



# Louie Lira

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**L**ouie Lira, age 91, of Numa, Iowa passed away Saturday, July 4, 2020 at MercyOne Medical Center, Long-Term Care in Centerville, Iowa.

He was born in Numa, Iowa on May 5, 1929, the son of Giovanni and Geneveffa (Batton) Lira. Louie graduated from Numa High School in 1947.

He entered the United States Air Force on December 30, 1949. Louie served his country faithfully on the battlefield as a radioman during the Korean War, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant. For his bravery during wartime, he achieved numerous military combat awards, including the UN Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Distinguished Unit Citation. Louie was honorably discharged on January 6, 1954.

Louie was united in marriage to Edith Daugherty on October 18, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois, and to this union of marriage, a daughter was born, Christa. The family resided in the Quad Cities for over 20 years. The couple celebrated nearly sixty-one years of marriage until Edis passing on July 2, 2014.

A licensed master electrician, Louie was employed with Ametek for over twenty years, traveling throughout the United States and abroad troubleshooting jobs for the Troy/Laundrite Division.

Following his departure from Ametek, Louie returned to the Numa area and owned and operated his own business, Midwest Laundry Equipment Repair. However, farming was his favorite job of them all. He cherished the time spent on his acreage near Numa.

Throughout his lifetime, Louie was a member of numerous fraternal organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, and the Knights of Columbus. Louie was a longtime member of St. Marys Catholic Church in Centerville.

As a lifelong Chicago Cubs fan, he stayed up past his bedtime on November 02, 2016



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to finally celebrate a CUBS World Series Championship! He considered himself lucky and happy to have lived long enough to see them finally Win.

Left to honor his memory include his daughter, Christa Lira (husband, Patrick Weise) of Oviedo, Florida; two grandchildren, Chance (Spencer) Weise and Mariah (Adam) Mabry; a sister, Elenora Lira Noll McCary; as well as a multitude of extended family, friends, and neighbors.

Louie was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Edith; and three siblings, Geldo (G.A.) Lira, Ronnie (Rome) Lira, and John (Primo) Lira.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 10 AM, Thursday, July 23, 2020 at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville with Father Timothy Armbruster officiating. Military rites will follow the service at the funeral home. A private burial will take place. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Alzheimers Association and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa, 52544. Condolences may be shared online at [www.langefh.com](http://www.langefh.com).

### Celebration of Life

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### Military Honors

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**Thomas Funeral Home** posted:

October 21 at 3:45 PM



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



October 13 at 3:28 PM



**Ankejean@Hotmail.Com** posted:

My sympathies to the Lira family!!! I only met Louie once at an anniversary celebration in Numa. Really enjoyed meeting some of the family

July 28 at 7:00 PM



**Mark And Bobbie Daugherty** posted:

Uncle Louie always made sure that we felt right at home. I will remember our trips to St iLouis to watch the cardinalCubs play baseball. He also made sure that he had salted peanuts there when our granddaughters visited. So many memories that will always be in our hearts.

July 21 at 7:00 PM



**Waymon & Bonnie** posted:

Dear Christa & Pat,Uncle Louie and Aunt Edith made all of the cousins feel like they were very special. You might be too young to remember the Smothers Brothers television show, but they had a routine about which of them Mom loved best. I think all of the cousins might have had a similar discussion about which cousin was your parent's favorite. That is the way your parents made each one of them feel--as if each one was the favorite.One of the really good memories we have is of the Thanksgiving that your parents spent with our family in Houston when Jenni and Ron lived there. Jenni and I had so much fun cooking with them. Aunt Edith made oyster stuffing for us. If I understand correctly, that is something your family included in Thanksgiving meals. One of the trips to their house resulted in us bringing home three large rocks that are part of the landscaping by our front porch. Uncle Louie found them and dug them out with the backhoe. We have a memory of Uncle Louie every time we enter through the front door or sit on the porch.Sending you hugs and sympathy

July 21 at 7:00 PM



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TB

**Teresa Belt** posted:

Many years have passed since I visited with Louie but he was always smiling and welcoming. Sending comforting thoughts and prayers to Christa and her family during this time.

July 17 at 7:00 PM

TB

**Teresa Belt** lit a candle in honor of Louie.

Lit a candle in memory of Louie Lira

July 17 at 7:00 PM



BL

**Barb Lloyd** posted:

We always enjoyed visiting with Louis when he visited in Florida. He will be greatly missed. Love, Bruce, Barb & Jeron Lloyd

July 16 at 7:00 PM

MK

**Mendy Kratofil** posted:

Louie was such a joy I enjoyed him so much in Cardiac Rehab he told great stories and talked alot about Christa and Patrick and his beloved dog!! He was a joy!!

July 15 at 7:00 PM

FH

**Fr. Bill Hubmann** posted:

Louie was a dear sweet man. He loved his wife and cared for her courageously. He never really got over her loss. He always was ready with a kind word. God bless his soul. May he find eternal rest and peace. Fr. Bill

July 8 at 7:00 PM



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**Tammy Michael** posted:

Too many memories to mention. My heart breaks for Christa and the family for their loss. Louie was one of the kindest men I have ever known. He was a large part of my childhood growing up. Always enjoyed the time I spent with him on his farm. Truly love this precious soul. Much love and many prayers to Christa, Patrick, Chance and Mariah.

July 5 at 7:00 PM



## Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Louie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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