



Leonard Hartje

March 24, 1940 - March 8, 2024

Leonard Hartje, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died March 8, 2024 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Leonard Ernest Raymond Hartje was born March 24, 1940 to Herman and Elsa “Elsie” (Ripke) Hartje. He attended school at Zion Lutheran Parochial School in rural Storm Lake and graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in Providence Township. After high school, Leonard started farming on the land he grew up on and enlisted in the Army Reserves.

Leonard was united in marriage to Dorcas K. Ricklefs on April 20, 1968 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Sheldon, Iowa. They were blessed with three children: Hadley, Ryan, and Kyle.

Leonard had a strong faith and was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church. He was passionate about woodworking and making furniture. If not in the workshop, he enjoyed fishing and gardening. You could usually find Leonard in the morning cooking a great breakfast or in the evening enjoying one of his famous ribeye steaks with one of his favorite professional or college teams playing on the TV. More than anything, Leonard treasured time with his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Leonard is survived by his children: Hadley (Wendy) Hartje of Minneota, Minnesota; Ryan (Deb) Hartje of Kansas City, Kansas; Kyle (Kris) Hartje of Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; sisters: Marciel Hartje; Loretta Rehnstrom; Janice (Bob) Oeffner; grandchildren: Kira Mentele; Nicholas Hartje; Mikayla Hartje; Kayla (Gary) Ellis; Elizabeth Hartje; Andrew Hartje; Shirley Molloy; great grandchildren: Jackson Ellis; Atreyu Lenderman; Mordicai

Keimig; Lorilai Sween; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife: Dorcas Hartje; parents: Herman and Elsie Hartje; brother: Arnold Hartje; brothers-in-law: Dan Ricklefs, David Ricklefs, Russ Biggins, and Bob Rehnstrom.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church
1725 555th St
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Funeral Service

MAR **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 18, 2024 at 04:39 PM

EM

“ Leonard gave me a tour of his woodworking shop shortly before he was injured in the accident with the propane fire. He had put a lot of thought into his woodworking projects and the results were beautiful. He was a very kind and special man. May God's peace that passes all understanding be with you now and always.

Erik "Hondo" Mosbo - March 14, 2024 at 04:30 PM

GN

“ Grace Neuroth-Casson lit a candle in memory of Leonard Hartje



Grace Neuroth-Casson - March 13, 2024 at 11:35 PM

NI

“ North Star Mutual Ins. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Leonard Hartje.



North Star Mutual Ins. - March 13, 2024 at 11:17 AM

SF

“ Sympathy to the Hartje family! Leonard was a great guy and Nelsons Vet Supply Customer! I saw Leonard often at church camp! Steve Frank



Steve Frank - March 13, 2024 at 10:03 AM