



Larry Allen Wilkin

March 29, 1944 - March 30, 2023

Larry Allen Wilkin, age 79 of Albia, passed away suddenly on March 30, 2023.

Larry was born on March 29, 1944, in Ottumwa, IA to Allen and Ethel (Anderson) Wilkin. He graduated from Albia Community High School in 1962. He also attended one year at William Penn University. Larry married Sharon Elizabeth Antolik on August 5, 1967 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottumwa. To this union two daughters were born, Joni Lynn and Julie Ann.

At a young age he became very involved in 4-H and specifically showing cattle. His love for cattle has always been a big part of his life. He worked for several years at Mahoney Manufacturing which would later become Chamberlain Mfg. serving as a foreman. After the plant closed, he began farming full time. He raised cattle, hogs, sheep and donkeys. You never knew what he might have on hand or what 'good deal' he found at the sale barn. He was also a cattle buyer for many farmers in Southern Iowa. Every day, Larry and his truck and trailer could be found on the road headed to a sale barn.

He was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia. He was a long-time member of the Albia Lion's Club. And enjoyed a cup of coffee at Hardee's with his buddies. He was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and rooted proudly for the Kansas City Chiefs.

But above all, he loved his family. As an only child Larry welcomed the opportunity to love those that meant the most to him. He Loved his wife, would fight for his daughters and go to war defending his grandkids. Larry enjoyed attending the grandkids activities. From sporting events, rodeos and cattle showing. He hardly missed any of them. No matter how far he needed to travel.

Surviving Larry is his wife of 55 years, and best friend, Sharon; daughters Joni Murphy and Julie (Dan) Stocker. Three special grandsons; Justen Murphy (Kelsey Rockwell), Cameron and Carson Stocker. Three special great grandchildren; Jack, Jace and Blakely Murphy. Sister and Brother In Laws; Andy and Rita Antolik, Steve and Pat Shelton. And many dear relatives and friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Allen and Ethel Wilkin; his in-laws Andy & Ann Antolik; and sister-in-law Carol Presley.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Larry's family present to greet family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia, with Rev. Ronald Myers officiating. Burial will follow services at Service Chapel Cemetery in Albia.

A memorial has been established to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Albia.

Cemetery Details

Service Chapel Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

APR 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
N. 8th St.
Albia, IA

Tribute Wall

TS

“ *Tess Sebben lit a candle in memory of Larry Allen Wilkin*



Tess Sebben - April 17, 2023 at 06:57 PM

EM

“ *ED MCGINN lit a candle in memory of Larry Allen Wilkin*



ED MCGINN - April 04, 2023 at 09:23 PM

MM

“ *Monroe County Professional Mgmt. lit a candle in memory of Larry Allen Wilkin*



Monroe County Professional Mgmt. - April 03, 2023 at 03:26 PM

CG

“ *Prayers to the family.*



Cheryl Gray - April 01, 2023 at 05:37 PM

MM

“ *Praying for the Wilkin family.*

Margaret Mordan - April 01, 2023 at 09:35 AM

LS

“ *I was so shocked to hear of Larry's passing as I saw him at our high school class reunion this past summer and he seemed to be in good health. One of my favorite memories of Larry was when I was about 7 or 8 years old, his Mom called and asked my mom if she would bring me over to his house and he would take me for a ride on his cart which was pulled by a goat. I will always remember what a wonderful time I had with Larry*

Linda L Stanford - April 01, 2023 at 08:41 AM

MB

Sharon, I was not able to be with you this weekend but want to send my love and prayers for you, your daughters and families as you adjust to life without Larry in it. Always enjoyed visits at family get togethers or where ever we saw you. My only special memory I have thought of was attending your wedding. Just know I will be thinking of all of you.

Marie VanDorin Baughman - April 05, 2023 at 11:06 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Larry Allen Wilkin.*



April 01, 2023 at 03:33 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Allen Wilkin.*



April 01, 2023 at 12:39 AM



“ *Prayers for the family! You'll be in my thoughts!*



Velma Furlin - March 31, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Larry was very kind man and will be greatly missed Helen and Tom Lahart*

Helen Lahart - March 31, 2023 at 04:45 PM