



# Larry LaVern Smith

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**L**arry LaVern Smith, age 81, of Moravia passed away Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at his home.

Larry was born on January 29, 1941 in Oskaloosa, Iowa the son of Rev H. LaVern and Eunice (Milligan) Smith. On June 14, 1963 Larry married the love of his life, Rose Mary Horn. Together they raised 3 precious children Steve, Sherri and Susanne. Larry was a survivor of the polio epidemic but never let it hold him back. Larry attended IHCC for computer programming. IHCC hired him before graduation, and he went on to work for them for over 30 years. He also farmed until moving to town in 2006.

Larry had a passion for singing gospel music, singing in trios and with his wife. They sang at revivals every spring and fall. Larry, Rose Mary and Mike Stockton made several cassettes and CDs.

Larry was a lifelong member of the Church of the Nazarene. He volunteered on the mission field several times. The people of Papua New Guinea hold a very special place in his heart. He was an active member of the Iowa Holiness Assoc Camp board up until his passing.

Larry had many hobbies. Larry loved to have family get-togethers. Whenever you walked into his house, he wanted to feed you. He loved to fish, be it on the ocean or in a farm pond. And he loved a bargain!!! He never passed up bargain buying multiples in case someone needed something.

Larry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Rose Mary of Moravia; his children, Steve(Marla) Smith of Moravia, Sherri(Donnie) Parker of Moravia and Susanne (David) Hutt of Centerville; his grandchildren, Kari Smith of Moravia, Bracken (Savannah) Smith of Rathbun, Rachael (Phil) Helmick of Moravia, Roxi (Steven) Leffler of Moravia, Kaylee (Joe) Cloyed of Moravia, Zach (Taylor) Hutt of Bentonville, AR and Zoe Hutt of Centerville; his great grandchildren Shane, Blake,



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Faith, Landon, Damon, Violet, Kohen and 2 more on the way; two sisters, Lynnette Knight of Moravia and Janet (Warren) Neal of Mount Vernon, OH; 1 brother, Wes (Colleen) Smith of Spearfish, SD; and a sister-in-law, Caye (Rich) Smith of San Diego, CA.

Larry was preceded in death by an infant brother, brother Bruce Smith, granddaughter Taylor Mattly and grandson Zachary Parker.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00PM, Monday, October 24, 2022 at The Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Moravia with Rev. Terry Chapman and Rev. Wes Smith officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Moravia. Visitation will take place Monday, October 24, 2022 at The Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene in Moravia, with the family greeting friends from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Memorials have been established to the IHA Camp (Iowa Holiness Association), and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, ATTN: Smith family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com) or on our funeral home Facebook page.

### Funeral Service

2022-10-24 13:00:00

Lighthouse Church of the Nazarene  
405 Myra Ln  
Moravia  
IA  
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### Visitation

2022-10-24 23:00:00

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# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 1:36 PM



**Thomas Funeral Home** shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 1:43 PM



**Roy Dooley** posted:

I was very concerned when I heard Larry and family were moving to Moravia and he was 6'4 so I thought real competition for the center position on the basketball team. I may have said a prayer that he would not be a very good basketball player and then as Richard mentioned I got to go visit Larry bed ridden in his parents home. It made me ashamed for praying that Larry wouldn't be very good at basketball. Fortunately, when Larry visited us in Fairfax VA. I got to tell him of my prayers and the guilt I had. The last fall festival class reunion I attended Larry and I got to chat for a long time sitting in his golf cart and listening to two sisters singing gospel songs. I will miss seeing him and having some good conversations with him. He was and is an inspiration as one who gets on with life. God Bless Rose Mary and all his children and grandchildren.

November 5 at 7:00 PM



**Richard Mason** posted:

When Larry and family came to Moravia he was bedridden at home. A telephone line was set up between his bed and a school classroom. Our English teacher divided our class into pairs, and each noon hour a pair of classmates would go to his home to visit and become acquainted with him. He became a good and likable classmate. He rarely, if ever, missed a class reunion. From the MHS Class of 1959.

