughter Debbie Peterson.

Larry is survived by daughter Renee (Mitch) Busch of Holt, MO; son Rob (Kim Lemmon) of Chandler, AZ; stepdaughter Cheryl (Leo) Block of Omaha, NE; stepson Keith McCord of Omaha, NE; step son-in-law Ronald Peterson of Westfield, MA; sisters-in-law Karen Ruhde of Omaha, NE; and Raeola (Dai) Rolle of Dunlap; brother-in-law, Dave Lehan of Omaha, NE; nephew Ryan Ruhde of Omaha, NE; grandchildren Victor Roa of Kansas City, MO; Zak (Leah) Busch of Lawson, MO; step grandchildren Dan (Kelsi) Block and Lindsey Block of Omaha, NE; Shelby Lemmon and Tanner Lemmon of Chandler, AZ; 6 great-grandchildren; and many relatives and friends.

Previous Events

Celebration

APR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

Sharp Center

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *Rest in Peace cousin Larry Love Jack & Nancy & Brad Wiese*

Jack Wiese - April 13, 2024 at 10:34 AM

BB

“ *Larry was a good neighbor ! Dad and mom sure enjoyed him as did I !!! Good memories and good times !*



Bob and Vickie Boes - April 04, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SG

“ *My condolences to Larry's family. I met him when I would go for walks. He would be sitting in garage with the door open and ALWAYS a big welcoming smile. I would stop and visit with him. I will miss him!*

Shelly Gute - March 28, 2024 at 10:20 AM

MK

“ *worked with Larry (Big Checkers), for 34years, Many fun memories of those years, Will be missed,rest in peace buddy*

mike koster - March 27, 2024 at 06:29 PM

GW

“ *Sorry to hear about Larry. We had a few beers with him and have some fun memories. May he rest in peace. Gene and Marcia Wiederin*

Gene Wiederin - March 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

RR

“ Although the obituary failed to mention Larry's Sister-In-Law Raeola (Dai) Rolle of Dunlap, Iowa, the Rolle family sends its sincerest condolences to the Ruhde family. Larry was a special person and the love of Aunt Elaine's life. Elaine is and Larry will be greatly missed.

Rhonda Rolle
Raeola's Daughter, Elaine's Niece and Larry's Step Niece

Rhonda Rolle - March 27, 2024 at 08:21 AM

JO

“ I'm so sorry for his family. I didn't know Larry personally, only in passing. I will miss seeing his big wave and friendly smile as I drive my bus on Mockingbird.

Janet Olerich - March 26, 2024 at 07:56 PM

DC

“ Larry was a good friend to my parents. My dad Zeke worked with Larry. They had a lot of good times, you will be missed. Prayers to the family

Diane Campbell - March 26, 2024 at 02:32 PM

DB

“ 1 file added to the album Great memories



Dan Block - March 26, 2024 at 12:19 PM

GT

“ Larry was a great guy. He was a hard worker at Juergens Produce. My dad Vernis Juergens thought he was a valued employee. My husband Alex liked trucking with him. He will be remembered

Gayle Toms - March 25, 2024 at 02:18 PM

RO

“ Larry was a very special man. Randy and I worked with Larry at Juergens Produce. A lot of fun and a lot of laughs. Many prayers for him and his family.

Randy and Wanda O'Neill - March 25, 2024 at 09:59 AM

BS

Worked with Ruhde for 40 years and we had a few beers together. Will miss him.

Bob Simons - March 25, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DK

Larry's younger brother Steve (recently passed) and I were high school classmates and as it turned out third cousins. Larry always had some fancy wheels (cars and trucks) which on occasion Steve would borrow to pull a high school float in Manning and allowed us to ride along.

Years later after we finished college or time in the service, several of us would look up Larry at his Carroll home and shoot the breeze over a few beers. Larry had a full life, enjoyed being around people and generally having a good time.

I last spoke to Larry at Steve's memorial service last year, same ole smile with a gentle laugh now and then.

Rest in peace, God bless.

Douglas G Kusel
Fair Oaks Ranch, TX

Douglas G Kusel - March 25, 2024 at 07:57 PM

MP

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you. Larry was a dear friend.*



Marv & Kristi Pudenz - March 24, 2024 at 03:45 PM

NR

Our thought are with Larry's family. Larry and I were cousins. You are right about the smile. Always a smile. Good Guy!

Nancy Rowedder - March 28, 2024 at 05:06 PM