

Lauren "Larry" Allen Fernen

Lauren "Larry" Allen Fernen was born August 29, 1937, at Edison, NE, to Elmer E. and Margaret F. (Mayfield) Fernen. The family farmed in Nebraska before moving to Mission, SD. Larry attended school on the reservation. He moved to Rapid City, SD, where he attended a business college, and then moved to Sioux Falls where he worked for a Ford dealership.

Larry joined the South Dakota Army National Guard. He also met Mary Ann Snyders and the couple was married at Larchwood, IA, on May 4, 1963.

The couple moved to Rapid City where Larry worked in the office for Cal-Gas as a bookkeeper. He started working for Jacobsen Ford in Sturgis and commuted to work before making Sturgis his permanent home.

Larry retired from Jacobsen Ford after 47 years of service. He enjoyed being with his family, traveling, his children and grandchildren's sport activities, a good book, and the Bronco's.

Larry was a member of Knights of Columbus; former president of Sturgis Little League, Sturgis Booster Club, and the Sturgis City Council.

Larry, 78, Sturgis, died Saturday, December 26, 2015, at his home in Sturgis.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann, Sturgis; son, Jeff (Brenda) Fernen, Sturgis; daughter, Kim (Monty) Smith, Sturgis; brother, Jim (Iva) Fernen, Rapid City; sister, Ilene Shelbourn, Valentine, NE; 6 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

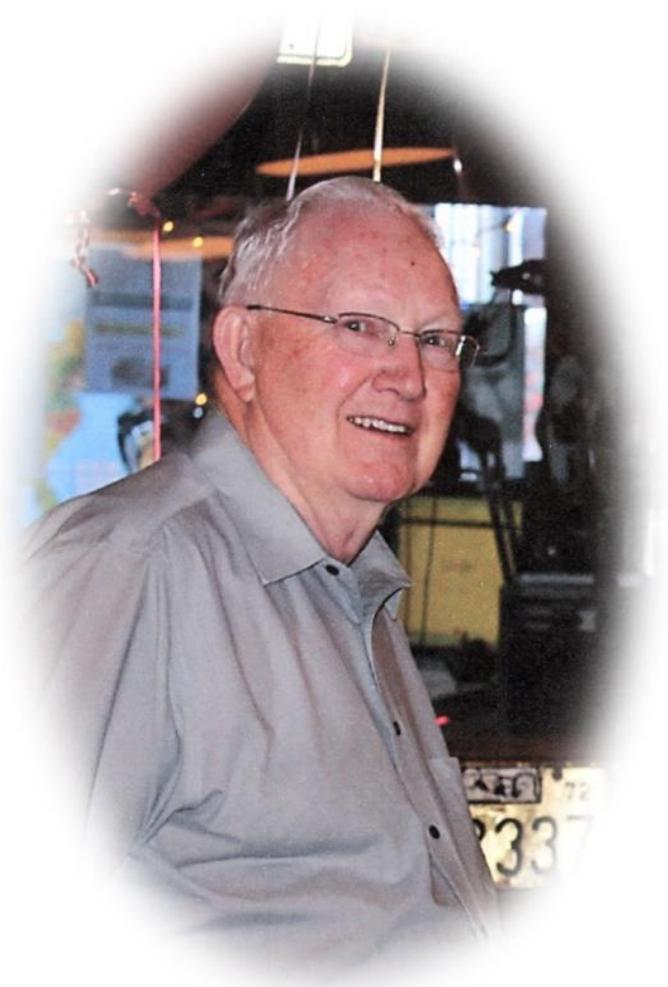
Preceding him in death were his parents; son, Patrick; brother-in-law, George Shelbourn; and niece, Cindy Shelbourn.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established to the ALS Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.kinkadeefunerals.com.

*The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch
in the church hall following the committal service.
We thank you for your presence and condolences.*

In Loving Memory Of



Lauren "Larry" Allen Fernen

1937 ~ 2015



Missing You Always

*You never said I'm leaving
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why.
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still.
In our hearts we hold a place
That only you can fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone.
A part of us went with you
The day God took you home.*

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Born

August 29, 1937
Edison, Nebraska

Died

December 26, 2015
Sturgis, South Dakota

Funeral Service

Saturday, January 2, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
Sturgis, South Dakota

Officiant

Father Timothy Castor

Organist

Dr. Barry Furze

Soloist

Myron Volk

Musical Selections

"Amazing Grace" ~ "On Eagle's Wings"
"Ave Maria"

Pallbearers

Jason Huber ~ Derick Fernen ~ Reace Huber
Kyial Huber ~ Bailey Smith ~ Tanner Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

Taylor Fernen ~ Hannah Wilson

Interment

Bear Butte Cemetery
Sturgis, South Dakota