



## Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos

October 14, 1936 - September 7, 2023

Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos, age 86, of Audubon, died Thursday, September 7, 2023 at the Friendship Home in Audubon.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey. The celebrant will be Fr. Patrick Behm. Music will be by Jane Heithoff and the St. Mary's Choir. Gift Bearers will be Brian Handlos, Beth Handlos Wahlert, Kurt Handlos, and Cory Handlos. Lector will be Daryl Quandt. Eucharistic Minister will be Jan Handlos. Honorary Casket Bearers will be Gary Handlos, Dan Handlos, Gary Wegner, Alan Smalley, Steve May, Larry Nielsen, Paul Madsen, Dave Madsen, Lyle Hansen, and Dave Robinson. Casket Bearers will be Jacob Best, Tim Wahlert, Skyler Handlos, Chris Schultes, Keith Schultes, and Mike Anthofer. Burial will be at 1:15 p.m. Tuesday in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Monday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll. A Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. The casket will be moved to the St. Mary's Parish Hall on Tuesday morning where visitation will resume from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Memorials may be directed to the Audubon Friendship Home.

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

Carroll and online condolences may be left for Waspy's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Lawrence "Waspy", the son of John and Rosina (Mayer) Handlos was born on October 14, 1936, in Carroll County, Iowa. He grew up near Willey and attended elementary school at St. Mary's and high school in Glidden. After his education he worked on the family farm at Willey. From 1957-1959 he enlisted in the United States Army serving most of his time at Ft. Bliss, Texas. During enlistment, Lawrence was awarded the Rifleman Marksman Badge which he was very proud of. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to the area where he continued to assist on the family farm and work at Quandt Auto Salvage.

On September 9, 1961, Lawrence was united in marriage to Doris Quandt at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey. The loving couple would have been married 62 years. Lawrence and Doris made their home in Carroll, and purchased Handlos Tavern. In June of 1966 the couple moved to Audubon County and began Handlos Family Farms where they were engaged in grain and livestock farming. Later, Lawrence enjoyed farming with his sons, grandsons, and great-nephew. In addition to farming Waspy was active with the Audubon County Pork Producers, and other business endeavors. In 2017, Lawrence & Doris developed Waspy's Truck Stop in Templeton and one year later they opened Waspy's Truck Stop on the 16 acre complex in Audubon (which also includes The Feed Mill Restaurant, Blue Grass Inn & Suites, Waspy's Tire & Service Center, Waspy's Truck Wash, Audubon Diesel and Waspy's Two Palms Grilling and Catering).

Lawrence enjoyed spending time with his wife, Doris, children, and grandchildren and they enjoyed their winters at their condo in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida. He also enjoyed bowling, golfing, playing cards with friends, driving around in his pick-up through town or checking out crops. Lawrence

also enjoyed time in one of his John Deere tractors whenever he got the chance. Lawrence loved anything Doris cooked, especially Doris' German bread dumplings & gravy and her liver dumplings (both a family favorite).

Lawrence is survived by his wife Doris of Audubon; children: Brian (Patricia) Handlos of Audubon, Beth (Tim) Handlos Wahlert of Audubon, Kurt Handlos of Des Moines, Cory (Missy) Handlos of Carroll; seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Jolene Handlos of Carroll, Doreen (Michael) Bremmer of Oregon, Diane (Gene) Heithoff of Carroll, David (Debera) Quandt of Carroll, and Daryl (Kris) Quandt of Willey, as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives and friends.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents; daughter Kim Marie Handlos in 2010; siblings: Jack Handlos, Joe (Mary Ann) Handlos, Paul Handlos, Rose (Bill) Schultes, Florence Onken; parents-in-law: Harold and Pearl Quandt, and a brother-in-law: Dwain Quandt.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **11.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of the Christian Burial

SEP **12.** 10:30 AM.

St. Mary'S Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Audubon High School Class of 1982, wishes to extend their sympathy to classmate-Beth Handlos-Wahlert. All sends prayers and thoughts to you and your family, during this time.*

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**Audubon Class of "82** - September 13, 2023 at 01:38 PM

LB

“ *Steve and I always enjoyed our visits at the Feed Mill. That end of the bar will never be the same! Our deepest condolences to the Handlos family! Lawrence, you will definitely be missed! God bless your family!*

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**Lynda and Steve Best** - September 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM

MV

“ *Our sympathy to the Handlos family.  
Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme*

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**Marilyn Vonnahme** - September 12, 2023 at 03:46 PM

SV

“ *May the Holy Spirit confront all of the Handlos family as you deal with the passing of Lawrence.  
May he rest in peace.  
Jack Voss and Sue Behrens*

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**sue behrens and jack voss** - September 12, 2023 at 10:36 AM

JK

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Handlos and Quandt families. Rest in peace Waspy!!*

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**joleen Klocke** - September 11, 2023 at 04:02 PM

SS

“ Shawn Stanfield purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.



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**Shawn Stanfield** - September 11, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.



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September 11, 2023 at 12:11 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.



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September 11, 2023 at 12:09 PM

EM

“ Doris and family, you have our deepest sympathy on the loss of Waspy.

*Gene & Diane Meiners*

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**Eugene Meiners** - September 11, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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September 11, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.

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September 11, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.

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September 10, 2023 at 10:05 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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September 10, 2023 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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September 10, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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September 10, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*

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September 10, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.*



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September 10, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *I worked for handlos family farms for many years, what a wonderful family. Lawrence and Doris are wonderful, as friends and as employers. Lawrence will be missed. Always a smile on his face, never heard a bad word from him or Doris. Think the world if the whole complete family. They have done many wonderful things for the Audubon community. My heart goes out to this family. My sincere condolences to you all. With all my love Vicki*

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**Vicki Hommen** - September 09, 2023 at 10:06 PM

CG

“Yesterdays gone sweet Jesus, And tomorrow may never be mine. Lord help me today, show me the way, one day at a time " I smile when I think of Waspy and the Vic's bar choir singing this at our weekly choir practices! So many fun memories of so many that are now gone. I know that Gods choir just got another great voice added. My Sympathy to Doris and all his family .

Cathy Gregersen - September 09, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.



September 09, 2023 at 08:26 AM

CS

“ Rest in peace young man Rest in peace u had some awesome good food in ur truck stops



Charlie "tuna" Schnirring - September 09, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.



September 08, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.

September 08, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ Doris and Family,  
Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You and  
Your Family during this Difficult time 🙏🙏🙏  
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Marge and Dan Miller - September 08, 2023 at 04:17 PM



Cory - remember your special to us & Our thoughts & prayers are with  
you all. May he rest in peace.  
Doug & Cheryl King

Doug & Cheryl King - September 09, 2023 at 10:09 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for  
the family of Lawrence F. "Waspy" Handlos.



September 08, 2023 at 02:07 PM