



## Merlin "Merlie" H. Loew

January 23, 1935 - December 22, 2013

Merlin Loew, 78, of Maple River died early Sunday morning, December 22, 2013 at his home, surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Mass Servers will be: Ray Boeckman, Jim Derner and Larry Loew. Music for the mass will be by Barb McDermott and the Holy Spirit Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Shelly Loew. Gift Bearers will be: Lollie Derner, Katie Hoffman, and Aggie Snyder. Eucharistic Ministers will be Ann Popp and Kris Feld. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: Rick Bruning, Darrell Schaeuble, Becky Loew, Lou Ann Loew, Shawn Popp, Kelly Loew, Shelly Loew, and Emily Loew. Casket Bearers will be: Deb Bruning, Cindy Schaeuble, Jeff Loew, Brenda Wiederin, Richie Loew, Don Loew, Ann Popp, Dean Loew, Neal Loew, Jr. Loew, Mike Loew, and Rob Loew. Merlie's grandchildren and great-grandchildren will form an honor guard for the funeral mass. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery at Maple River.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4:30 p.m. on Monday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. by Holy Spirit Parish.

The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church at 9 a.m. on Tuesday where visitation will resume 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 Merlie's family at [www.sharpfuneral.com](http://www.sharpfuneral.com).

On January 23, 1935, Merlin and his twin sister, Marion, were born to Steven and Florence (Hermsen) Loew of Carroll, IA. Merlie attended St. Francis School and Carroll High School. He helped his family with their farm and dairy operation later going to work for Chicago Northwestern Railroad until 1968. Merlin was united in marriage to Marie Boeckman on November 23, 1957 at Wall Lake, Iowa. He returned to farming and raising livestock in the Maple River area and also owned and operated Merlie's place in Carroll. Merlie's passion was laying carpet; he owned Loew's Carpet and passed the trade down to his family. Overall Merlie just loved life; fishing, playing cards, singing, and attending exotic animal sales. His greatest joy in life though was his entire family who were by his side when he passed away Sunday morning at the age of 78. Merlie was a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll.

Merlie is survived by: his wife Marie Loew of Maple River; his children: Deb (Rick) Bruning of Breda, Cindy (Darrell) Schaeuble of Kansas City, MO, Jeff (Becky) Loew of Storm Lake, Brenda Wiederin of Algona, Richie (Lou Ann) Loew of Grimes, Don Loew of Carroll, Ann (Shawn) Popp of Adel, Dean Loew of Carroll, Neal (Kelly) Loew of Indianola, Jr. (Shelly) Loew of Carroll, Mike (Emily) Loew of Carroll and Rob Loew of Carroll; 40 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; his siblings: Twin Sister, Marion (Roland) Daniel of Carroll, Larry (Mary Jane) Loew of Maple River, Katie Hoffman of Carroll, Lollie (Jim) Derner of Sac City, Aggie (Bob) Snyder of Des Moines, Steve (Deb) Loew of Des Moines; as well as other relatives and many friends.

Merlie was preceded in death by his parents; his grandsons: Matthew Loew and Jason Bruning; his sister, Ethel Mae Davis; his brothers: Denny, Clancy,

and Joe Loew.

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dick, LuAnn, and all the Loew family,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. I have some great memories of your  
home in Maple River and Merlies Place! Lean on each other now  
and remember the good times with your dad. Hugs, Debbie (Louis)  
Baur*

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**Debbie B** - January 07, 2014 at 08:11 PM

JW

“ *To everyone in Merlie's family, my family and I wish to express our  
deep sorrow at your loss and offer our condolences. We each have  
our memories of him; he was certainly a man who will not be  
forgotten. Our sympathy, Jeanne, Jim and Julie Wilson*

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**Jeanne Wilson** - December 25, 2013 at 06:26 PM

EJ

“ *DEAR MARIE,  
GLORIA SENT AN EMAIL TO US CLASS OF '57 STATING THAT  
YOUR HUSBAND HAD PASSED ON. I AM SORRY FOR YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILIES LOSS.  
WARM REGARDS,  
EJNER JACOBSEN*

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**EJNER JACOBSEN** - December 24, 2013 at 12:31 PM

JG

“ *I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Know that  
lots of people are thinking of you with deepest sympathy. Keep in  
mind... your heart will remember long after you've said your  
goodbye. Take care.*

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**Jean Griffith** - December 24, 2013 at 11:36 AM

BS

“ I have so many get memories of my favorite cousin Merlie! I smile thinking back at trying to catch baby ducks in the creek, pheasant hunting, chasing chickens, and just listening to his stories. It seems like yesterday! My Dad loved to have beer and trade tales with Merlie.....I am sure he had a cold one waiting.

