



Kent Wright Lange

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Kent Wright Lange age 95, of Clinton, Iowa passed away Thursday, July 8, 2021 at MercyOne Long Term Care in Centerville.

Kent was born on May 2, 1926 in Dixon, Iowa, the son of Albert Gotlieb Lange and Helen (Wright) Lange. He was raised by his father and step mother, Ada Lange. He graduated from Waterloo West High School. On February 9, 1944, Kent enlisted in the United States Army Air Force. He served his country faithfully as a P38 Mechanic in the Aleutian Islands. On October 18, 1946, Kent was honorably discharged from the United States Air Force as a Corporal. In May of 2020, Kent was honored for his service in Centerville, and was given a Quilt of Valor.

Kent furthered his education at Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where in 1947, he was the 155-pound wrestler on the NCAA and NAAU national champion teams, joining in the second semester of 1947 after getting out of the Air Force. At that time, there was only one size division and Cornell was the first Iowa school to win the national titles. At Cornell, Kent was the Midwest Conference champion all four years (1947-1950). In 1948, he was the Iowa AAU champion at 145 pounds and took third place in the NAAU. In 1949, he placed 3rd in both the NCAA and NAAU tournaments and in 1950, again place 3rd in the NAAU. Kent compiled a dual meet record with only three losses over the four-year period became an All American and in 1982, was inducted into Cornells Sports Hall of Fame. The Cornell wrestling team was featured in the February 23, 1948 issue of Life magazine and in 2010 as "The Dream Team of 1947".

On August 21, 1949, Kent was united in marriage to Carolyn L. Petersen in Morrison, Illinois and the couple made their home in Clinton, Iowa for 65 years. To this union, four children were born, Thomas, Jeffrey, Jonathon, and Christopher.

From 1957-1962, Kent coached wrestling at Clinton High School and in the 1960s, he began the Clinton Junior Wrestling Program, which he ran for twelve years, assisted



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by George Rajcevich. He was honored in 2000 by the Clinton Wrestling Club for his time, dedication given to the club, naming their youth wrestling tournament after him. His four sons also wrestled at Clinton High School, and had one grandson who became an Iowa High School champion at 140 pounds.

Kent was involved in the community as much as he could throughout his life. He worked at Bankers Life and Casualty Company for 40 years as an agent. He was a past president for the Clinton Kiwanis, a member of the Life Underwriters and High 12. Kent was also a 32nd degree Mason, Kaaba Shrine, and helped start the CL. Shrine Oriental Band. He was a member of the First Congregational Church in Clinton and a former member of the Trustees and Christian Education. In Centerville, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church, and a member of American Legion Post 407 Unionville, Iowa.

Kent enjoyed reading, golfing, spending time with his family, and following his grandchildren's activities. In 2014, Kent and Carolyn moved to Centerville to be closer to family.

Left to honor Kents memory are his four children Tom (Kathy) of Centerville, Jeff of Centerville, Jon (Kim) of Plainview, MN, Chris (Susan) of Somerset, KY; 12 grandchildren, Justin (Michelle) Lange of Johnston, Iowa, Benjamin (Sheree) Lange of Centerville, James (Nicole) Lange of West Des Moines, Iowa, Maddison Lange of Kirksville, MO, Joshua Lange of Nashville, TN, Matthew Lange of Lexington, KY, Nicholas (Carrie) Lange of Minneapolis, MN, Emma Lange of Plainfield, MN, Sarah (Doug) Hyden of Prestonsburg, KY, Alex (Lexi) Lange of Nashville, Andrea (Jake) Carey of Nashville, and William Lange of Lexington; 8 great grandchildren, Charlotte, Cam, Barrett, Oliver, Quinn, Jack, Vincent and Thomas.

Kent was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Lange; his parents, Albert and Helen Lange; his step mother, Ada Lange; a grandson, Michael Lange; and three siblings, Lois Lange Mosiman, Lowell Lange, and Betty Lange Vogeler.

Graveside services will be held Friday July 16, 2021, 10 am at Oakland Cemetery, Centerville with Pastor Brian Hargrave officiating. Military Rites will be accorded. Friends may call noon until 8 pm with the family present from 6-8 PM on Thursday, July 15, 2021 at Lange Funeral Home, Centerville. Memorials may be made out to



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MercyOne Medical Center, Centerville for Long Term Care, and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, C/O Lange family, 1900 South 18th Street, Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com or on our funeral home Facebook page.

