



Larry Dwaine Schwensen

July 8, 1942 - May 22, 2024

Larry Dwaine Schwensen, 81, passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at Tabitha Hospice Care in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Larry was born July 8, 1942, in Fullerton, Nebraska to William and Opal (Foland) Schwensen, the second oldest of their six children.

He grew up on a farm near Belgrade, Nebraska. He attended country school before graduating Fullerton High School in 1960. After graduation he joined the Navy, serving on the aircraft carrier USS Ranger in the Pacific Fleet from 1960 to 1963. Upon discharge Larry stayed on the west coast, embarking on a career in construction. He began as an apprentice with the Carpenter's Union and then as a foreman organizing, directing, and completing many heavy construction projects in the Bay Area of Northern California and later in Nebraska. Among these were high-rise buildings, a water park, water treatment plants, underground BART system in San Francisco, and earthquake repairs in the Port of Alameda. As an entrepreneur, Larry owned a family business construction company in Central City, Nebraska.

Larry was not happy unless he was building something, building (and adding onto) his own houses both in California and later in

Nebraska. He assisted several family members and nearby neighbors in building their houses as well. Many homes in the area are decorated with cabinets, trim, doors and furniture from his "retirement workshop".

Larry married Rose Marie Leander on February 28, 1969, after being introduced by Larry's friend and brother-in-law Bob Humrich. They were blessed with three children, ten grandchildren, and one great grandson. Larry always made time to enjoy his children and grandchildren by attending music and sporting events, roofing a shed together, working in the woodshop, and taking canoeing adventures on the Platte and Cedar Rivers. He also spent time mowing the yard with his tractor, tending his vegetable garden, and doing mechanic work on his treasured 1958 Ford pickup and 1963 Ford Thunderbird.

Larry is survived by his loving wife Rose (Leander); their children Shawn Schwensen (Tonya) of Topeka, KS, Corey Schwensen (Christy) of Lincoln, NE, and Deanna Qualset (Adam) of Waverly, NE; grandchildren, Antonia McFarlen (Jordan), Nicolas Schwensen (Rachel), Benjamin Schwensen, Laurel Schwensen, Katrina Schwensen, Amelia Schwensen, Terrence Schwensen, Ethan Qualset (Julia Wingrove--fiancé) Maya Qualset, and Jacob Qualset; great-grandson Lewis McFarlen; brother-in-law Bob Humrich (Linda); sisters Glenda McIntosh and Tamie Hays; and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings: Bill Schwensen, Sheryl Humrich and Curtis Schwensen; nephew Bill "BJ" Schwensen and niece Melissa Humrich.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 20 at 11:00 a.m. the third Saturday in the month of July. At Solt-Wagner Funeral Home 1507 17th Street, Central City, NE with a social lunch to follow.

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-3095

Tribute Wall

RA

“*Rose, sorry this is so late. I just saw this. Sending prayers, hugs and God's blessings of comfort.*

He did an awesome job on my cabinets!



Rosie Avant - September 11, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“*Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Larry Dwaine Schwensen.*



July 19, 2024 at 02:03 PM

NB

“*I went to a one room school with my cousin Larry and 12 others. Many of whom were related to me. It was interesting. But Larry was my favorite. He was always kind and had that beautiful smile and laugh. Later in life, he would stop to visit in Minnesota on his way to see Rose. Sometimes we would go bowling and he always beat me.*

I will miss you Larry and our family was lucky to have you among us. God bless!

Nancy Bromirski - July 18, 2024 at 07:22 PM

BF

“ Byron & Ginny and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Larry Dwaine Schwensen.



Byron & Ginny and family - July 18, 2024 at 05:27 PM

WS

“ With Love & Remembrance, Pearces & Stahls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dwaine Schwensen.

With Love & Remembrance, Pearces & Stahls - July 16, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Dwaine Schwensen.



July 16, 2024 at 02:05 PM

CH

“ Dear Rose, Shawn, Tonya and family,
So many memories of Larry and Rose coming to Topeka over the years. I will always remember what a talented craftsman Larry was and all the amazing skills he possessed. We love you all and pray for the changes this brings to your lives. God bless you all. The Halpins

Cathie Halpin - July 14, 2024 at 09:45 PM

TB

“ Larry was a great friend. We joked around that we were one of the Fullerton finest when we messed up. We were called the Fullerton reject when we did well we were called the Fullerton finest. Larry taught me so much in woodworking and I will be able to carry on that tradition, I wish I had 10% of what Larry forgot. I enjoyed working with Larry. We shared a lot of memories together from the past. I love you Larry and you will be missed.

Todd Bailey - July 07, 2024 at 09:57 AM