

David LeRoy Larson was born on April 30, 1948, in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, to Lawrence and Wubena (Moerke) Larson. He was baptized and confirmed at Pelican Lake Lutheran Church in Ashby, MN. He attended Ashby Public School and graduated with the class of 1966.

David and Dianne (Akerman) Larson were married on May 10, 1969, at Pelican Lake Lutheran Church.

In his earlier years of employment, David worked for the Ashby Co-op Creamery and Equity Association. David and Dianne moved to Elk River, MN, where he took a position with Federal Cartridge. David's love for big machinery presented an opportunity for him to learn crane operation and bridge building alongside his brother, Jim, at Klossmeyer Brothers Construction. He continued his professional crane operating career at the following construction companies: Al Minnerath/Starry Construction Company, Longfors Construction as well as Central Specialties and Structural Specialties until his retirement in 2015.

David was a member of Kvam Free Lutheran Church where he served as a board member. He was also a member of Lake Region Threshermens Association where he took pride in operating the stiff leg crane with his son-in-law, Wayne, running the boiler. David was proud of all the tractors and crawlers he restored that are on display at the annual show.

David was a man of many talents, some of which included his passion for woodworking, refinishing old furniture and building new things in his shop with his loyal dog, Sadie, by his side, as well as restoring antique tractors and playing horseshoe.

In addition to being busy with his work and hobbies, David made time to go camping with his family, which he truly enjoyed. His greatest love was spending time with his wife of 53 years, Dianne, their daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David will always be remembered for his GREAT sense of humor which carried him right up to the very end. He made everyone smile and laugh.

On Friday, October 7, 2022, David peacefully passed away at home with his family by his side.

He is survived by his loving wife, Dianne; his daughters, Dayna (Wayne) Erlandson, Debbi Larson and DeNette (Peter Runningen) Larson; grandchildren, Kaylee (Zach) Hagen, Abby and Matthew Erlandson, Deveny (Sean Saxton) and Deven Rocholl; Marc (Courtney) Runningen, Curtis (Alisa) Runningen, Rachel (Rylee) Cassavant-Bloom and Danny Runningen; great-grandchildren Brooke, Jaxon, Avery and Maddox Hagen, Harlow Saxton, Owen Runningen, Aubree, Beatrice and Chloe Runningen and Rosie Cassavant-Bloom. His siblings include Jim (Marilyn) Larson, Richard (Sharon) Larson and Donald Larson as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents "Nip and Bena", his brother Doug, his nephew Randy Larson, father and mother-in-law, Dale and Kathy Akerman and Brother-in-law, Daryl Akerman.

Blessed be the Memory of David Larson





God saw that he was getting tired,
and a cure was not to be.
So He put His arms around him and
whispered "Come with Me."
With teary eyes we watched him suffer,
and saw him fade away,
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart has stopped beating,
hard working hands to rest.
God touched our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.

In Loving Memory Of
David LeRoy Larson

April 30, 1948 - October 7, 2022

Funeral Service

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:00 PM
Zion-Sarpsborg Lutheran Church
Dalton, Minnesota

Officiating

Pastor Mark Johnson

Music

Margaret Ford, organist
David and Karol Akerman, musicians
Richard and Darlene Akerman, musicians

Congregational Selections

How Great Thou Art #510, It Is Well With My Soul #561

Casket Bearers

Matthew Erlandson ~ Deven Rocholl ~ Zach Hagen
Sean Saxton ~ Donald Rocholl ~ Dale Rocholl

Appreciation

David's family would like to thank everyone for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to them during their time of loss. Everyone is invited to join the family for a lunch immediately following the ceremony.

Arrangements by

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