



Laverne Graus

October 22, 1927 - April 13, 2014

Laverne J. Graus, 86, of Holdrege died Sunday, April 13, 2014 as the result of a traffic accident.

Service is 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 23rd at All Faiths Funeral Home. Chaplain DeWane Dow will officiate. Burial of ashes will be in Grand Island City Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Navy and Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Laverne was born October 22, 1927 at Elba, NE to Mike and Helen (Scwanzek) Graus.

Survivors include Laverne's children, Kenneth (Linda) Graus of Lexington, Peggy (Joe) Hays of Holdrege and Todd (Holly) Graus of Jackson, WY; and a sister, Dorothy Graus of Grand Island.

Those also left to cherish his memory include seven grandchildren, Ryan Graus, Michael Graus, Jason (Lindsay) Hays, Scott (Natassia) Hays, Sydney Graus, Rebekah Graus and Gage Graus; three great-grandchildren, Cade Hays, Maddox Hays and Olivia Hays; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce, of 67 years, on March 21, 2013; his parents; brothers, Edward Graus, Frank Graus, Ben Graus, Peter Graus and Henry Graus; sisters, Isabelle Nielsen, Kathryn Cochenour and Betty Becker; daughter-in-law, Susan Theis Graus; and mother-in-law, Flonnie Wagner Schmer.

One of ten children, Laverne attended school in Elba and graduated in St. Paul, NE in 1944.

Laverne served in the United States Navy at the end of WWII with a tour in the South Pacific, from Feb. 1, 1946 until his discharge Dec. 19, 1947. He was united in marriage to Joyce Wagner on April 11, 1946 in Council Bluffs, IA. The couple made their home in Columbus, Central City and Grand Island. They had lived at Primrose Retirement Center in Grand Island for several years and most recently, Laverne lived at Chrisoma West Homes in Holdrege. Laverne was employed in sales for Browns Auto Supply in Grand Island and Central City and later, in Grand Island, as an insurance agent for AAA Motorclub for 25 years before retiring in 1990. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Grand Island, the Platt Deutsche, American Legion and the NE Snowmobile Club.

Laverne was a past scout leader with the Boy Scouts. He loved nature and all of his backyard birds and squirrels were his pets. He was an avid snowmobiler for many years, with many trips to Wyoming. He enjoyed accordion music and dearly loved polka dancing with his wife. He was a good father and grandfather who kept everyone entertained with his stories of his childhood and Navy years. Laverne was especially proud of all of his children, seven grandkids and three great-grandkids.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in Laverne's name.

Cemetery Details

Grand Island City Cemetery

Grand Island, NE

Previous Events

Service

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

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Laverne Graus*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *When i told my mother, Regina Graus Svoboda (96 yrs old) daughter of Kate and Paul Graus that her cousin Laverne died in a car accident, she was sorry to hear the sad news. She said she remembered him as a "good kid" and you know she went back in time. Our sympathy to you and yours.*

*Shirley Svoboda-Crumpley
Roseville CA*

shirley svoboda-crumpley - April 19, 2014 at 09:40 PM



“ *Sympathies to everyone. He was one of a kind. He always gave me the business and I loved every minute of it. I still laugh at the conversations between him and Bill. He was real and fair in a way that you could only agree with. Whenever I was I Grand Island, Joyce and Vern would always make us feel welcome. My visits to Grand Island in the future will never be the same. Love Ken and Paige*

Ken - April 19, 2014 at 01:54 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laverne Graus.



April 19, 2014 at 01:29 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to Peggy and her family. Cherish all the good memories fathers and daughters share!

Sincerely,
Cindy-Cramer-Schatz

Cindy Cramer Schatz - April 18, 2014 at 08:23 PM



“ Prayers and sympathies to all of your family from Mike & Karen Robison.

Mike and Karen Robison - April 18, 2014 at 10:48 AM



“ Laverne's family, we are so sad about your brother, dad and grandpa. His dad Mike and my grandpa Paul were brothers. We were a very close family years ago. I have a lot of memories of him being my mothers cousin. They would talk of the old days and old family members that have gone on before them. A lot of good ole history has gone before us, I wish now that I had asked more questions about the past. I always said Laverne was the best looking boy of the family. He represented the Graus family with class. Kathy and Jim Leschinsky Grand Island



Kathy Leschinsky - April 17, 2014 at 02:34 PM

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Ken , Peggy, Todd and families Laverne was truly a great uncle to our family. We could never repay the kindness shown our family by Vern and Pete spending all those weekends helping remodeling our home. He could really give you a bad time with out being insulting. My tip of the hat to a great man. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Roger Graus - April 19, 2014 at 04:05 PM