



Lonnie Ludwigson

August 25, 1949 - December 10, 2020

Lonnie Sherman Ludwigson, age 71, went to Heaven on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at the Mayo Clinic in Eau Claire, WI after a brave battle with COVID-19 and chronic lymphocytic leukemia. He could feel the surrounding love of all his family and friends as he went to be with Jesus.

Lonnie was born in Wabasha, MN on August 25, 1949 to Sherman and Evangeline (Thoeny) Ludwigson. He graduated from Alma High School in 1967.

On July 14, 1990, he married the love of his life, Elaine Sylvester, in Alma, WI, where they lived on the family farm and raised their eight children. Being a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend were the greatest joys in Lonnie's life. He loved spending time talking with any and everyone. Shopping trips with Lonnie were lovingly expected to be an hour longer than planned because he would always find someone to talk to at the store. His kids loved going shopping with him though because they knew there would be no shortage of buying Mountain Dew, chocolate milk, Little Debbie's, and Twizzlers.

Being outdoors with his loved ones was a favorite pastime, and he showed that love as a lifelong member of the Alma Rod and Gun Club. Farming, hunting with family and friends on the farm, feeding the birds, taking his grandchildren on Ranger rides, and cutting firewood filled his days and heart with joy. He passed on this love of the outdoors to his kids and always found opportunities to teach them something new, like how to track a deer even if you're colorblind, that prickly ash can be used as aftershave in a pinch, never to trust a dry-looking cow pie, and that beauty can be found everywhere you look.

This love of the outdoors took him many places, like hunting trips to Quebec, Alaska with family and friends. Lonnie and Elaine went on trips to Mexico, Loughlin, NV, and Branson, MO. He followed this passion to the end with a planned elk hunt in Idaho for 2021. While he loved every place he visited, the Western states captured his heart.

After retiring from farming, Lonnie could always be found cheering on the Alma High School sports teams (even after all his children and grandchildren graduated), playing cards with his poker family, helping his nephew (Randy) farm, and searching for the latest joke to share. His quick wit, love of a good prank, bright eyes, ability to make a friend at the drop of a hat, great faith in the Lord, and unwavering love of his family will be

cherished always.

Lonnie is survived by his wife of 30 years, Elaine; eight children, Lori (John) Lehnartz of Alma, Les (Tena) Ludwigson of Chetek, Matthew (Sarah) Wingert of Lake City, MN, Lanny (Jamie) Ludwigson of Eleva, Lacey (Glenn) Turner of Gilmanton, Adam (Shelley) Wingert of Kellogg, MN, Janell (Alejandro) Guzman of Woodbury, MN, and Kayla (Jarod) Blades of Boise, ID; 23 grandchildren, Breana (Elijah), Bailey (Adam), Zane (Kenzie), Wyatt (Kylie), Carissa, Gavin, Ainsley, Faith, Micah, Max, Maiya, Zachary, Alyson, Madyson, Glenn Jr. "Franky," Ava, Alexander, Eleanor, Blake, Julia, Isaac, Decker, and Marshall; 4 great-grandchildren, Alaina, Ella, Beckett, and Brextyn; sister, Sandra (Dave) Ebert; brother, Robert (Becky) Oium; aunt, Beverly Ludwigson; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Elmer (Judy) Sylvester, Jerry (Linda) Sylvester, Donald (Shirley) Sylvester, Richard (Laurie) Sylvester, Russell (Leigh) Sylvester, Lisa (Jim) Kostuck, Dorothy (LaVern) Boyd, Carol Sylvester, and Gladys Rotering; nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents; Sherman and Evangeline, mother- and father-in-law, Elmer and Lois Sylvester; sister, Sharon Rotering; brothers-in-law, Ronald Sylvester, Robert Sylvester, and Robert Rotering; one niece; Deb Rotering, and many aunts and uncles.

He was a hero of the family coming together and a foundation of our ongoing love for each other. He will be loved and missed forever.

A visitation will be held on Monday, December 14, 2020 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Talbot Family Funeral Home, Alma Chapel. Burial will be at Mill Creek Cemetery. Due to Covid-19, a private family funeral service will be held.

We will be asking for all in attendance to please practice proper distancing and wear a facecovering.

Cemetery

Mill Creek Cemetery

County Road S off of State
Road 37

Town of Alma, WI,

Events

DEC Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

14

Talbot Family Funeral Home, Alma Chapel

340 N. State Road 35 P.O. Box 161, Alma, WI, US,
54610

Comments



“ Our deepest condolences.



