



Raymond Lawrence Plendl, son of Harry Joseph and Helen Mildred (Bradley) Plendl, was born February 19, 1944, in LeMars, Iowa. Larry attended kindergarten through 6th grade at Elkhorn Township. He then spent 7th grade through his senior year at the Kingsley-Pierson School District, graduating in 1962. In March 1963 Larry entered the United States Navy where he proudly served his country until March 1967. As a veteran, Larry was an active member of the Hudson American Legion, Post 128.

After the Navy, Larry worked for different companies building silos and digging wells. 1974 brought Larry to Rock Valley, Iowa where he started Larry's Plumbing & Heating until 1999 when a ditch caved in on him. He then started driving heavy equipment for Pearson Excavating in Alcester, South Dakota and later Clausen Excavating in Rock Rapids, Iowa until his retirement.

In 2001, Larry "Chief" started making bloody marys on Sundays at Waddy's Bar & Grill in Hudson, South Dakota. When he retired, those bloody marys became his passion and he continued making them until shortly before his death. Larry passed away Thursday, August 1, 2024, at his home in Hudson at the age of 80.

Larry will be remembered by his longtime companion, Linda Jansen of Hudson and their children, Wade Jansen (Jill Swets) and Andrea Jansen (Chris Nielsen), both of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; granddaughter, Nora Nielsen; sisters, Dorothy Sorensen, Paula Ball, and Mary Trout; brother, Joe Plendl; sisters-in-law, Judy (Tom) Lewis and Connie (Ryan) Richters; brothers-in-law, Terry Woodley, Ron (Jody) Jansen, and Galen (Debbie) Jansen; and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry "Bud" and Helen Plendl; brothers, David Plendl and Kenny Plendl; sister LuEllen Woodley; brothers-in-law, Jens Sorensen, Evan Ball, and Donnie Trout; sisters-in-law, Marge Plendl, MaryAnn Plendl, Cynthia Plendl; and Cinda Plendl; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Cornie and Ruth Jansen.

Remembering the Life of Larry "Chief" Plendl

February 19, 1944 ~ August 1, 2024

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

11:00 AM, Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Hudson Community Center

Hudson, South Dakota

EMCEE

Galen Jansen

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

"When We All Get to Heaven"

Alan Jackson

"Go Rest High on That Mountain"

Vince Gill

"Drink a Beer"

Luke Bryan

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Adam Waterman ~ Mike Otten ~ Harv Keith
Buck VerMulm ~ Jerry Hustrulid ~ Mac McCrory
Scott Persing ~ Nick Brandt ~ Mel Ranschau

MILITARY RITES

American Legion Bergstrom-Bodeen Post 128

Hudson, South Dakota

United States Navy Ceremonial Guard

Larry's family would like to thank everyone for the care and support that has been given over the last couple months. They invite you to stay after the service for a time of food, fellowship, and continued sharing of stories.

Celebrating the Life



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