



## Leon Pudenz

June 24, 1931 - May 13, 2017

Leon T. Pudenz, 85 of Carroll, died Saturday, May 13, 2017 at Arbor Springs in West Des Moines, Iowa.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 18, 2017 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be: Keith Daniel. Gift Bearers will be Leon's grandchildren. Eucharistic Ministers will be: Deb Daniel, Donna Pudenz, and Vickie Boes. Casket Bearers will be: Keith Daniel, Adam Daniel, Greg Daniel, Nathan Daniel, Dan Pudenz, Ryan Schoneboom, Joshua Heuton, Thomas Peterson and William Pudenz. 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 Wednesday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Thursday morning where visitation will resume at 9:30 a.m. and will 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 Leon's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

Born on June 24, 1931 at Carroll, Iowa, Leon was the son of William and Teresa (Wiederin) Pudenz. Leon graduated from Carroll High School. Following his graduation, Leon worked for a cattle feeder near Auburn until being inducted into the United States Army in January of 1953. He received the Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. In 1954, following his honorable discharge he returned to the Carroll area.

On November 23, 1954, Leon was united in marriage to Norma Jean Bartlett at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Carroll. The couple made their home at the William Pudenz family farm north of Carroll. Leon had a passion for agriculture and was engaged in grain and livestock farming and attending cattle sales. He also loved spending time with his entire family, country music, polka dancing and playing cards. In 1991, they moved to their acreage near Carroll and enjoyed spending the winters in Mesa, Arizona.

He was a member of the Carroll American Legion and Holy Spirit Church in Carroll.

Leon is survived by: his children: Darrell (Sandy) Pudenz of Carroll, Debra (Michael) Daniel of Lohrville, Donna Pudenz of Carroll, Joyce (Mark) Peterson of Overland Park, KS, Janine (Carl) VanGorp of Elkhart, and Tom (Diane) Pudenz of Carroll; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; his sisters: Antonette Staiert of Sac City and Sally Carroll of Florida; as well as other extended relatives and many friends.

Leon was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Norma Jean Pudenz in November of 2009; his great-granddaughter, Addison June Pudenz; his sister, Genevieve Staiert; and his brothers: Art Pudenz and Norman Pudenz.

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Terriana Strother lit a candle in memory of Leon Pudenz*



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**Terriana Strother** - January 16, 2018 at 04:54 AM

TS

“ *Leon My Leon I would never forget you I loved working for you at Sunny Brook and when you left you took a chunk out my heart I would just love to see you walking around talking crap again this time I would record and take pictures for memories love you keep sleeping peacefully because you are with your wife and other loved ones now <3*

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**Terriana Strother** - January 16, 2018 at 04:51 AM

MP

“ *R.I.P. to the best "Father in Law" that a person could ever wish for. You now can be with the best "Mother in Law" there ever was. So many memories were made over the years that can never be taken away and give me great pleasure to recall all the wonderful times we have experienced together.*

*Mark P.*

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**MARK PETERSON** - May 21, 2017 at 07:21 AM

DF

“ *HE,S NOW WITH HIS LIFES LOVE, HE DIED WITH A BROKEN HEART*

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**DICK & DELORES FINCH** - May 18, 2017 at 02:29 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leon Pudenz.*



May 17, 2017 at 03:34 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Leon Pudenz.*



May 17, 2017 at 07:56 AM



“ *The Bartletts, Merlin, Malou, Mark, Mike, & Ashley purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Leon Pudenz.*



**The Bartletts, Merlin, Malou, Mark, Mike, & Ashley** - May 16, 2017 at 08:33 PM



“ *The Denny Berger Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leon Pudenz.*



**The Denny Berger Family** - May 16, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Leon Pudenz.*



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May 16, 2017 at 10:24 AM



“ *Our sympathy to the Pudenz family. Always enjoyed visiting with Leon  
Denny and Marilyn Vonnahme*

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**Marilyn Vonnahme** - May 16, 2017 at 10:03 AM



“ *Leon lived at Swan Place, where my mom lives. He was always such a kind, sweet man. Praying for your family.  
Jenna (Klocke) Lichter*

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**Jenna Lichter** - May 16, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Deb Grade lit a candle in memory of Leon Pudenz*



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**Deb Grade** - May 16, 2017 at 09:17 AM

RR

“ Donna, thinking of you. Sorry for you loss. I know it is hard to let them go, but God has a much better plan for him now. Hugs and Prayers.  
Rayoma

Rayoma Rotert - May 16, 2017 at 09:01 AM

CB

“ Carol Bernholtz lit a candle in memory of Leon Pudenz



Carol Bernholtz - May 16, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Leon Pudenz.



May 15, 2017 at 06:43 PM

DK

“ Debra, Danee',Julie, Kristin,Jill,Josie purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Leon Pudenz.



Debra, Danee',Julie, Kristin,Jill,Josie - May 15, 2017 at 05:30 PM

MB

“ *Marsha Bornhorst sent a virtual gift in memory of Leon Pudenz*



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**Marsha Bornhorst** - May 15, 2017 at 03:07 PM

SD

“ *Sally Carroll, The McGinnis's & The Daly's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Leon Pudenz.*



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**Sally Carroll, The McGinnis's & The Daly's** - May 15, 2017 at 02:11 PM

ML

“ *Michelle L lit a candle in memory of Leon Pudenz*



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**Michelle L** - May 15, 2017 at 01:04 PM

ML

*My condolences to the Pudenz family. I always enjoyed seeing Leon.*

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**Michelle L** - May 15, 2017 at 01:07 PM

JE

*Prayers of strength for the family left behind. He is free from pain and has a clear mind and reunited with his wife. Wow, praise the Lord.  
Jeannie*

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**Jeannie** - May 16, 2017 at 11:00 AM

SK

“ *Sandy Kilbride lit a candle in memory of Leon Pudenz*



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**Sandy Kilbride** - May 14, 2017 at 11:19 AM

SK

*My sympathy and prayers to Leon's family and friends. Uncle Leon was a very kind and special man. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Sandy Kilbride** - May 14, 2017 at 11:23 AM