

Lawrence "Larry" Penner

Lawrence (Larry, Lodie, Doc) Penner was born on a farm near Halstead, Kansas on August 27, 1935 to John and Augusta (Schroeder) Penner. He was the 6th of 8 children. While on the farm he attended a one room school house, and when he was four years old his mother died at the age of 29. Lawrence's father was successful at holding things together with the help of family and Lawrence's grandfather who lived with the family. In 1942 the family moved to Newton, Kansas.

He met Carol Sue Fluke at the Newton roller skating rink and they were married on July 26, 1959 in Newton. He eventually hired on with Western Electric, and they were transferred to Dodge City. He retired from Western Electric after 32 years of service, and then started a second career with Nortel Communications for an additional 9 years. He also served several years with the US Naval Reserves.

Lawrence had a lot of interests including cars, airplanes, radios, bowling and auctions. He was an avid collector of many things. He loved to play golf and watched it on TV. He especially liked to golf with his childhood friends, John and Bill Bevan. He was a longtime member of the Newton American Legion Post #2, and loved going out there on a Friday night. He was well known for asking a lot of questions and telling a lot of stories.

He is survived by his sons, Mike (Bob), Tom, Jefferey Todd (Cindy) and Craig; grandchildren, Jonathon and Anyssa (David). Lawrence is also survived by his sister Lucille Penner Smith, and Brother Max (Joan).

He was preceded in death by his wife Sue, parents John and Augusta, sister Bernice, sister Evelyn Penner Smith and brother-in-law Leroy Smith, brother Vernon, brother John Henry and sister-in-law Dolores Penner, brother Frank, brother-in-law Jerry Smith, sister-in-law Darlene "Jo" Androes, brother-in-law Jim Paulson, and daughter-in-law Tanya Penner.

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Memorial Service

*Friday, December 15, 2023, 2:00 pm
Petersen Funeral Home
Newton, Kansas*

Officiating

Pastor Roger Neufeld Smith

Music

'Amazing Grace'

'Remember When'

'Go Rest High on That Mountain'

Memorials suggested to

*Caring Hands Humane Society or
Newton American Legion Post #2*

Reception

Please join us for a reception following the service at the Newton American Legion to share memories and stories of our dad. Dinner and beverages will be served. One of our dad's wishes was to have a "free beer night" at the Legion. Please join us to help honor his wishes. The American Legion is located at 400 S. Spencer Road in Newton, KS 67114, a short drive from Petersen Funeral Home.