



## Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary

September 4, 1930 - June 21, 2022

Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary, age 91, of Lovilia, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the West Ridge Specialty Care Center in Knoxville.

Larry was born in Cedar Township near Weller on September 4, 1930 the 1st of seven children of Walter E. and Mary Garnet (Hackathorn) Beary. He attended Oak Dale country school and graduated from Lovilia High School in 1948. For a time he lived with and worked for his uncles, Jim and Leo Beary, on their farm.

The day he graduated from high school, Larry went to the Albia airport and signed up to take flying lessons. He earned his private pilot's license in 1949. He loved to fly and for years went to flight breakfasts with friends, Wayne and Janet Westberg, at the Knoxville airport until health problems prevented him from doing so. Later, Larry volunteered at the airport to man the office, mow the grass in the summer and push the snow in the winter which kept him in touch with airport friends.

On August 9, 1952 at St. Mary's Church in Albia, he was united in marriage to Joan Marlin. They shared 70 years of marriage and were blessed with five children: Kathleen, David, Christine, Randy, and Scott.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1955. At Lackland Air Force Base

he was trained as an atomic blast first responder. The University of Alabama prepared for his job as non-commissioned officer in charge of airman's section at wing level on Mac Dill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. While there he was deployed temporary duty to England and Morocco. He was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant within two years of his enlistment. In 1955 he was selected as outstanding non-commissioned officer of the headquarters squadron of the 306 Bomb Wing from January 1 to June 6. Upon his discharge, the family returned to Iowa to farm in Monroe, Marion, and Lucas counties. Kathleen and David were born in Florida.

He was a member of the Albia Lads and Lassies Square Dance Club, Albia American Legion, and St Mary's Catholic Church in Weller and Albia. He was a trustee at St Mary's Church in Weller and after its closing served on the Weller Cemetery Board.

Whether you wanted to play cards, go for an airplane ride, roller skate, or go to a dance he was always a willing participant. His grandchildren would not let him deal the cards because they said he always won when he was the dealer. He was a good steward of his farmland building up the soil and using conservation practices. Besides farming his own land on the family farm, he also rented additional farm land and did a lot of custom combining for others. At times throughout the years he raised sheep, hogs, horses, and especially liked working with his cow-calf herds. He was always there to help a neighbor.

His great grandparents, Daniel and Anna Beary, immigrated to America from County Cork, Ireland, and Larry was always very proud of his Irish heritage.

He is survived by his wife, Joan; children, Kathleen (Bruce) Baumbaugh, David Beary, Christine (Bill) Lanphier, Randy (Tina) Beary, and Scott Beary, 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Joyce Koffman and Helen Williams; 3 sisters-in-law, Georgina Beary, Betty Beary and Kay(Larry) DeVos;

and 4 brothers-in-law, Ernie Corso, John Marlin, Don (Jeany) Marlin and Wayne (Candace) Marlin.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Mary Beary; 2 brothers, Walt Beary and Jerome Beary; 2 sisters, Pauline Claman and Loretta Corso; brothers-in-law, Pete Williams, Jim Baker, Leland Bettis, Lawrence Amoss, Alex Koffman, and Bob Claman; sisters-in-law, Darlene Amoss, Jayne Hughell, Hazel Baker, and Lelah Marlin; and parents-in-law, John and Mildred Marlin.

Visitation will be held from 3:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Larry's family present from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. to greet family and friends. A Rosary led by St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society will be held at 4:00 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albia, with Father Mark Yates C.P.P.S. officiating. Burial with military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia will follow services at St. Mary's Cemetery in Weller.

A memorial has been established to St. Mary's Cemetery Weller.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Weller Cemetery

Weller, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 26. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

JUN 26. 4:00 PM (CT)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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JUN 27. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
730 Benton Ave W  
Albia, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary*

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January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Just saw this, so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I play a lot, A LOT of cards with Larry at the Weller store back in the 60's and early 70's.....great guy,*

*Mark Hollinrake*

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**Mark** - June 27, 2022 at 12:45 PM

AH

“ This is a memory of him and his daughter Christine. My name is Annette Heck, I went to Twin Cedars Jr High School with his daughter Christine. We rode the bus together. She was having a birthday party one weekend and had a sleepover with me and another girl. That next morning her mom made us a lovely breakfast and then told us she had a surprise for us. Her dad took us into Knoxville and we went to the airport. He was going to take us flying! When we got ready to get in yesterday plane, he handed us barf bags and told us should we need them we should use them. We'd just had breakfast! No one got sick, and it was a beautiful day. I'd never been in a plane it was so exciting. The fields had been planted and looked like a patchwork quilt. It was so sweet of Mr. Beary to take 3 silly teenage girls up in his plane. He was so nice to us. I think of this often and what a blessing he'd been to us. Chris was lucky to have such a sweet man for a dad! I hope you read this Chris. I live in Knoxville and I'm so sorry for you and your family on this sad day.

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**Annette Heck** - June 26, 2022 at 12:16 PM

MW

“ We were very sorry to hear of Larry's death. Our thoughts are with his entire family.

*Mark and Joyce Waters*



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**Mark and Joyce Waters** - June 25, 2022 at 05:15 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear this. I was blessed to get to visit with both Larry and Joan at Westridge recently. I have many fond memories of time spent with this special family. Larry and Joan always made me feel welcome and like family. Even though it has been many years since seeing all of you, I will always be thankful for the good times spent while growing up as neighbors and friends. May God comfort and bless all of you as you remember and celebrate the life of your Dad.

Jon Whitlatch - June 25, 2022 at 03:04 PM

DC

“ Daniel Crall lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary



Daniel Crall - June 25, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary.



June 24, 2022 at 05:35 PM

CW

“ Sorry for your loss we remember meeting your folks when they visited you in Indiana.

Charlie and Deb Whitcraft

Charles Whitcraft - June 24, 2022 at 09:44 AM

SB

“ *State Bank Of Bussey lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary*



State Bank of Bussey - June 24, 2022 at 07:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary.*



June 23, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary.*



June 23, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary.*



June 23, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary.*



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June 23, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Edward Beary.*



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June 23, 2022 at 12:16 PM