



Frank Leroy Cranston

December 17, 1939 - November 18, 2023

Franklin Leroy Cranston, born December 17, 1939 in Odebolt, Iowa. Passed November 18, 2023 at home in Elkhorn, Nebraska.

Preceded in death by parents James and Lela Cranston, sister Helen Cranston Johnson and brother Richard (Dick) Cranston.

Survived by wife of 62 years Carol Russell Cranston, Daughters Diane (Mark) Gazda, Mary (Dennis) Wellendorf, Amy (Todd) Bell, and Kathy (Chuck) Burney. Grandchildren Joey, Jessica, Makayla (Jeff), Sarah, Brooke (Cory), Abbie, Ryan, Noah, Amanda, Jayme, Alfredo (Neva), and Lupe. Great Grandchildren Brynn, John, Broc, Brooklyn, Hadley, Nala, and Tyler and numerous niece and nephews

Frank grew up on the family farm outside of Odebolt, Iowa. He attended country school until 8th grade and then attended Ida Grove High School. It was here that Frank met Carol Russell and Carol forever became known as Frank's girl. He graduated in 1958 and then attended South Dakota State for a year and then transferred to Iowa State. He graduated from Iowa State with an associates degree in construction engineering. Frank's career started with the Iowa Department of Roads. Next he moved to Ready Mix Lyman Richey Sand and Gravel where he rose to the rank of President and furthering his career became President of Kerford Limestone.

Frank was also actively involved in his community of Elkhorn where he moved his family in 1971. He was a volunteer police officer, long time volunteer for the Elkhorn Fire and Rescue, and a member of the Lions Club. He was involved in many professional organizations which included 1985-1986 serving as President of Iowa Ready Mix Concrete Association, and in 1994 serving as President and later an Honorary Lifetime member of Nebraska Concrete and Aggregates Association. Frank also served on the Board of Directors of the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association from 2001 to 2008.

Frank's career was important to him but his greatest source of pride came from his family. It maybe wasn't said out loud but it was expected one would be home for holidays! As grandchildren started to get involved in activities Grandpa was a fixture in the stands or on the sidelines and boy those grandchildren were stars in anything they were involved in, well at least in his eyes.

As the years added up, those years started to take their toll. The heart and memory struggled but his humor and love for family never waived. Frank passed away with his family surrounding him with love, laughter and prayers.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 21, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 21, 2023 at 12:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 21, 2023 at 10:22 AM



“ *WINCHELLS WEDNESDAYS WILL MISS FRANK. M.J. SHAW*

SHAW MIKE - November 21, 2023 at 10:13 AM

KR

“ Kim & Ron Riggle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leroy Cranston.

Kim & Ron Riggle - November 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.



November 21, 2023 at 09:24 AM

EL

“ Ear, Nose and Throat Consultants, LLC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leroy Cranston.

Ear, Nose and Throat Consultants, LLC - November 21, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.



November 21, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 08:38 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ *Mike and Karen Butler purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



Mike and Karen Butler - November 20, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *Mike and Karen Butler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leroy Cranston.*

Mike and Karen Butler - November 20, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.



November 20, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.



November 20, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *Astro Buildings* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leroy Cranston.

Astro Buildings - November 20, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.



November 20, 2023 at 03:18 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *Wes, Nancy and family, Barb and boys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



Wes, Nancy and family, Barb and boys - November 20, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 11:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.*



November 20, 2023 at 09:47 AM



“ *Corey, Renee, Maddie and Halle Johnston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leroy Cranston.*

Corey, Renee, Maddie and Halle Johnston - November 20, 2023 at 09:47 AM

KC

“ Karen A Cranston planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frank Leroy Cranston.

Karen A Cranston - November 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Frank Leroy Cranston.



November 19, 2023 at 06:34 PM

CE

“ Charles Earnest lit a candle in memory of Frank Leroy Cranston



Charles Earnest - November 19, 2023 at 04:31 PM