October 21 at 7:00 PM



**Greg Atkinson** posted:

My memories of Larry are from hunting at his farm with my dad who also recently passed and of seeing him at Nazarene camps in Des Moines. My only experience of milking a cow by hand was at Larry's place. He enjoyed people, being generous and kind. I felt good about being around him.

October 20 at 7:00 PM



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**Nellie Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Larry.

Lit a candle in memory of Larry LaVern Smith

October 19 at 7:00 PM



**Leonard Miller** posted:

I first met Larry and his family in my first pastor at Bloomfield, Iowa. Our friendship grew to many wonderful times together. Great family and he will be greatly missed. What a wonderful day it will be to be reunited with him on heavens shore. Great family!

October 18 at 7:00 PM



**Patty Self** posted:

Larry Lavern Smith, aka Lorenzo to the Self's - you will only know how much you have influenced our lives once we meet in Heaven. How many times you have been God's deliverer for Ron and me, they cannot be counted. How one person can be so stern and yet so compassionate at the same time is truly a tribute to humanity. We cannot ever thank you and Rose Mary enough for the love you have shown to us through our years of friendship. You have given many times over what we could have returned. Your family is our family. We love each one. In the years ahead that God allows us, we will do our best to strive to live the example you left behind. We believe you always knew how much we loved you!

October 18 at 7:00 PM



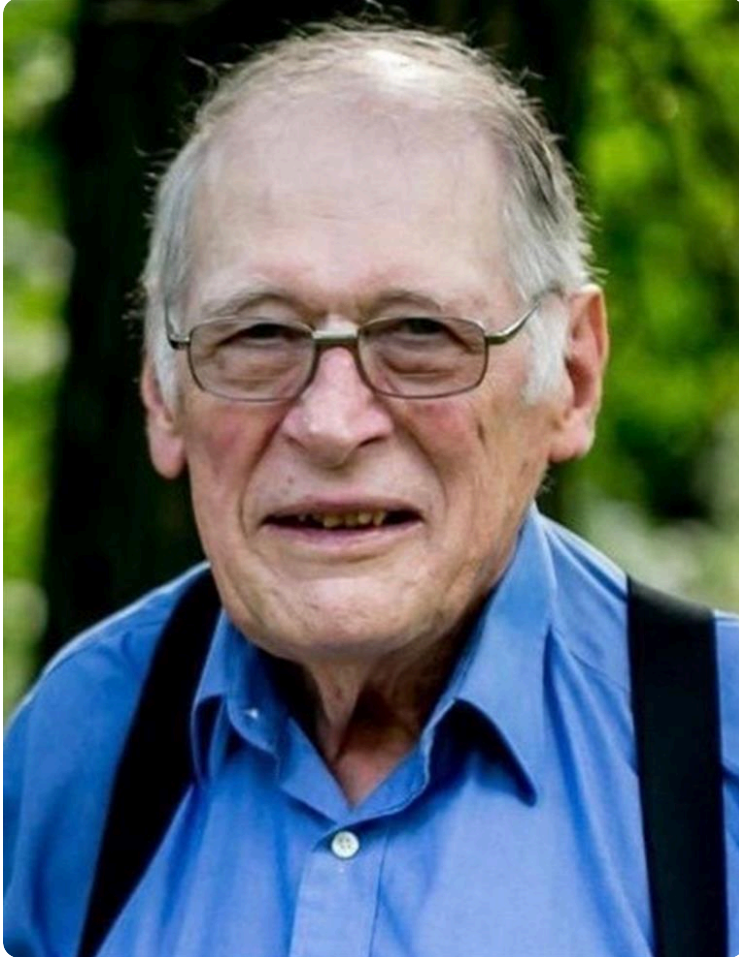
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