



Donald Larsen

August 28, 1928 - March 22, 2009

Visitation for Donald F. Larsen, 80, of Kankakee, formerly of Bradley, will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday. The Rev. Tom Wilber will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the family wishes. He died Sunday (March 22, 2009) at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee. Mr. Larsen worked at Caterpillar Tractor for 31 years as a tool grinder, where he invented the "Larsen Tool." He was born Aug. 28, 1928, in Ritchie, the son of John Peter and Alice Davy Larsen. His wife, the former Mary B. Ramsey, whom he married March 18, 1950, died April 27, 2005. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II in Japan. He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Bradley, and a 32nd degree Mason. He was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed traveling, especially two times to Hawaii and bicycling down Kilauea volcano. He enjoyed watching all sports, especially the Bears. He was dedicated to his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Surviving are two daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth Bissaillon of Bradley, Linda and Jim Hammond of Bourbonnais; two grandchildren, Amy Bissaillon-Forestier and Jon Forestier, and Jimmy Hammond, all of Bourbonnais; one great-granddaughter, Claire Hadders; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Laura Lestina, Dorothy and Keith Thomas; and many nieces and nephews. Deceased are his parents; two sisters, Alice Griegel, Phyllis Whitlow; and one brother, Carl Larsen.

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“ We will always miss uncle Don he was always our favorite of the family, we always enjoyed going fishing at the lake with everyone, We will always have the memories in our hearts of the best UNCLE, and Aunt there ever was God Bless your family, We wish we were there but Daniel is real ill at this time. i ½love
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begin##Daniel & Becky Ramsey##imported-end##

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“ Dear Ruth and Linda,

We are sorry for your loss.

Please feel free to contact us any time.

With Love,

Aunt Dorothy and Cousin Bette Trumble##imported-
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“ Wanted to send all of you kids my sympathy with the passing of your Dad. i ½My thoughts are with you.

Lori##imported-
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“ To my best friends Amy and her family ĩ½: I'm sure your grandpa will be greatly missed in so many ways, but heaven called upon him to sit at god's rightful throne. Your grandpa will now look upon you as my mother is me who passed eleven years ago. Remember his grace will fall upon you in your time of mourning. ĩ½ĩ½love:
April###imported-begin##April Coy###imported-end##

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Dear Ruth and Linda,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½Your dad was ĩ½a good man and one of my favorite uncles. ĩ½ĩ½ĩ½

Sincerely,

Judy and family###imported-begin##Judy Adams###imported-end##

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Large or small a monument was made

Each time you helped

And here behind you, you have lodged

In hearts and minds

A smile, a joke,

A comforting that rests

To mark you passed that way.

To God just now

Your soul may be in trust

And we, from whom you went, are selfishly saddened thereby.

Goodbye to the name we knew

And face we loved.

Goodbye, Godspeed,

For all of us are better that you visited us awhile.

Goodbye Uncle Don

###imported-begin##Gayle Adams Peterson###imported-end##

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“ Don was a wonderful man! You do not meet very many people like your father. He was one of the most kindhearted people I have ever known. I loved him like he was my own family. It was so easy to take care of him because Don appreciated every little thing. I do not think I ever heard him complain, not even when the Bears would lose. And boy, would I give him heck because I am anti-Bears. I had alot of fun having him in my life. I miss him very much. It will never be the same at work without him. We have all been blessed being able to know Don Larsen. Take care and God Bless.##imported-begin##Kelly Tremper##imported-end##

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“ Linda and Ruth and Families,

So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.

Please accept out most heartfelt sympathies and know that you and he are in our prayers.

Love

Jan and Steve##imported-begin##Jan and Steve Budick##imported-end##

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