



Larry Dean Cornelius

October 16, 1949 - February 14, 2026

Larry Dean Cornelius, age 76, of Grand Island, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

A funeral mass will be held on Monday, February 23rd at 10am at St. Mary's Cathedral with Father Jimmy Beran celebrant. Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 22nd from 5-7pm at All Faiths Funeral Home followed by a wake service at 7pm. Interment will take place at the Grand Island City Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Food Pantry, Grand Island Central Catholic Schools and St. Mary's Cathedral. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. Condolences can be left at www.gjallfaiths.com.

Larry was born on October 16, 1949 in Grand Island to Jerry and Vernabell (Livingston) Cornelius. He attended District 29 school before graduating from Northwest High School in 1968. While in High School he helped on several farms around the area. Larry then moved to Denver to a trade school for drafting.

On May 23, 1970 he was united in marriage to Ellie Anderson. To this union two children were born. The couple raised their family in Grand Island.

Larry worked for Redman Industries and then with the City of Grand Island Public Works as a drafting engineer aid for 42 years, before retiring in 2012.

After he retired, he helped Donna, his daughter in-law with her home improvement business.

Larry and his family enjoyed taking trips to Colorado to ski and made many memories. He liked to go camping, boating, fishing and deer hunting. Larry could be found relaxing to an old western movie with a cold beer. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to his family, friends, and even strangers. He was a jack of all trades and could help with everything from home projects to cars. He was an usher at St. Mary's Cathedral for 40 years and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Ellie Cornelius of Grand Island; children, Paul (Donna) Cornelius of Phillips and Rose (Will) Saalfeld of Lincoln; siblings, Rick (Kathy) Cornelius of Grand Island, Mike (Colleen) Cornelius of Ravenna, Carol (Bob) Heinen of Grand Island and Diane (Dave) Spotanski of St. Libory; brothers and sisters in-law, Larry (Pat) Anderson of Grand Island, Marvin (Marsha) Anderson of Grand Island, Ron (Pam) Anderson of O'Neill, Joe Anderson of Grand Island, Marilyn Jacobson of Denver, Rose Marie (Rusty) McPhillips of Nebraska City, Sue (Brad) Czaplewski of Grand Island, Linda (John) Berry of Carter Lake, IA and Helen (Steve) Parr of Roseland; numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; uncle and aunt, Junior and Maxine Livingston; cousins, Roger and Ronnie Livingston; nephew, Bradley Czaplewski Jr. and great nephew, Brennan Villatoro.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Rosary

FEB **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Our hearts are with you Ellie and your entire family. So sorry to hear of Larry passing. Loving thoughts and deepest sympathy. From Denise & Todd Arnett & family

Denise Arnett - February 23 at 08:24 AM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Marlene A Schmidt - February 21 at 12:05 PM

JF

“ Jenna Svitak and family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.



Jenna Svitak and family - February 21 at 09:52 AM

JF

“ Jenna Svitak and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dean Cornelius.

Jenna Svitak and family - February 21 at 09:52 AM

TF

“ Terry, Laura Falkena and family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.



Terry, Laura Falkena and family. - February 21 at 09:38 AM

VM

“ Valara M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.



Valara M. - February 20 at 05:04 PM

RH

“ I’ve known Larry since high school. And would run into him when I was visiting the engineering department in City Hall. I always made an effort to say “Hi” or nod at him if he was involved in something when I was there. I’d see Ellie when during the course of my work day when I’d stop at Kelly Supply. Ellie worked in the office. Great people, both of them.

There was this time, while we were in high school, the group of guys I hung out with found out from Larry, his parents had a ‘50 something two door hardtop Chevy they had driven over the years, resting unceremoniously on its side atop a pile of scrap metal. I think it was a Saturday, we met Larry at his parents farm with the intention of rescuing the Chevy. That had to be at least 60 years ago! I still think about that car, the windows were all intact. They may have been cracked the interior was still clean and not too badly rodent infested. Most of the dents were minor, at least the ones we could see.

Larry would, if it was possible stop what he was doing and we’d visit briefly, those times I’d run into him at City Hall. If my wife and I would happen to see both Larry and his wife, Ellie when we would see them out shopping, we would always take time and visit. Mostly we’d visit about our children. Rest in peace.

Robert & Jennifer Herman - February 20 at 07:33 AM

LS

“ LINELL SCHULTZ lit a candle in memory of Larry Cornelius



LINELL SCHULTZ - February 19 at 11:09 PM

DC

Thank you Linell! Very much appreciated.

Donna Cornelius - February 23 at 08:09 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.*



February 19 at 10:07 AM



“ *I have not known Larry for very long, wish was longer. He was such a love warm caring person, always listening and caring. He would light up around any Family function. Larry will truly be missed by many. Rest in peace. ❤️👍❤️*

Sonja Zwiebel - February 18 at 09:10 PM



“ *Vascular and CT purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.*



Vascular and CT - February 18 at 04:34 PM



“ *Vascular and CT planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dean Cornelius.*

Vascular and CT - February 18 at 04:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Dean Cornelius.

February 18 at 12:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.



February 18 at 12:08 PM



“ *kathy leschinsky lit a candle in memory of Larry Cornelius*



kathy leschinsky - February 18 at 09:25 AM



“ *Carol and Dan Bancroft purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Larry Dean Cornelius.*



Carol and Dan Bancroft - February 17 at 06:29 PM

CB

“ Carol and Dan Bancroft planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dean Cornelius.

Carol and Dan Bancroft - February 17 at 06:29 PM