



## Lawrence "Larry" Onken

August 17, 1946 - April 13, 2021

Lawrence "Larry" Herbert Onken, son of the late Virgil and Emmarita Tiefenthaler Onken-Lawrence was born August 17, 1946 in Carroll, IA and passed away peacefully at Regency Park Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on April 13, 2021 at the age of 74 years, 7 months, and 26 days.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at St. John Paul II Parish – St. Lawrence Church beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Celebrant will be Fr Kevin Richter. Music will be provided by Jane Heithoff as the accompanist and Kathleen Macke as the cantor. Honorary casket bearers for the service are Kevin Onken, Chad Onken, Scott Onken, Mike Williams, and Kyle Williams. Casket Bearers for the service are Don Keller Ron Macke, Steve Hausman, John Hausman, Brian Hausman, and Matt Hausman. Burial will follow in the Carroll Cemetery.

A visitation will be held on Monday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll with a prayer service that is open to the public at 7 p.m. An additional visitation without greeting the family will be held on Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10 a.m. at the church. Those in attendance of Larry's services are required to wear a face covering and abide by social distancing practices.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

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](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Larry graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School with the class of 1965. He was united in marriage to the love of his life Susan Kay Hausman on February 23, 1974 at St. Johns Catholic Church in Arcadia, IA. This union was blessed with one son, Ryan Christopher born on March 2, 1976.

Larry started off working as a painter for Luchtel Painting in Carroll. After a few years of painting, he started a career with Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company in Carroll, IA. After 25 years at Pepsi, he took an early retirement due to health reasons.

Larry had many hobbies and interests over the years. He was a life-long member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. He was also a member of the Moose Club in Carroll. He enjoyed fishing, wood working, hunting, classic car shows, occasional gambling trips with Susan, and of course time with his family. He was especially proud of his 1972 Chevelle that he purchased new from his father and he still has to present day. Larry took very good care of his vehicles. For many years he could be found at Kerp's Bar on Sunday afternoons with his buddies. He rarely missed the annual family Summer trip to Lake Okoboji.

Over the past few years, Larry's health had declined, but his strength and strong spirit never wavered. He would always greet you with a big smile and ready for a visit.

He will be forever cherished in the lives of his spouse Susan Onken of Carroll, IA, his son Ryan (Nichole) Onken of Carroll, IA, 3 Grandchildren: Kyle Emery

of Cedar Rapids, IA, Molly Emery of Carroll, IA, and Bently Onken of Carroll, IA, his brother: Vern Onken of Arcadia, IA, Mother-in-law Vergene Hausman, 3 brothers-in-law: Steve (Lisa) Hausman of Carroll, IA, John (Julie) Hausman of Halbur, IA, and Brian (Jean) Hausman of Arcadia, IA. 3 sisters-in-law: Kate (Glenn) Williams of Moline, IL, Barb Halverson of Scottsdale, AZ, and Kathy Onken of Omaha, NE, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents Virgil and Emmarita Onken, two brothers Darrell "Doc" Onken and Myron Onken, his father-in-law: Louis Hausman, and a brother-in-law: George Halverson.

# Cemetery Details

## Carroll Cemetery

Carroll, IA 51401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa  
226 W. 8th St.  
Carroll, IA 51401  
(712) 792-4301  
info@sharpfuneral.com  
<https://www.sharpfuneral.com>

## Prayer Service

APR 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

Sharp Funeral Home ~ Carroll, Iowa  
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Carroll, IA 51401  
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## **Additional Visitation**

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**APR 20.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II Parish Holy Spirit Church --- St. Lawrence Church  
1607 N. West St.  
Carroll, IA 51401  
(712) 792-9244

## **Mass of the Christian Burial**

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**APR 20.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II Parish Holy Spirit Church --- St. Lawrence Church  
1607 N. West St.  
Carroll, IA 51401  
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# Tribute Wall

YP

“ *Your Friends at Pepsi purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Onken.*



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**Your Friends at Pepsi** - April 20, 2021 at 09:18 AM

KJ

“ *Kristi Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Onken*



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**Kristi Jorgensen** - April 19, 2021 at 11:57 AM

JK

“ *Joleen Klocke lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Onken*



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**Joleen Klocke** - April 18, 2021 at 10:08 AM

JK

*Larry always had a smile no matter how he felt. I'm glad I got to know him. My sympathies and love to Sue and Ryan!*

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**Joleen Klocke** - April 18, 2021 at 10:11 AM

MT

“ *Merlin & Marcia Tiefenthaler send our deepest sympathy to Larry Onken family*



Marcia Tiefenthaler - April 15, 2021 at 08:53 PM

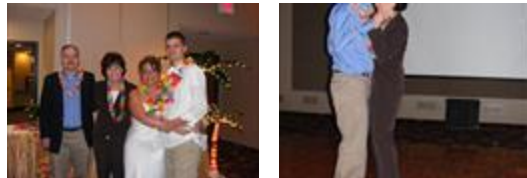
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“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Larry Onken family.*

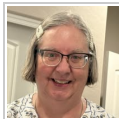
Leon and Cathy Williams - April 15, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Larry Onken*



Joan Bundy - April 15, 2021 at 12:19 AM



*These pictures are from Nichole and Ryan Onken's wedding reception, October 2008, at the Carrollton in Carroll, Iowa. Such wonderful memories!*

Joan Bundy - April 15, 2021 at 12:21 AM

AW

“ *Alison And Jean Weber lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Onken*



Alison and Jean Weber - April 14, 2021 at 08:53 PM

BO

“ Bently Onken lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Onken



Bently onken - April 14, 2021 at 08:47 PM

BO

“ I remember he always used to say hey buddy and that ment A lot to me and he was always a jokester I miss him a lot.💔

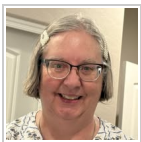
Bently onken - April 14, 2021 at 08:45 PM



“ Joan Bundy lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Onken



Joan Bundy - April 14, 2021 at 02:51 PM



“ Larry, or "Laro" to close friends and family, was always a delight. A very nice man with a quiet, peaceful but strong manner and always with a ready smile. We will miss him dearly.

Joan Bundy - April 14, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JB

“ *Joan and Paul Bundy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Onken.*



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**Joan and Paul Bundy** - April 13, 2021 at 07:40 PM