

*In Loving Memory*  
**Carl LeRoy Larsen**

*Born to Carl Sr. & Olga Larsen*

April 17, 1932 ~ Columbus, North Dakota

*Returned to His Heavenly Father*

August 5, 2020 ~ Tioga, North Dakota

*Funeral Service*

Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 11:00 AM

Ray Lutheran Church

Ray, North Dakota

*Celebration of Life*

Ray Auditorium

Ray, North Dakota

*Officiating*

Pastor Steve Anderson

*Music*

"On Eagles Wings"

"Footprints"

"Because He Lives"

Steve Johnson ~ Vocalist

*Special Music*

"I Love You A Bushel And A Peck"

*Pallbearers*

Andrew Anderson

Charlie Anderson

Donald Knox

Neil Thorpe

Gary Hanson

Richard Thorson

*Final Resting Place*

Sunset Rest Cemetery ~ Ray, North Dakota

*Military Honors*

American Legion

North Dakota Honor Guard

*Arrangements By*

Fulkerson Stevenson Funeral Home ~ Tioga, North Dakota



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Carl LeRoy Larsen died peacefully on August 5th, 2020 holding his wife's hand; surrounded by some of his favorite nurses at Tioga Medical Center in Tioga, ND.

Carl was born April 17th, 1932 to Carl Sr. & Olga Larsen at their home in Columbus, ND. He attended school and graduated as a Columbus Cougar in 1950. His favorite memory that year was winning the ND Class C basketball tournament.

After high school, Carl joined the United States Army and served 30 months in AA Automatic Weapons Crew. He attended Basic Airborne Infantry Training and was awarded a Parachute Badge. In addition, he received a National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Carl was honorably discharged in 1954. Carl moved home and married the love of his life on May 27th, 1961, LeAnn Belisle. She was by his side for 59 years, waiting on him hand and foot. We can still hear him say "LeAnn" from his recliner.

Carl & LeAnn established their home in Ray, ND and raised two daughters, DeMaris and Lisa. His first granddaughter, Julia, came into the world in 1989 and his life as a doting Grandpa began. He worked and retired at NCC Telephone Company in Ray after 38 years. After retirement, Carl bought a 5th wheel camper and they wintered in Lake Havasu, spending a lot of time with friends in the warm Arizona sun. Carl continued to be blessed by grandchildren, Cody & Emmalee in 1996. He was especially proud of his great-grandchildren; Ava, Conor & Carsten Carl. He loved spending time with them, he always said they are what kept him going. They were lucky to have a special playdate 4 days before he passed full of laughter, high 5's, and bubbles.

Carl enjoyed golfing, morning coffee and cribbage at Gas-N-All, and telling stories to anyone who would listen. He loved to fish and hunt. An annual highlight was vacationing in Kenosee Lake, Saskatchewan with his sister Carol and her family. Good times full of campfires, beer and sticky buns.

Carl is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, LeAnn; his daughter, DeMaris (Terry) Gill of Sheboygan, WI; his granddaughters, Julia (Landon) Jones of Stanley, ND; Emmalee (Jacob) Denlinger of Germantown, OH; grandson, Cody Ennen of Ray, ND; three great-grandchildren, Ava, Conor and Carsten; his sister, Joan Mitchell of Christchurch, New Zealand and several nieces and nephews.

Carl is preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Larsen; parents, Olga & Carl Larsen; brothers, Einar, Carlos and Floyd; and sister, Carol Amundson.



One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it: "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me,"



The Lord replied, "My son, my precious child, I LOVE YOU and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints.

*It was then that I carried you."*

