

Larry Leland Secrist

December 28, 1930 - January 26, 2016
Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Larry Leland Secrist, 85, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Larry was born on December 28, 1930, in Loudonville, Ohio, the son of Glenn and Evelyn (Cates) Secrist. He attended Seiberling elementary school and two years at East High School in Akron, Ohio. The family moved to Mansfield, Ohio, where he attended Madison High School, graduating in 1949. Larry was senior class president, lettered in three sports, and was voted most valuable football player in 1949. He attended Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, earning a BA in Journalism in 1953. Larry was inducted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War, serving two years and was honorably discharged in 1955. He then attended Akron University earning a BA in Education in 1957.

He was employed in Sales and Promotion at Goodyear Aerospace Corporation in Akron, Ohio, for 2 ½ years. He then moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked as a copywriter at Baisch Advertising. Larry then went on to work in Sales and Promotion at Ohio State Life Insurance Company in Columbus, Ohio, for 5 years. He returned to Cleveland, Ohio, and worked as Director of Public Relations at Globe Assurance Company for 8 years. In 1974, he moved to Waverly and joined Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company (now CUNA Mutual Group) as Sales and Promotion Manager. He retired after 20 years of service. Larry earned and received numerous accreditations from the insurance industry including the Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) designation in 1962.

He married the love of his life, Louise Kovacs on July 29, 1961, at Fairlawn Community Church, Akron, Ohio. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary together in July of 2011.

Larry was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, was on the board of the Waverly Heart Association and the Waverly United Way. His special interests included golf, photography and writing groups (including Serendipity &

Memoir).

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Louise Secrist of Waverly, Iowa; his daughter, Leslie (Rob) Brueckner of Johnston, Iowa; and 3 grandchildren, Lauren (17), Ryan (16), and Ava (10). He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother, Jack.

Celebration of Life Services will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, with Rev. Wil Ranney officiating. Burial in Harlington Cemetery in Waverly. Public visitation will be held on Friday, January 29th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly and also for an hour prior to services on Saturday at the church. Memorials may be directed to the family, where a memorial direction will be established at a later date or to the donor's choice. Online condolences for Larry's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



Dan and Paulette Norton

Created: February 01, 2016

Thoughts and prayers to you Louise and your family at this very difficult time.
With deepest sympathy,
Dan and Paulette Norton



Kathy Whitney

Created: February 01, 2016

Louise, you and your family have the prayers of many who care about you. May God's love and care sustain you now and in the future.



Charlene Peterson

Created: January 31, 2016

Louise & family, so sorry for you. Our thoughts are with you.



Jeff

Created: January 30, 2016

So sorry to see he has passed. Know though that by now Pappy, Jack, Larry have been on the links, and eaten a pile of noodles you could hide behind. Love you all. Jeff and Lisa Secrist.



Nate and Mary Linda Frazee

Created: January 30, 2016

Our thoughts and prayers for you! Larry was so very nice to everyone and we are

surely thinking of you at this difficult time. Nate and Mary Linda Frazee



[Deb Renn](#)

Created: January 29, 2016

So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. My sincere condolences to the family. I have fond memories of Larry at CUNA Mutual. He was always such a dear kind man - a true "gentle" man. May fond memories bring you peace.



[Mike and Linda Mihal](#)

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Sending our love and prayers at this most difficult time. We have many fond memories of Larry and he will be greatly missed. with love and prayers Mike and Linda Mihal



[Melinda secrist](#)

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Sending you all alot of love! I always have a smile on my face when I've though of uncle larry. I remember him always smiling and laughing. He always had a good story or joke to tell. He will be greatly miss even from so far away. I'm glad to know my grandpa jack will have his brother to hang out with again. -Melinda Secrist



[James Secrist](#)

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Seems like we missed so much since you were all in Ohio. We all have great memories of those fun times. Hunting Mushrooms in Hudson, Christmas at Grandma's, Larry's great sense of humor... So much to miss, so much to remember. - James Secrist



[Kathy and staff at WPL](#)

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Our sincere sympathy from the staff at the Waverly Public Library. We so enjoyed our visits with Larry...he will be missed!



[Brad & Denise Kramer](#)

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Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.

Photos



Services

Funeral Home

**Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes,
Inc.-Waverly**

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215


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Visitation

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 Friday, January 29, 2016
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Service

Trinity United Methodist Church

1400 West Bremer Avenue
Waverly, IA US 50677

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 Saturday, January 30, 2016
11:00 AM

Cemetery

Harlington Cemetery

1001 1st Street S.W.
Waverly, IA US 50677

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