



Larry Elwin Saunders

August 30, 1964 - May 27, 2024

LARRY ELWIN SAUNDERS, born on August 30, 1964, in Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on May 27, 2024, at the age of 59 in Omaha, Nebraska. Larry was a kindhearted individual who never met a person he didn't like.

Larry graduated from Waterloo High School and began his career with Vencil Construction, working for over 20 years, honing his carpentry skills. In 2005, he established Saunders Construction, where he took pride in using his mastery carpentry skills for home improvement projects, always insisting on doing things the "Larry Way".

Larry married the love of his life, Janice Hansen on August 11, 1990. They both loved to play softball. Janice taught Larry to golf and Larry taught Janice how to camp, fish, and hunt. They shared their love of the outdoors, working in the garden so they could make their famous salsa.

Larry's love for high school sports was evident as he would take time off work each year to attend state competitions and share his enthusiasm with his family and friends, especially his daughter, discussing hockey and Lancer games.

A fixer at heart, Larry would repair things that others discarded, showcasing his craftsmanship skills. His daughter, Josie, was the apple of his eye, and he dedicated countless hours to camping, fishing, attending sporting events, and

supporting her in Special Olympic activities.

Larry's other hobbies included trying new beers and traveling with his family to complete the Nebraska Passport. He had a passion for camping, fishing, and hunting, with Valentine, Merritt Reservoir being his favorite destination where he formed close friendships with the locals.

Larry will be deeply missed by his surviving family members: wife Janice Saunders, daughter, Josie Saunders, parents, Lee and Eunice Saunders, sister, Penny (Mike) Kershaw, sisters and brothers-in-law, Rosie (Tim) Roll, Mary (Bill) Smith, Agnes Neal, Karen (David) Jackson, Tim Hansen, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Delores and Harlan Hansen, and brother-in-law, Ted Hansen.

Larry Elwin Saunders will be remembered for his kind spirit, dedication to his family, love for the outdoors, and craftsmanship that touched the lives of many. May he rest in peace.

Memorials are suggested to the Special Olympics-Fremont or to the family for later designation.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **31**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John's Catholic Church
307 East Meigs Street
Valley, NE 68064

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Larry Elwin Saunders*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - May 30, 2024 at 03:02 PM

DB

“ *I just found out Larry passed away. I hadn't seen him in years. He was a good person and friend. The world was a better place with him in it. I have many fond memories of Larry, his dad Lee and Bruce Gerch hunting at Merritt.*

Don Brudny

Don Brudny - May 31, 2024 at 07:07 PM

CW

“ *Connie Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Elwin Saunders*



Connie Willis - May 31, 2024 at 11:14 AM

TF

“ *The Fiish and Buettner Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



The Fiish and Buettner Families - May 30, 2024 at 05:52 PM

SV

“ *Scott and Ronda Vencil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Elwin Saunders.*

Scott and Ronda Vencil - May 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM

SV

“ *Scott and Ronda Vencil purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



Scott and Ronda Vencil - May 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM

BT

“ *Brian, Diana & Logan Tedrow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Elwin Saunders.*

Brian, Diana & Logan Tedrow - May 30, 2024 at 01:42 PM

BT

“ *Brian, Diana & Logan Tedrow purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



Brian, Diana & Logan Tedrow - May 30, 2024 at 01:42 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Larry will be missed by so many. So many good memories of you that I will hold til we meet again. R.I.P my friend Larry!*

Sheryl Swift - May 30, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JR

“ *Jerry Kathy and Jon Rumery purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



Jerry Kathy and Jon Rumery - May 30, 2024 at 10:52 AM

AC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing, i knew Larry since he was very little, with my Mom being Eunies friend! My best memories of Larry is with both of us playing basketball behind Waterloo School on the outdoor court! many games played there, but one Sat we had a big game going with lots of great players, and i remember Larry saying to me that i put on a clinic that day! Those words never left me! I was happy someone though so good in me! But Larry like me always found the best in people! He will so be missed by all who knew him! I don't think anyone ever had a bad thing to say about him! He comes from a great family and he grew up right! God Bless you my friend! RIP! Alan Chard

Alan Chard - May 30, 2024 at 06:43 AM

FT

“ From Dr. Sangha & Theresa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Elwin Saunders.

From Dr. Sangha & Theresa - May 29, 2024 at 10:28 PM

FT

“ From Dr. Sangha & Theresa purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.



From Dr. Sangha & Theresa - May 29, 2024 at 10:28 PM

TB

“ *The Morgans: JoAnn, Michael & Brian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



The Morgans: JoAnn, Michael & Brian - May 29, 2024 at 01:40 PM

DF

“ *Dancing Beyond Limits Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Elwin Saunders.*

Dancing Beyond Limits Family - May 29, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DF

“ *Dancing Beyond Limits Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



Dancing Beyond Limits Family - May 29, 2024 at 10:39 AM

TM

“ *The Martys purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.*



The Martys - May 28, 2024 at 08:17 PM

JO

“ Joan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Elwin Saunders.

Joan - May 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.



May 28, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Elwin Saunders.



May 28, 2024 at 06:50 PM