*My sympathy to all the family.*

*Bob (and Connie) Skow*

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**Bob Skow** - December 24, 2013 at 09:16 AM

KH

“ So sorry to hear the sad news about Merlie. I think of him and smile. When my family is together this weekend we will take time to share our memories of him.. Surely the heavens are rejoicing with his arrival. Prayers are being said for all of Merlie's Family. Sincerely, Kris Hermsen, Tom Hermsen, Kathy Hermsen, TIm Hermsen, Al Hermsen

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**Kathy Hermsen** - December 23, 2013 at 08:59 PM

DB

“ Brenda, Jen, Jessie, Jereme, and Jerica,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Deb Bell*

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**Deb Bell** - December 23, 2013 at 06:07 PM

BS

“ *Marie and cousins  
Uncle Mert was clearly a one of a kind man. Fond memories of teaching the "city slicker" nephew of fishing in the creek off the railroad bridge, soft back turtles and other various creatures over the years. He will be missed but memories will live on. Our deepest sympathies and blessings for your families.*

*Bob and Carol Snyder*

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**bob snyder** - December 23, 2013 at 05:01 PM

AL

“ *Marie and family,  
Merlie touched a lot lives though out his, always leaving people with a smile. I have many memories of spending time at your place and running around Maple River. If everyone loved others as your dad loved all of you the world would be a much better place. He will be missed but will live on in all of you.*

*Rick and Ann (Heinrichs) Langel*

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**Ann Langel** - December 23, 2013 at 03:29 PM

RC

“ *Cindy and Darrell & Deb and Rick:  
So sorry to hear about your father, he has been sick for so long and everytime I went through Maple River I would always see family there. Family is what it is all about and he will be missed by all who knew him, but now he is at peace and in a better place. Praying Peace for all of you.*

*Renee Crouse*

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**renee crouse** - December 23, 2013 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ *To Marie and family:  
You have my deepest sympathy. I became acquainted with Merlie at the Denison sale barn. He was always a happy go lucky guy and proud of his large family and living in Maple River. I always enjoyed visiting with him.  
God's Blessings  
Jerry Boger*

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**Jerry Boger** - December 23, 2013 at 02:22 PM

DB

“ *Cindy, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We told so many great stories of our big families when we worked together. May those stories and the many that follow, be wonderful memories that comfort you all. God bless you all for being with him when the angels welcomed him. Doreen and Ken Berg*

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**Doreen and Ken Berg** - December 23, 2013 at 01:49 PM




“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Merlin "Merlie" H. Loew.*



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December 23, 2013 at 09:40 AM

 Tracy Harmon

“ *Much love to you Brenda and family. It has always been clear how much you loved your dad, and I know you will miss him terribly. My heart aches for you. You are in my thoughts now, as always.  
Tracy*

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**Tracy Harmon** - December 23, 2013 at 08:30 AM



“ Marie and kids,

*What a man we all had in Merlie. I have only good memories of your husband and dad...and they all include a smile or a laugh. I will always remember him in his bibbers and surrounded by animals. He loves those animals. How appropriate that St. Francis parish was right there. I imagine St. Francis and Merlie are having some great talks about ducks, geese, goats and pot bellied pigs right now! He always wore his heart on his sleeve and fiercely loved his wife and kids. What a lucky day for God....he got another one of Iowa's best farmers. As for me and my family, we are so blessed to know this great man. I'll be thinking of him in the spring when me and the kids find our poles and go fishing...*

*Big hugs Marie...*

*...and the kids I knew best...Dean, Jr., Mike and Robbie*

*Love,*

*Pam (Grote) Venturi and our lots of little kids...*

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**Pamela Venturi** - December 22, 2013 at 10:51 PM

JF

“ Sorry to hear about you loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Joel & Chicone Fox & family** - December 22, 2013 at 08:32 PM

Sara  
Morgan

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Thought and prayers to your family. May he rest in peace.



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**Sara Morgan** - December 22, 2013 at 07:28 PM



“ *Red Poinsettia was purchased for the family of Merlin "Merlie" H. Loew.*



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December 22, 2013 at 06:56 PM



“ *Marie and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with all you at this sad time. May he rest in peace.*

*Carl & Mary Snyder*

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**Mary Snyder** - December 22, 2013 at 06:53 PM



“ *So sorry to hear that Merlie had passed. He (and my dad) took me fishing almost every weekend as a kid. He was such a funny and ornery man who will be missed by many.*

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**Jolene Schaeuble** - December 22, 2013 at 04:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Merlin's passing, he was like an icon in the Carroll area. I am sure he will be so missed by all.*

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**Patt Heithoff Hultman** - December 22, 2013 at 11:56 AM



“ *Brenda and family, you are in our hearts and on our minds. May God bless you during this time. <3*

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**Merlin and Kim Eischeid** - December 22, 2013 at 11:46 AM