

## Lawrence Turnquist

October 15, 1934 - November 12, 2020

Lawrence Turnquist, age 86, of Alta, Iowa died November 12, 2020 at the Good Samaritan Center in Holstein, Iowa.

Private family services will take place Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta. To watch the recording of the funeral service, please go to Lawrence's tribute wall. A recording of the service will also be uploaded under the tribute page after the service. Burial will be in the Scandinavian Cemetery in Alta. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Alta is in charge of the arrangements.

C. Lawrence Turnquist was born on October 15, 1934, in Alta, Iowa. He was baptized on December 27, 1934, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Alta and confirmed there in 1948.

He graduated from Alta High School as a member of the Class of 1952 and began a farming career that would last until the year 2000, when he retired, leaving the care of the land to his sons.

He married Myrna Lichtenberg on June 14, 1959, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hanover and to their union four children were born, Steven, Melody, David and Jonathan.

Lawrence was active as a member of the school board for the Alta Community School District from 1970 to 1976. He served for many years as the choir director at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Alta where he also held the offices of elder, trustee and financial secretary.

He loved spending time with family and delighted in watching his granddaughters perform at school and church events. He enjoyed singing, bowling, golfing and traveling with his wife, Myrna, and their close friends.

In his later years, you could often find him in his basement workshop where he carefully crafted historically accurate model airplanes and ships.

In August, 2018, he became a resident of the Good Samaritan Society Nursing Home in Holstein, Iowa.

Lawrence was always quick with a joke and a smile and this lightheartedness often set the tone for gatherings of family and friends. He is dearly missed.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Carl and Laura; his brother, Richard; and his grandson, Tyler Jonathan.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Myrna; children, Steve (Eileen), Melody Steed (Brad), David (Laura), and Jonathan (Carrie); seven granddaughters, Ariel Huseman (Michael), Lesa Heckt (Tanner), Alyssa Turnquist (Jorge McDonald), Katie Morris (Tanner James), Ali Wagner (Michael), Alicia and Brittany; and two great-granddaughters, Areylie and Anya.

# Previous Events

## PRIVATE SERVICE

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church -- Alta  
405 Division Street  
Alta, IA 51002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence Turnquist*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 20, 2020 at 01:11 PM

MG

“ *Sending our sympathy & prayers to the Turnquist Family. Lawrence was such a caring man always with a smile. His love of God~Family~Farming were the Cornerstones of his life. May memories give you comfort.*  
*Mike & Bonnie Goebel*



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**Mike & Bonnie Goebel** - November 25, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 21, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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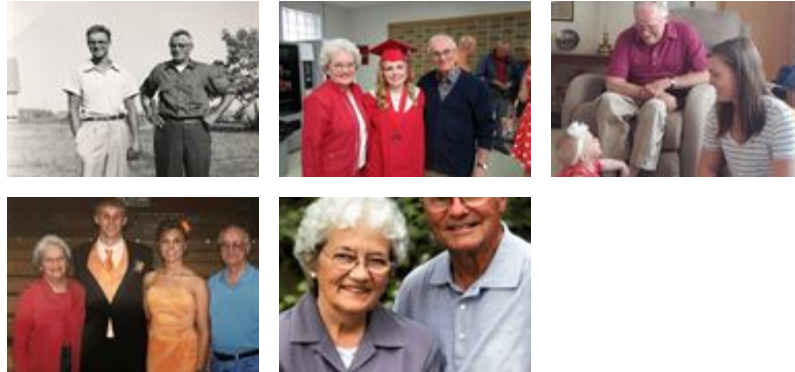
“ Amy, Jerry, Cody and Braxton Thompson purchased the *Simply Lily* for the family of Lawrence Turnquist.



Amy, Jerry, Cody and Braxton Thompson - November 20, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ 108 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - November 20, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Lawrence Turnquist.



November 19, 2020 at 08:52 PM

LH

“ *Lynette & Bill Halder lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Turnquist*



**Lynette & Bill Halder** - November 17, 2020 at 02:35 PM

JK

“ *Joe, Jodi, Abby And Lane Kraemer lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Turnquist*



**Joe, Jodi, Abby and Lane Kraemer** - November 17, 2020 at 11:38 AM

JB

“ *Jim & Syd Barber lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Turnquist*



**Jim & Syd Barber** - November 15, 2020 at 04:29 PM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan And Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Turnquist*



**Dave, Deb, Logan and Jenna Merten** - November 14, 2020 at 05:51 PM

TG

“ *The family of Steve Galvin purchased the Europe an Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Lawrence Turnquist.*



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**The family of Steve Galvin** - November 14, 2020 at 02:53 PM

WT

“ *Wilbur/Karen Triplett lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Turnquist*



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**Wilbur/Karen Triplett** - November 14, 2020 at 10:16 AM

KW

“ *I just want to let the whole Turnquist family know how sad I am for your loss of Lawrence. I can't even begin to know how the Alzheimer's not only took a toll on him, but so much on his family. For all the years I knew him, mainly because of work..... I watched how close his family was. His love for you Myrna..... his great humor..... and the caring person he was for his family. I always enjoyed him, and he could really make you laugh and smile. Thinking of each and every one of you.*  
*Kim Walsh*

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**Kim Walsh** - November 13, 2020 at 10:04 PM

LG

*Myrna and family, You have my deepest sympathy. Always enjoyed seeing him when I went to visit my mom at the nursing home. So sorry for your loss, but Heaven just gained another wonderful tenor to its Heavenly choir!*  
*Linda Glienke*

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**Linda Glienke** - November 14, 2020 at 08:23 PM