



Larry G Lightbody

June 10, 1937 - August 3, 2023

Larry G. Lightbody, 86, of Thornton passed away Thursday August 3, 2023 at the Sheffield Care Center.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Saturday, August 12, 2023 at Richland Lutheran Church in Thornton, IA with Pastor Caleb Helmen officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 P.M., Friday, August 11, at Counsell Woodley Funeral Home in Thornton, and will resume one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be held in the Richland Lutheran Cemetery. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home of Thornton is caring for Larry and his family.

Those wishing to express their sympathies through a memorial in his name may wish to consider Richland Lutheran Church and the Iowa Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Larry G. Lightbody was born on June 10, 1937 to George and Edna Mae (Moritz) Lightbody in Thornton, IA. He was the oldest of three boys and was raised on a farm near Thornton. He received his education in the Thornton school system, graduating in 1955.

Following graduation, he proudly served three years in the United States Marine Corps. He was united in marriage to Judith Schonemann on March 12,

1958 at Richland Lutheran Church in Thornton. The couple lived in California while he was in the service and after his discharge they returned to Iowa and started farming. In 1965 they and their two children, Jody and Kirk, moved into their present home in Thornton.

Larry was employed by Henning Construction Company for 20 years and by Cerro Gordo County Secondary Road Dept for 18 years. He was a member of Richland Lutheran Church and served on the City Council, fire department, and the Pleasant Valley Golf Board.

His family was the center of his life and he was the proudest grandpa and great-grandpa, always looking forward to the time he spent with the kids. He was a loyal Iowa State Cyclones fan and long-time season ticket holder to football games, something he shared with his family.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife Judith of 65 years, son Kirk (Kathy) Lightbody of Arlington, TX, son-in-law Bart Pals of Mason City, granddaughter Katie Pals of Belmond, grandson Logan (Cassie) Pals of Bellevue, NE, three dearly loved great-grandchildren, Samuel, Ella, and Grace Pals, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Waiting for him in Heaven are his daughter Jody Pals, parents George and Edna Mae Lightbody, brothers Bennett Lightbody and Edward (Kay) Lightbody, in-laws William and Grace Schonemann and sisters and brothers-in-law Virginia (Jack) Beale, Shirley (Duane) Mabb, Polly (Marion) Schoneman, and Mariann (Jack) Stiles.

The family will forever be grateful to everyone at the Sheffield Care Center for the excellent care he received over the past 6 months he resided there.

Cemetery Details

Richland Lutheran Cemetery

Cerro Gordo Street
Thornton, IA 50457

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Thornton - Woodley Funeral Home
107 N 2Nd St
Thornton, IA 50479
(641) 998-2311

Church Service

AUG 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Richland Lutheran Church
Thornton, IA 50479

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Larry's family,*

We express our sympathy. May God comfort you during your sorrow. May the fond memories of Larry be in your heart forever. God bless you all.

Harlan and Marge Baack



Harlan and Marge Baack - August 07, 2023 at 10:13 PM

BH

“ *Deepest heartfelt sympathy all of Larry's family. Larry was a pleasant man to meet and caring for his home & family really was the center of his life-it showed. Our hearts are with Judie & family. Ron & Beverly Hummel, Ankeny,ia*

Beverly Hummel - August 05, 2023 at 02:03 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry G Lightbody.*

August 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry G Lightbody.*



August 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JV

“ *Larry you will be missed...may you rest in peace...such a beautiful soul...beyond grateful to have gotten to know you and your family and care for you...*

Jodi vosburgh

Dakota Gregory 🙏

Jodi vosburgh - August 04, 2023 at 10:47 PM