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Decatur-Larry Rodney Logemann, 71, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, February 21, 2015 in his home from complications of Diabetes.

Larry was born and raised on a farm in Bennington, NE, on October 7, 1943 the son of Lester and Dorothy (Sorensen) Logemann. He graduated with honors in Civil Engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in January of 1966. Larry married his college sweetheart Carol Ann Farkas of Chicago, IL, on August 6, 1966 in Bennington, NE. They were married forty-eight wonderful years. He went to work for Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria, IL. In 1967 he transferred to the Decatur Plant. He was a Senior Design Engineer in the Mining Division of Off Highway Trucks. He retired in 1999 with thirty-four years of service.

Larry loved to hunt, fish, fly his plane, travel, and help with the family farming in Nebraska. He was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and enjoyed helping the church man an information booth during the Farm Progress Show.

Larry is survived by his wife Carol, brother Darrell and wife CoeLeta of Nebraska, nieces Kris Reiswig and husband Darwin of Nebraska, and Juli Logemann of California, sister-in-law Darlene Sufanski of Illinois, nieces Jasmine and Nicole and Rachel Van Ettan all of Illinois, nephew Ronald Van Ettan of Illinois, and the family of Tim Sass of Nebraska.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, niece Jackie Stork and her sons Justin and Jason.

Memorial services to celebrate Larry's life will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Diabetes Foundation or Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Decatur. The family of Larry R. Logemann is being served by the Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.



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DB

Diane Benzek posted:

Carol, my heart just sank after talking to you last night. I could hardly speak to my brother as to what your call was about. You and Larry have been wonderful friends and neighbors. Many of my memories of Larry come from walking my dog, Rusti. I clocked many miles walking her in all kinds of weather. Larry often had a doggie treat for Rusti when we walked by. While making over her happiness over the treat, we would talk about events in our lives, weather, retirement, his dog, etc. Once he even drove Rusti and I home. There was a loose dog in the neighborhood and I didn't want to risk a confrontation. He was happy to take us home. My thoughts and prayers are with you today from Alabama. Its supposed to snow here this afternoon. Rusti would still want to go for that walk. I'm sure Larry has a treat for her. Lots of hugs, Diane

February 25 at 2:26 PM

DB

Don & Brenda Bray posted:

Sending our thoughts and prays to you. We will miss Larry walking by and stopping to chat which we enjoyed. Don & Brenda Bray

February 25 at 6:08 AM

AA

Alfred Abraham posted:

Carol, I miss Larry so much already. He had an infectious smile and was very cunning in his execution of his job. He was highly thought of here at Caterpillar, and I personally learned from him how to be accountable as an engineer. Larry also shared his life stories and history with me. He was a hard worker who loved life, and farming. I couldn't believe he still had a farm in Nebraska and worked full time at Cat. We went on several trips together while working at Caterpillar and he was always very helpful in teaching me the ropes. He also taught me the meaning of "beef", me being from the city, not knowing the quality of steak cuts. Carol, you and your family are in our thoughts and are here to help in any possible. We pray that God will give you the strength to endure during these trying times, and I know He will comfort and protect you in this time of need. Larry is now looking down on us from up high with a smile. Love and compassion, Al Abraham

February 24 at 3:58 AM



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DA

Dick Ater posted:

Carol was sorry to hear of your loss. Not sure you would remember me, I retired in 1995 and was friends with Dick Oldham and Gary Schroll. Larry started in Decatur not long after me. I was the horse guy that lived in the country so Larry and I shared farmer roots and I liked to tease him about being a Wealthy land baron. The big guy was a true gentleman and I enjoyed him. Again my sympathy.

February 23 at 2:04 PM

AW

Al Weidlich posted:

Dear Carol and family and loved ones, I was saddened to learn of your beloved Larry's passing at so young an age. Even so, as I read the article, it seemed like he, and you, did a lot of living during all those years. He was a man of many interests and skills, and a real pleasure to know him. I know he must leave a big hole in your heart by his crossing over to God's eternal world. May our Lord, the giver of life and love also be a source of comfort to you in your earthly separation from Larry. May you find peace and comfort and a smile in your memories of life together with him. Peace and love, in Christ, Pr. Al Weidlich

February 23 at 7:55 AM

ML

Michael Lopez posted:

I consider myself very fortunate to have sat next to Larry the last two years before he retired. It took several months for us to warm up to each other as I was a green engineer and he knew that he was going to retire. After a very specific event one day, I seem to have passed an unspoken "Larry" test. Each morning thereafter, I would find a manila folder from his files on my chair. It would contain research or project development notes from his past. Each day during lunch, I would be allowed to ask as many questions as I could fit into our 30 minute lunch break. At the end of the day, the file would disappear forever but the knowledge he shared with me on engineering practices and his opinions on life have shaped my work and world more than any other from my professional career. With the highest regards, Michael Lopez, From Caterpillar Design Engineer, with tutelage, to President of Prairiefire Consulting, Inc. Thank You Larry.

February 23 at 7:16 AM



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Pauline` posted:

Larry was my "handyman". I could always call on him for help or advice. He kept my lawn picture perfect every summer for years and the snow off my driveway. He was a good person and will be missed. Your neighbor, Pauline

February 22 at 9:53 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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