



## Leo Steffen

July 2, 1929 - October 18, 2016

Leo Steffen, 87 of Carroll, died Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at his home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2016 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Craig Collison, assisted by Deacon Scott Steffen. Music will be by Marcy Anderson and Katie Sparks. Lector for the funeral mass will be Brad Steffen. Gift Bearers will be: Abbey Rock, Ann Steffen, Sarah Steffen, and Karissa White. Casket Bearers will be: Thomas Steffen, Brad Steffen, Mark Steffen, Tyler White, Eric White, Mitchell Sparks, and Kirby Rock. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with military honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Friday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. by the Carroll Knights of Columbus and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m.

The casket will be moved to St. Lawrence Church on Saturday morning where visitation will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until time of the funeral mass.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Leo's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Leo was born on July 2, 1929 in Kingsley, Iowa, the son of Bernard and Corsini (Murray) Steffen. At the age of 2, the family moved to Spencer, IA. Leo graduated from Spencer High School in 1948 before attending college earning his BA in education from Wayne State College and his MS in education from Iowa State. Leo married Phyllis Drees on October 15, 1960 at St. Lawrence Church in Carroll and celebrated 56 years of marriage. To this union were four children: Trent, Scott, Raynee, and Janelle.

After teaching in Larrabee, Graettinger, and Onawa he taught Industrial Arts and Driver's Ed at Carroll High School for 26 of his 32 years while assisting and coaching football, track, and cross country at CHS. Before teaching, Leo was in the Navy, serving from 1951-1954 during the Korean War. He was stationed at Kodiak Naval Air Station, Miramar Air Base, and Washington, D.C. as a photographer during his service years along with the VJ-61 Squadron.

In his free time, when not attending children and grandchildren's activities, Leo enjoyed golf, fishing, watching football (especially the Hawkeyes), camping and family vacations, woodworking, coaching, coffee with the "men", and practical jokes. He also enjoyed the perfect split of being ½ German and ½ Irish. He was extremely proud of being part of the American Legion and a member of the Legion's Color Guard. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, NEA/ISEA, Iowa Driver Education Association, and St. Lawrence Church in Carroll. He was proud of being a published writer in the School Shop Magazine.

Leo is survived by his wife, Phyllis Steffen of Carroll; four children: Trent (Nancy) Steffen of North Carolina, Deacon Scott (Kathy) Steffen of Boone, Raynee (Tony) Sparks of Johnston, Janelle (Jack) White of Michigan; 14 grandchildren: Brooke, Gavin, and Christian Steffen, Brittany (Trey) Walker;

Tom (Kelsey), Brad (Clare), Ann, Sarah, and Mark Steffen; Abbey (Kirby)Rock and Mitchell (Katie) Sparks; Tyler, Karissa, and Eric White. He also has two great-grandchildren: Peter Steffen and Jackson Rock. Other survivors include his brother, Kenneth Steffen of Ottumwa, his sister Dottie McEntee of Spencer; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Diane (Ron) Venteicher of Carroll, Lloyd (Mercedes) Drees of Carroll and Bernice Drees of Mapleton; as well as many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many friends.

Leo was preceded in death by his parents Bernard and Corsini Steffen; father and mother-in-law, Richard and Leona Drees, brothers Verlin (Bud) and Wyman Steffen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **21**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Lawrence Catholic Church  
1607 North West Street  
Carroll, IA 51401

## Service

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Phyllis - My boys join me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy for you and your family. We have many fond memories of you and Leo. I hope to get to Carroll soon, but, until then, you are in my prayers!*

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**Rainy Schieffer** - November 22, 2016 at 04:56 PM

BS

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to you Phyllis and your family on Leo's passing. We have memories of good times together. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*  
*Bob and Joyce Stockert*

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**Bob and Joyce Stockert** - October 28, 2016 at 06:18 PM

RC

“ *Phyllis and family,*  
  
*Our Deepest Sympathies to you and your family at this time of loss. We will always remember picking grapes together at Richards. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Louise & Ron Coyle*

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**Ron Coyle** - October 21, 2016 at 10:30 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leo Steffen.*



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October 21, 2016 at 03:29 PM

PW

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Steffen family on your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May your loving memories of Leo comfort your hearts at this difficult time and may you find comfort in knowing he is home with our Heavenly Father!! God's love and healing to you.

*Pam Willard & Randy Sparks*

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**Pam Willard** - October 21, 2016 at 08:59 AM

GV

“ Garry and Pam Vreeland purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Leo Steffen.



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**Garry and Pam Vreeland** - October 20, 2016 at 08:00 PM

CS

“ Best yeacher i ever had & we learned a lot from him may he rest in peace



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**Charlie "Tuna" Schnirring** - October 20, 2016 at 06:39 PM

DI

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Steffen family. The bible makes this comforting promise, "God is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalms 34:18)

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**Diane** - October 20, 2016 at 06:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Leo Steffen.*



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October 20, 2016 at 03:12 PM



“ *My earliest memories of Leo, continued throughout. I was dropped off for mom and dad's annual vacation without seven kids, this year at the Carroll cousins. The first thing I heard from Leo was that I was going to be one of his kids for a week. And I was. When he found me crying because I was so homesick (yep, I was that kis) he let me know I was needed. I was kept so busy, and I am pretty sure that my "little" cousins really didn't need me to help them do every little thing, but boy, did I feel needed. He was right up there with my dad in the kindness category, and that is the highest of praises. Rest in peace Leo.*

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**terry steffen sparks** - October 20, 2016 at 06:43 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go to the entire family. Leo will be missed by everyone who knew him.*

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**Erika Uhlenkamp** - October 19, 2016 at 10:42 PM



“ *Our deepest of sympathy at this time. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Dennis Lappe, Kristy and family.*

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**kristy lappe** - October 19, 2016 at 07:55 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Leo Steffen.*



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October 19, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Phyllis during this difficult time.  
Love from the Jim Boyd family*

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**Jim Boyd** - October 19, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Leo Steffen.*



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October 19, 2016 at 10:45 AM