



Larry Dean Kotas

October 9, 1947 - August 10, 2021

It was Larry's wish to be cremated and no services will be held at this time.

On Tuesday, August 10, 2021, Larry Dean Kotas, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at age 73.

Larry was born on October 9, 1947 in Friend, NE to Henry and Doris (Strope) Kotas. He retired in 2016 from Nestle Purina Pet Care in Crete, NE where he worked for 45 years and farmed most of his life.

On March 28, 1970, he married Karen Filipi. They raised four sons, Bryan, Jeff, Michael, and Jason.

Larry was an outdoorsman and loved hunting and fishing with his sons and grandchildren. He enjoyed 1960's muscle cars. Larry enjoyed telling stories of his childhood and past and playing cards when his family would gather.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Henry, mother, Doris, father-in-law, Jerome, and mother-in-law, Norma.

He is survived by his wife Karen, his four children, Bryan and wife Kim, Jeff and wife Tammy, Michael and wife Kerry, Jason, his sister Carol Michl, brother-in-law Rogene and wife Cal, sister-in-law Sharon and Jerry,

grandchildren, Jacob, Cody, Kaleb, Adam, Kiley, Michael, Megan, and nieces and nephews.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ From Scott Scherer in Allen, Texas:

*Karen and Family,
My brother Fred called me today and told me about Larry's passing. I want to tell you that my heart goes out to each one of you for your shared loss of a husband, father, grandfather, and one of God's greatest gifts to the Kotas family. My first trip to your part of Nebraska came in 1971, a year after my own father passed away. I was 13 years old. Hank, Al, and Larry made Fred and I feel welcome and took us with them to hunt pheasant. Doris even cooked us a few meals. That trip set the stage for us to come visit and hunt many times over the years. The last ten years of so, Larry would call Fred and I during the holidays to wish us a Merry Christmas and see how we and our families were doing. That's the kind of man he was. I can also tell you by our conversations that Larry loved his family more than anything else. He was truly one of the best people I've ever known. I will certainly miss hearing his upbeat voice at Christmas this year. God bless you Larry, and God bless the Kotas family.*

(If I can find some old photos this week, I will share.)

Scott Scherer - September 14, 2021 at 03:55 PM

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“ *Sending a note to express my deepest condolences to the Kotas family with the passing of Larry. I knew Larry for many years, starting in high school and beyond, when we worked together at Alpo (now Nestle) for 34 years. I've always had the greatest admiration and respect for Larry, a man of true integrity and high character. He will be sorely missed. Our loss is Heaven's gain.*

Norm Slama - August 19, 2021 at 07:27 PM

DB

“ Always respected Larry. Enjoyed his stories about his hunting adventures. Doug Bergman

Doug Bergman - August 14, 2021 at 06:51 PM

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“ Thought and prayers to Larrys family I worked with Larry for many years he was a straight up guy no nonsense I would watch some new guy think he is going to get meat faster by banging on table Larry would set him straight he never banged on table again I will miss you ol friend/buddy till we meet again it was a pleasure working with you and knowing you

Doug Shandera - August 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM

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“ Prayers and Thoughts to Larry family! Worked with Larry at Alpo Pet Food for many years! One story I remember Larry telling me was how he would be outside waiting to hear those loud pipes from his sons trucks and cars going down the road, he said he would have a smile on his face and tell himself, yes, these are my boys! He loved the sound of loud pipes! He will be missed by so many! Larry listen in heaven for those loud pipes. I am sure your grandsons will do them some day! R.I.P 🙏🙏🙏💙💙💙

vicky Sand - August 11, 2021 at 08:46 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the entire Kotas family, I worked with Larry for many years at ALPO / Nestle Purina, Larry was a GREAT work friend. RIP friend till we meet again.

Jack Oelschlager - August 11, 2021 at 03:59 AM