



Willis Harlan Lussman

April 24, 1930 - October 9, 2016

Willis Harlan Lussman, age 86, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Sunday, October 9, 2016 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will take place Friday, October 14, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake with full military rites by the AMVETS Post #66. Visitation will take place Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 4-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Willis was born April 24, 1930 in Grant Township, Buena Vista County, Iowa to Edward and Anna (Mohr) Lussman.

He was baptized at Zion Lutheran Church in rural Storm Lake on May 18, 1930, and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake on June 18, 1944. Willis attended grade school in Grant Township, and high school at Providence Consolidated at Sulphur Springs, Iowa, graduating in 1947.

Willis entered Military Service on August 7, 1951 and was honorably discharged on August 5, 1953. On September 8, 1952 he was united in marriage to Lorna Gerke. To this union of 64 years, were born three children: Wesley, Wanda, and Wayne.

Willis was a longtime member of St. John Lutheran Church in Storm Lake, of which he was Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, and Elder for many years. He spent his entire life on the farm in partnership with Lorna, 34 years of which were side by side in the dairy business. He was A.S.C.S. Township and County Committeeman, enjoying working with farmers. Other time was spent collecting, restoring, and showing old Hart Parr and Oliver tractors, as a Charter Member of the Hart Parr Oliver Collectors Association, and spent many years working with the Albert City Threshermen at Albert City, Iowa, and as a board member for nine years. He also enjoyed traveling, especially their trip to Germany, where he visited the original Lussman Farm and slept in his grandfather's bed, and the many trips to see their children and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Lorna Lussman of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Wesley (Jean) Lussman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Wanda Cady of Albert City, Iowa; Wayne (Rita) Lussman of Fort Dodge, Iowa; grandchildren: Melinda (Doug) Moore of Edmond, Oklahoma; James (special friend, Lisa and children, Jaxson and Ava) of Woodinville, Washington; Mason (Stephanie) Cady of Albert City, Iowa; great grandchildren: Ethan, Landon, and Charlotte Moor of Edmond, Oklahoma; Aiden and Brynlee Cady of Albert City, Iowa; sister, Arta (John) Harmon of Corydon, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

Willis was preceded in death by his parents: Edward and Anna Lussman; brothers: Darwin (Joanne) Lussman and Harold (Esther) Lussman; sisters-in-law: Neoma (Eldo) Bartels and Loraine (Darvin) Harth.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **13.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Service

OCT **14.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Lutheran Church -- Storm Lake
402 Lake Ave.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 13, 2016 at 03:02 PM



“ *Mike & Connie Kahnke lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Mike & Connie Kahnke - October 14, 2016 at 05:49 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Willis Harlan Lussman.*



October 13, 2016 at 08:40 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - October 13, 2016 at 03:30 PM

SS

“ Lorna and family,

My heart goes out to you all at the passing of your dear husband and father. In reading the notice, I remember when I moved to Tennessee and Willis asked me to assist him in finding an Oliver Super 44 Tractor. Found one we did and he and Lorna drove down to pick it up along with a bit of moonshine! We had a great time.

May God welcome Willis into His Heavenly home. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

*Scott Schurman
Kearney, NE
(formerly of Storm Lake and St. John Lutheran)*

Scott Schurman - October 13, 2016 at 02:50 PM

KW

“ Karen Wernimont lit a candle in memory of
Willis Harlan Lussman



Karen Wernimont - October 12, 2016 at 07:18 PM

TC

“ Terry And Cathy Coombs lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman



Terry and Cathy Coombs - October 12, 2016 at 07:13 PM

TC

“ Willis was such a kind man. Always enjoyed visiting with him.



Terry and Cathy Coombs - October 12, 2016 at 07:11 PM

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Terry and Cathy Coombs - October 12, 2016 at 07:10 PM

TC

“ Terry And Cathy Coombs lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman



Terry and Cathy Coombs - October 12, 2016 at 07:06 PM

TC

“ Terry And Cathy Coombs lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman



Terry and Cathy Coombs - October 12, 2016 at 07:04 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Willis Harlan Lussman.



October 12, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Willis Harlan Lussman.



October 11, 2016 at 05:29 PM

LB

“ Lisa B. lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman



Lisa B. - October 11, 2016 at 04:38 PM

LB

“ Sending sympathy, love and hugs to Lorna, family, and 1 very special friend! May God bring comfort to you all, and may all of the good memories help you through this difficult time. God Bless.

Lisa B. - October 11, 2016 at 04:37 PM

PA

“ To Lorna and family,

You have our deep condolences and sympathy. While can't be with you in person, we are holding you close in our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace in the days to come.
Pamela Harman and Brian James

Pamela - October 11, 2016 at 02:54 PM

PA

“ To Lorna and family,

We are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Though we can't be with you in person, know that we are holding you close in our hearts. You have our deep condolences and sympathy. May you find peace in the days ahead.
Pamela Harman and Brian James

Pamela - October 11, 2016 at 02:17 PM

KC

“ *Kris Combes lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Kris Combes - October 10, 2016 at 10:31 PM

KC

Sorry for your loss Lorna. Prayer to you and family.

Kris Combes - October 10, 2016 at 10:31 PM

SR

Lorna: My sympathies to you and your family. You and Willis were always so friendly to my parents and I. It was most appreciated. Both of you were devoted Christians who did much for your church and its members. May you be comforted by the special memories of Willis.

Susan (Theesfield) Rossow - October 11, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Willis Harlan Lussman.*



October 10, 2016 at 08:46 PM

PA

“ *Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Peg Anderson - October 10, 2016 at 04:49 PM

PA

My thoughts and prayers to Lorna and family. I will remember Willis as always friendly and ready to visit whenever you would see him.

Peg Anderson - October 10, 2016 at 04:51 PM

KC

“*Kate C lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



kate c - October 10, 2016 at 04:22 PM

DJ

“*Deb And Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Deb and Kevin Jesse - October 10, 2016 at 11:38 AM

CN

“*Sending prayers to your family during this difficult time. Hugs to u all.*



Cheri Wade Nehring - October 10, 2016 at 07:40 AM

JD

“*John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



John and Connie Demers - October 10, 2016 at 07:21 AM

DE

“ *DeeSprowls lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



DeeSprowls - October 09, 2016 at 09:06 PM

DR

“ *Dwayne And Tammy Richardson lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Dwayne and Tammy Richardson - October 09, 2016 at 06:52 PM

LM

“ *I will never forget the great times we had together. Willis was a good mentor that I always enjoyed being around. A good Christian that was a joy to everyone he met in life.*
Larry & Darlene Mortenson

Larry Mortenson - October 09, 2016 at 06:30 PM

CU

“ *Chuck And Wanda Untiedt lit a candle in memory of Willis Harlan Lussman*



Chuck and Wanda Untiedt - October 09, 2016 at 06:22 PM