

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

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Celebrating The life Of Lawrence H. Ludwigs



*July 29, 1933
January 27, 2022*

Lawrence Henry Ludwigs was born July 29, 1933 to Henry D. and Martha (Beeck) Ludwigs on a farm in Portland Township, Plymouth County, near Chatsworth, Iowa. He graduated from Akron High School in 1952. He worked as a farm laborer for a few years. Lawrence was employed by the construction company that built the West Sioux High School in Hawarden, Iowa.

He married Leona Richmond on May 19, 1962 at the First Baptist Church in Hawarden.

He lost his eyesight in 1972. Lawrence was the first blind person to graduate from Northwest Iowa Technical College (now NCC) in Sheldon taking a machinist course. He was employed at Kooima Manufacturing in Rock Valley, Iowa for three years.

Lawrence was baptized and confirmed as a member of the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Chatsworth. He served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. He later became a member of the First Baptist Church, where he served as a Deacon. Lawrence had perfect Sunday School attendance for fifteen years. In 1998, he became a member of the Hawarden Community Church and later returned to the First Baptist Church.

He enjoyed music, singing in the choir and as a soloist, gardening, flowers, and yard work. Lawrence passed away on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at Dunlap Specialty Care in Dunlap, Iowa at the age of 88 years.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother in infancy, Wayne John Ludwigs; wife, Leona; sister, Darlene Burley; brother, Leslie Ludwigs; and brother-in-law, Lester Vetos.

He is survived by a sister, Eunice Vetos; a brother, Lowell (Jan) Ludwigs; a sister-in-law, Marcene Ludwigs; and nephews and nieces.

Blessed be his memory.

In Loving Memory Of
Lawrence Henry Ludwigs



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 23, 2022

First Baptist Church
Hawarden, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Pastor Stuart Schreur

ORGANIST

Deb De Jong

SOLOIST

Allen Van Noort

"What A Day That Will Be"

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

*Please join Lawrence's family for lunch and fellowship
in the church hall following the memorial service.*