



## Larry J. Krupicka

June 11, 1941 - April 6, 2018

Larry Joe Krupicka was born to Lester Franklin Krupicka and Wilma (Stych) Krupicka on June 11, 1941 at Friend, NE and passed away April 6, 2018 at Fairview Manor in Fairmont, NE at the age of 76 years. He was the oldest of 4 children in the family.

Larry was baptized and confirmed at the Tobias Community Church. He graduated from Tobias High School in 1959, where he was a member of the Class E State Championship Basketball Team.

He attended Milford Trade School for Diesel Mechanics in 1959 to 1961. His first job after college was working as a mechanic for the city of Lincoln. Larry loved to explore new places and on a whim, decided to travel to Colorado. He stopped in Loveland, decided it was a nice place, and soon found a job at International Harvester. His next adventure took him to Chicago where he worked in a garage until an illness forced him back home to Nebraska to recover. It wasn't long before adventure called again though, and Larry found himself travelling with Jim Fisher to the 1962 World's Fair in Seattle. Like many young men at the time, they worked odd jobs along the way to make money.

Also in 1962, Larry met Laura Lea (Petersen) at a dance at Saline Center. They had set a wedding date for the end of November, 1963 when Larry received his draft card. The couple then decided to move their wedding date up to November 16th in order to be married before he left for basic training. To their surprise, Larry was declined for the service because he was newly married. With their marriage certificate but not much else, the couple moved in with Laura's parents, Herman and Sophie in Cordova until they could get on their feet.

Larry worked at Dinneen's Automotive in Exeter for a short time until he settled in at Geneva Implement until 1966. Keith Burt said he was the best Bohemian mechanic he has ever had.

Larry and Laura moved to Carleton in 1966 and started Carleton Motor Company

downtown in the old Ford Garage. Larry then helped his brother Ron get started in his body shop business.

Together the brothers spent many hours restoring old cars and selling them. Larry also spent many hours restoring cars for his three girls. He took pride in teaching his girls how to fix cars and passed on his love for anything with an engine.

In 2001, after 35 years in business, Larry and Laura sold Carleton Motors and retired. They loved to go down to the pond at their farm, travel to Cushman meets across the country, garden, and spend time with family. The pond was always the meeting spot for fishing, riding 4-wheelers, hunting and family cook outs. It was his favorite spot and it will continue to be a special place for the family.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Wilma, brother Robert (Bob), and son-in-law Scott Houck.

He is survived by his wife Laura of 54 years; daughters Jody Houck of Strang, Susan & B.J. Linton of Hebron, and Nancy & Jeff Krehnke of Bruning; brother Don & Kathy Krupicka of Milligan; sister-in-law Bonnie Krupicka of Beatrice; brother Ronald (Ronnie) & Carol Krupicka of Carleton; grandchildren Ross Houck & Morgan Monteforte of Bruning, Taylor (Houck) & Dylan Lauenstein of Davenport, Bailey Linton of Kearney, Brinley & Bridget Linton of Hebron, Trevor, Hunter and Chase Krehnke of Bruning; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

A Memorial Service for Larry was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bruning, Nebraska. Pastors Stuart Sell and Patrick Sipes officiated the service. The recorded selections "Daddy's Hands," "Go Rest High On That Mountain," and "The Dance" were played during the service.

A private family Committal of Ashes was held prior to the Memorial Service in the Carleton Cemetery. Honorary Pallbearers included Ross Houck, Trevor Krehnke, Taylor Lauenstein, Bailey Linton, Brinley Linton, Hunter Krehnke, Bridget Linton, and Chase Krehnke. Farmer & Son Funeral Home conducted the services and online condolences can be left at [www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.farmerandsonfuneralhome.com). Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

# Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Larry was a fine man from the very first, when he was in high school. May God bless and console his family.

*Theresa Jezl*

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**Theresa Jezl** - April 12, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ 66 files added to the album Flower Pictures



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**Farmer & Son Funeral Home** - April 11, 2018 at 12:49 PM

VM

“ Verryl And Jodi Meyer lit a candle in memory of Larry J. Krupicka



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**Verryl and Jodi Meyer** - April 10, 2018 at 05:08 PM

DI

“ Laura and family! What a great guy Larry was. Do you remember the night you and Larry came up to Bob and my room at the boats and we talked most of the night. Will toast him at the alumni banquet this year. Most sincerely, Diane

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**dianezeleny** - April 09, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Larry J. Krupicka.*



April 09, 2018 at 01:02 PM

KC

“ *Laura and family, my heart goes out to all of you. Words cannot even express how deeply saddened to hear about Larry's passing. Just know that my prayers and thoughts go out to you Laura and your family at this difficult time. May God bless and comfort each and everyone of you!*

*Kathy Cartwright*

**Kathy Cartwright** - April 09, 2018 at 09:13 AM

CA

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of Larry's family.*



**Cynthia Auld** - April 09, 2018 at 02:32 AM

CC

“ *LAURA I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT LARRY PASSING. MAY GODD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS TIME OF MOURNING AND LONELY FEELINMGS. GOD WILL BE WITH YOU TO HELP YOU THROUGH. WHEN WE WERE GROWING UP, LARRY LIVED ABOUT 1 MILE EAST OF US. WE WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST 2 YEARS. WE (CLASS OF 59) WILL MISS HIM GREATLY.*

*CAROLYN SCHAFFER CROUCH*

**CAROLYN SCHAFFER CROUCH** - April 08, 2018 at 08:17 PM

DK

“ *Our sympathy and prayers during this time, find comfort knowing your loved one is at peace. May God Bless you all. Dave and Diane Kallhoff*

**Diane Kallhoff** - April 08, 2018 at 09:02 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry J. Krupicka.*



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April 07, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ *Clark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Larry J. Krupicka*



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**Clark Schulte** - April 07, 2018 at 02:11 AM



“ *Kent & Rose Theobald lit a candle in memory of Larry J. Krupicka*



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**Kent & Rose Theobald** - April 06, 2018 at 09:49 PM