Lange Funeral Home And Crematory is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Kent Lange Graveside Service Time: Jul 16, 2021 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Centerville

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Graveside Service

2021-07-16 10:00:00

Oakland Cemetery

East State Street

Centerville

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Tribute Wall

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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 3:29 PM



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



October 13 at 3:15 PM



Tom Fitch posted:

Jeff, Jon, Tom, Chris...I just stumbled across this today and am really sorry for your loss of your dad. I thought your dad was a great guy. Even when Jeff would get in trouble and Kent would be seething (yea, THAT never happened), I would come by the house and your dad would still be really nice and friendly to me. Always seemed to have a sincere interest in what all of us kids were up to and that always impressed me. Nothing but great memories of the Lange family for me! Take it easy, -Tom Fitch

July 16 at 7:00 PM



James L Farley Lfd posted:

Thank you Mr. Lange for your service. May God Bless you and comfort your family.

July 14 at 7:00 PM



James L Farley Lfd posted:

Thank you Sir for your service.

July 14 at 7:00 PM



Zellene Large posted:

wishing you and your family strength and peace.God bless.Zellene Large

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KG

Kay Guffey posted:

So sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the loving hands of our Lord. Peace be with you.

July 10 at 7:00 PM

PW

Paul Witt posted:

Sorry for your loss of your father Tom. Quite the accomplishments throughout his life to remember.

July 9 at 7:00 PM

SJ

Sherry Johnson posted:

So sorry for your loss. Uncle Kent was a wonderful man. I remember having many wonderful conversations with your dad and mom. We always enjoyed visiting with them. May God grant you peace at this difficult time. May your hearts be filled with wonderful memories.

July 9 at 7:00 PM

CE




Christy Ehrle posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed getting to know Kent when I visited at Long Term Care Center. He was a man of integrity and loved the Lord. Your family will be in my prayers

July 9 at 7:00 PM

DA

Debbie Atkinson posted:

To the entire Lange family my heart breaks   for you at this time of loss of life, Heaven has received another Angel. Prayers  for your family.

July 8 at 7:00 PM

DL

Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson posted:

Dear Lange Family, Those we love can never be more than a thought away; for as long as there's a memory, they live on in our hearts.

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NT

Nellie Thomas lit a candle in honor of Kent.

Lit a candle in memory of Kent Wright Lange

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ST

Sara Tait lit a candle in honor of Kent.

Lit a candle in memory of Kent Wright Lange

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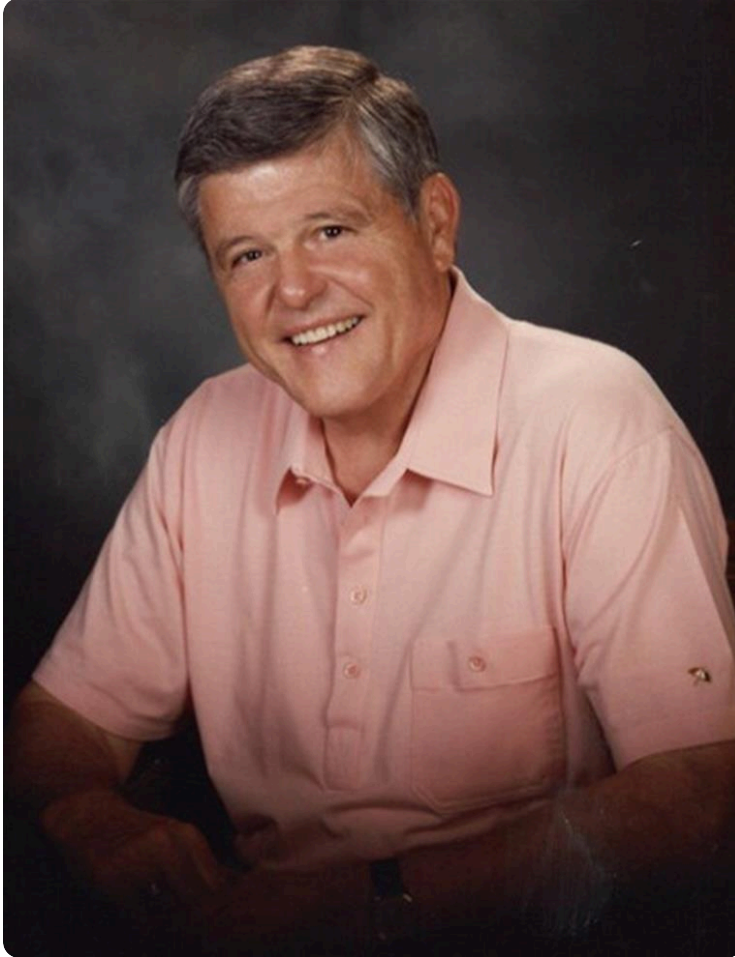
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