



'Tweet' Larry Eugene Stadlander

June 3, 1948 - January 27, 2026

Tweet Larry Stadlander, 77, of Thornton, passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at the Sheffield Care Center. Funeral service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, January 31, at the Thornton United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery, Thornton.

Visitation will be Saturday at the church beginning at 9:30.

Larry "Tweet" Eugene Stadlander was born June 3, 1948, in Hampton, to Louis and Gertrude (Smit) Stadlander. He was raised in Meservey and graduated from Meservey – Thornton High School. On June 8, 1974 Tweet was united in marriage with Connie Jensen at Richland Lutheran Church in Thornton. He worked as a custodian and bus driver for M-T, SCMT, and West Fork Schools for over 27 years. He always enjoyed the kids and let them know they were important to him.

Tweet served his communities on both the Meservey and Thornton Fire departments and the Thornton City Council for several terms. He was very proud of his gardens and with family and friends did a lot of canning the produce. He could be found most every morning at the gas station for coffee at 8 am then the post office at 9:30. Fishing trips with friends to Webster, South Dakota were annual rituals. Listening to Willie Nelson on driving trips to visit his sister Brenda in Oklahoma with sisters Shirley and Bev were very memorable. With Connie they took many trips including to Alaska and he was

glad for those times as well as trips with his great niece to Washington to see nieces. Attending the Meservey Fireworks each year was important to him as well as the Memorial Day Services.

Tweet is survived by his sister, Shirley Proctor, Thornton; sister, Bev Stadlander, Meservey; brother, Dean (Renae) Stadlander, Clear Lake; sister, Brenda (John) Bracklein, Shawnee, OK; aunt and second mom, Esther DeVries, Sheffield; aunt Sue Smit, Hampton; brother-in-law, Mike (Betty) Jensen, Thornton; sister-in-law, Kathy (Tom) Janeka, Thornton; sister-in-law, Laurie (Glenn Maas) Mecham; special great niece, Jovie 'Bean'; nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Connie; his parents; brother Richard and great nephew Zak Slagle.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

130th St
Thornton, IA 50479

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 9:30 AM (CT)

Thornton United Methodist Church
404 Maple Street
Thornton, IA 50479

Funeral service

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KS

“ So sorry for the loss of Tweet. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kip Stadlander and Family

Kip Stadlander - January 31 at 01:00 PM

KU

“ Tweet was a Thornton staple. Reunited with his love, Connie, and my grandpa Frank has a coffee waiting for you. My thoughts are with the Stadlander family.



Kailey Uhde - January 31 at 11:04 AM

DK

“ Connie and tweet were good friends of ours, even if we didn't see them that often. My family were good friends of the Statlanders. We send our sympathy to the Statlander and Jensen family's. Darwin and Genelle Koenen

Darwin Koenen - January 30 at 05:04 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of 'Tweet' Larry Eugene Stadlander.



January 30 at 11:39 AM

SS

“ Sally Stadlander planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of 'Tweet' Larry Eugene Stadlander.

Sally Stadlander - January 30 at 11:39 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of 'Tweet' Larry Eugene Stadlander.



January 30 at 11:30 AM

LJ

“ Lon & Sarah Johnson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of 'Tweet' Larry Eugene Stadlander.



Lon & Sarah Johnson - January 29 at 07:17 AM

MS

“ Sorry to hear about Tweet Thinking of you. Mike

Mike Stadlander - January 28 at 09:37 PM

SS

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of our old neighbor Tweet. He and Connie lived next door to us in Sunnyside in the 80's when we live in Thornton. He was a good neighbor who always had a smile.

Sheldon Schroeder - January 28 at 03:06 PM

SB

“ Trying to find the right words to share...we were definitely blessed to have him as a neighbor! He was a great bus driver and an even better listener to our little chatterbox, who could go a day without stopping to chat as she grew up. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the whole family and many friends in the coming days and weeks. We pray that comfort and peace can be found in the memories many share.

Dean, Stefanie, Michael and Deanna

Stefanie Black - January 28 at 11:55 AM

RL

“ Tweet is our close neighbor. He was a good one. We enjoyed his visits. We were gardening and golf comrades. A "Good Guy". We miss him. God Bless.

Rog & Linda - January 27 at 10:40 PM

MH

One of the good guys that was always around town, always good for a laugh!! We will miss him dearly,

Mike and Barb Hopkey - January 28 at 02:45 AM

DM

*So sorry to hear this.
Dean and Becky Messelheiser*

Dean Messelheiser - January 28 at 08:31 AM

MS

Tweet - a fun classmate - always a big smile - great conversation with him . My sympathy to family and friends 🙏🙏

Martha j Statlander - January 28 at 10:34 AM

JA

We worked many years together in construction and at the school. Super down to earth guy. The community of Thornton has lost another good one. Our thoughts and sympathy are also with his family.

Jack and Deb Amble

Jack Amble - January 29 at 09:52 AM

JO

I worked with Tweet many years ago at Meservey-Thornton schools. Tweet, and Connie, were very good to me and they were instrumental in the success of the school. This is a sad loss for the community I'm sure.

Jim Obermann

Jim Obermann - January 29 at 04:24 PM

DM

Great Guy. Enjoyed working with him over 10 years. Always there with encouraging words.

Dick and Sonna McMahon

Dick McMahon - January 30 at 07:07 AM

CS

I went to school with Larry, Great guy

Cindy Kaduce Sanders - January 30 at 12:26 PM