



## Elizabeth "Liz" Larson

May 30, 1948 - June 21, 2018

Elizabeth "Liz" Larson, age 70, of Albia, passed away on June 21, 2018, under the care of HCI Hospice at her home in Albia, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born on May 30, 1948, to John and Mary (Auger) Beaver in Desmarais, Alberta, Canada. She grew up and graduated from RF Staples High School in West Lock, Alberta, Canada with the Class of 1966. She was united in marriage to David Larson on June 19, 1970, in Vancouver B.C., Canada. To this union 2 children were born, Lisa and Dan. Liz and Dave shared 48 years of marriage prior to her passing.

Liz was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia for many years before becoming a member of the First Lutheran Church in Ottumwa. She has been a Mary Kay consultant since 1989. Liz and Dave settled down on the century farm in Albia and Liz was an active farm wife and huge supporter of all of her family's activities. She learned how to drive the truck and trailer and hauled the kids by herself to many cattle shows and rodeos and the kids have many exciting stories of their travels. She was very involved in the day to day operation of the family farm and was an AI technician for 20 plus years on the farm. She was a member of the Monroe County Cattlemen and was inducted into the Monroe County Cattlemen's Hall of Fame in 2014. She and Dave were Polled Hereford Association members. In 1983, they were named

Monroe County Beef Producer of the Year and they were inducted into the Monroe County Farm Bureau Hall of Fame in 2005.

Liz enjoyed her job and being around people. She was very outgoing and never knew a stranger. She enjoyed traveling and photography. She loved attending activities her grandchildren were involved in. Above all, she loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, David Larson of Albia; a daughter, Lisa (Mark) Keeton of Albia; 3 grandchildren, Deanna and Aaron Keeton and Dax Larson; and 3 siblings, Claire (Doug) Clarke, Leonard Beaver, and Rita Large.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Mary; a son, Dan; and 3 brothers, Lawrence, Gabriel and John Beaver.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 24, 2018, at the Tharp Funeral Home with Liz's family present from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to greet family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, June 25, 2018, at the First Lutheran Church in Ottumwa with Pastor Mark Johnson officiating. Burial will follow the service at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa.

Memorials have been established to the Mary Kay Foundation for cancer research or to the First Lutheran Church in Ottumwa.

Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.tharpfh.com](http://www.tharpfh.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Cemetery

634 N 9th St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 24.** 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

**JUN 25.** 10:30 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
126 N Jefferson St  
Ottumwa, IA 52501

# Tribute Wall



“ Elizabeth "Liz" Larson

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Elizabeth "Liz" Larson

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Sally Crall lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Larson



Sally Crall - June 24, 2018 at 06:04 PM



*I sure missed Liz store after she closed it. Always had a smile and I always found something to buy. She was a wonderful person.*

Sally Crall - June 24, 2018 at 06:05 PM



“ Lisa,

*So sorry to hear of your moms passing. Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. My son still remembers how nice your mom was from the bull riding school years ago. May God give comfort, strength, and peace in the days to come.*

*Robyn Schneider*

Schneider Family - June 24, 2018 at 09:31 AM

CG

“ *Dave & Lisa*

*Vicki and I are greatly saddened by Liz's death. Please know how very sorry we are. You are in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers. If there is any way we can be of help please let us know.*

*Charlie & Vicki Gray*

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**Charles & Vicki Gray** - June 23, 2018 at 06:15 PM

MC

“ *Deepest condolences. I was not aware of Liz's illness. She was always so kind to me and my family and was always a cheerleader for Ella during her fight with lymphoma. May you feel comfort in the many prayers surrounding your family.*

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**Melissa Curiel** - June 23, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Larson.*



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June 23, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Liz" Larson.*



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June 23, 2018 at 11:08 AM

SF

“ Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Lisa, Your mom was an amazing lady. May God's grace help you find comfort.  
The Still family

Still family - June 23, 2018 at 10:57 AM

JN

“ Dave my thoughts are with you. I always enjoyed Liz's smile and her laugh.

John Nordstrom - June 23, 2018 at 08:47 AM

CH

“ We are saddened to hear of Liz's passing, we send our heartfelt sympathy. Liz was a wonderful, sweet & caring lady and will be missed. Cynthia & Kevin Halbmaier

Cynthia Halbmaier - June 23, 2018 at 04:16 AM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss. I have great memories of your Mom, from High School Rodeo. Very sweet lady. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Traci Heartsill Lundvall - June 22, 2018 at 11:14 PM

JL

“ Dave, Lisa and family....words can't express how sorry I am about Liz. Liz means the world to me and our family....she will be missed so much💕💕💕 Blessings, Love and Prayers Always 🙏🌸  
Brent, Jean and Paige Mykel Lozano

Jean Lozano - June 22, 2018 at 11:04 PM

RF

“ Liz has been a friend for many years. Always a smile on her face. We're so sorry for your loss of your dear wife, mother and grandma.  
Roberta and Russ Fox

roberta fox - June 22, 2018 at 10:45 PM

LL

“ David so sorry to hear of Liz's passing. You and your family are in my prayers.  
Linda Anderson Lindgren

linda lindgren - June 22, 2018 at 06:48 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I have fond memories of her on your family farm. Thinking of you and your family. ❤️

Lisa Gray Schwarz - June 22, 2018 at 05:14 PM

BF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Liz always had a smile and encouraging words, both in rodeo and Mary Kay. --Bobbi Finarty

Bobbi Finarty - June 22, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ One of the first women I met at my Mary Kay meeting in 1990 when I decided to sign, Liz has been a pillar in our unit area for so long. Events won't be the same with her clicking her camera and making sure everyone looked their best.



Kathy Allen - June 22, 2018 at 04:13 PM

CY

*I agree with Kathy Allen. I met Liz when I first signed in 2008. She has been a special part of our unit as well as a special friend and helped everyone in any way she could. Her presence and beautiful smile will be greatly missed.*

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**Connie Young** - June 22, 2018 at 05:44 PM

SC

“ *I am very sad to hear of Liz’s passing. She was one of the first people that I met when my family moved to Albia. She was always cheerful and helpful. A beautiful lady inside and out. I was unaware of her illness and regret that I had not seen her for sometime. My sincere condolences to the family. She will be missed. Sue Corcoran*

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**Sue Corcoran** - June 22, 2018 at 03:47 PM

HK

“ *So sorry for your loss Liz was a very special person who will be missed by all. Liz enjoyed watching grandkids at the 4-H fair. You are in our thoughts. Helen Kline and family*

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**Helen Kline** - June 22, 2018 at 03:24 PM

CT

*Liz was what I considered a Classy lady! She was an encourager, teacher, and cheerleader for us at Kohls! Her smile could brighten a shift.*

*Cancer took her way to early. Thoughts and Prayers to All the family and friends.*

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**Carol Traxler** - June 25, 2018 at 10:42 PM