Warren & Debra Barth - December 17, 2020 at 08:04 PM



“ Our prayers & thoughts are with you all. Treasure all those wonderful memories you shared. I will miss him always stopping to say "hello" whenever I saw him.
Hugs-
Michelle Kosidowski & family

michelle - December 14, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 14, 2020 at 09:40 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 13, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Our sincere sympathy to the family of Lonnie Ludwigson
Jim and Diane Bruegger



jim and Diane Bruegger - December 13, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ Wayne And Marilyn Wick lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Wayne and Marilyn Wick - December 13, 2020 at 01:41 PM



“ Chris, Amber, & Olivia Bauer purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



Chris, Amber, & Olivia Bauer - December 13, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Our thoughts and hearts are with you! Sympathy, Randy Secrist Family

Secrist - December 13, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 13, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ Pam And Bob Bee lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Pam and Bob Bee - December 13, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss! May your great memories guide you through this difficult time and bring you peace! You are in our thoughts and have our deepest sympathy!



Kelly Tollefson-Oium - December 12, 2020 at 10:15 PM



“ Barb Secrist lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Barb Secrist - December 12, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 12, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ Lonnie was a true blessing to many and may God's comforting hand touch each one of you at this time. Memories will live forever in your hearts of a fine Christian man. May God bless you with His great comfort till we meet in heaven. May God bless this nation and the world with His healing.

Jerome and Karen Lisowski - December 12, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ I knew Lonnie at AHS. Although he was a "big" guy and football lineman, his kind heart and calm strength mentored me and seemed to touch everyone. And running into him, occasionally in later times, it was clear he continued growing and sharing his gifts. His passing is a true loss.

James Baecker - December 12, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ Gary, Vicky, and Ethan Cox purchased the White Mixed Fireside Basket for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



Gary, Vicky, and Ethan Cox - December 12, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ Wayne And Marilyn Wick lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Wayne and Marilyn Wick - December 12, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Sandy Herold lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Sandy Herold - December 12, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Sheila Mills purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



Sheila Mills - December 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ So sorry for your loss!

Jeneane Laehn - December 12, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Sorry for your family's loss.

Barb & Bill Deming - December 12, 2020 at 03:58 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Lonnie’s passing. I remember trips to Alma to visit with his family with my parents, Pat and Jo. We always had fun together. My prayers are with you and your family. Love, Lol (Valerie Ludwigson Porreca)



Valerie Porreca - December 12, 2020 at 01:30 AM



“ I always enjoyed visiting with Lonnie (of course that is something we both like to do!)... He was a wonderful man in many ways, and when I think of him one word comes to mind... FAMILY!! He raised his family right, and that will continue on for generations. I think he would agree with me that his family is his greatest legacy. He will be missed!

Steve Sedlmayr - December 12, 2020 at 01:27 AM



“ Emily Thoeny lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Emily Thoeny - December 11, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ Love; James Hager and Brenda purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



Love; James Hager and Brenda - December 11, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ Ludwigson Family,
Our hearts go out to each and everyone of you! Your all our extended family and we pray that God gives you comfort in your days ahead. Treasure the memories made within your years together. He loved you all so much. He was blessed everyday to have the love of his family & friends.
We will never forget our times shared at the house, in the pond, around a card table or just standing around shooting the breeze. He touched all four of our hearts. Lit up the room when we'd see him.
God Bless you all and keep you safe.
Lonny will always have a special place in our hearts.
Save a place around the table in heaven Lonny for us to play another round of cards.

Love your friends,
Corey, Kati, Ryan & Tyler

Kati Hanson - December 11, 2020 at 09:24 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Lonnie Ludwigson.



December 11, 2020 at 08:45 PM



“ I'm holding you all in my heart. I am so sorry for your loss. A kind, kind man. Shaun Duvall

Shaun Duvall - December 11, 2020 at 06:19 PM



“ When I was a little girl visiting the wonderful farm in Alma, and Lonnie was a smart, tall teenager, he showed me where a mama cat had her kittens hidden among straw bales near the hogs. I was scared of the huge grumpy sow but it was worth it to pet the kittens. He was patient and helped me balance on the fence rail to get to them. It is a vivid happy memory.

When I was a little older, Lonnie taught me how to play rummy. "When in doubt, throw a three," he advised when I would hesitate. That was good advice for lots of other life situations --- when in doubt, get rid of the small things that are weighing you down. He was a kind, wise country cousin.

May he rest in peace and may all who mourn his passing find comfort in their happy memories of him.

Vicky Cox (Jim Ludwigson's daughter)

Vicky Cox - December 11, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Margie Torgerson lit a candle in memory of Lonnie Ludwigson



Margie Torgerson - December 11, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Lonnie will be missed by those who had the privilege of knowing him. May God give you comfort at this difficult time.
Dave and Sandy



Sandy Schams - December 11, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ Lonnie was an original, in a warm, joyful, friendly, positive way. We were neighbors and friends his entire life and I always enjoyed seeing him, sitting with him and talking with him, especially talking which we all know Lonnie loved to do.

We will miss him greatly, as will so many people. A warm bright light in Mill Creek Valley has dimmed with his passing.

Larry and Anne jost

Larry Jost - December 15, 2020 at 07:38 AM