



Lorenzo "Larry" Contreras

August 11, 1930 - January 16, 2024

Lorenzo "Larry" Contreras, age 93, of Dixon died Tuesday, January 16, 2024, surrounded by family at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab. He was born August 11, 1930, in Dixon, the son of Eustaquio "John" and Florentina (Ruiz) Contreras. Larry was a painter and had worked at KSB Hospital in the Plant Operation Dept. painting and doing maintenance from 1978 until his retirement in 1997. He was a veteran of the Air Force and served during the Korean Conflict. Larry was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon, Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690 and the Fr. Boland Assembly of the 4th Degree. He married Gloria Brooks on April 11, 1959, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, 5 brothers in infancy, brothers Nelo, Ralph, Jesse, Gilbert, sisters Helen Contreras, Esther Anderson, and Angela Contreras. Larry is survived by his wife Gloria, four daughters Terry (Matthew) Von Ahnen of Elgin, Cheryl Contreras of Dixon, Brenda Contreras of Dixon, DeJuana "Dee Dee" (David) Morgan of Amboy, 14 grandchildren Celeste Von Ahnen, Zachary Von Ahnen, Katherine Von Ahnen, Maria Von Ahnen, Tina Trader, Lisa (Steve Blanton) Trader, Jake (Katee) Trader, Brandon Grossman, Ben Grossman, Anthony (Laura) Morgan, Aaron (Jenn) Morgan, Austin (Jillian) Morgan, Adam (Jessica) Morgan, Alex (Erika) Morgan, 9 great-grandchildren Kora Garren, Lucas Blanton, Landon Blanton, Charlie Trader, Violet Vancil, Kenzlee Trader, Parker Trader, Breanna Grossman, Jace Morgan, one brother Joseph "Chico" (Ruth) Contreras of Dixon, one sister Julia Contreras of Sterling, sister in law

Anita Contreras, many nieces, nephews, and other family members he will someday meet in heaven. Funeral services will be on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at 11:00 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial with military honors will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be on Friday, January 26, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with a saying of the rosary at 7:00 PM. Visitation will also be on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at St. Patrick Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. A memorial has been established to St. Patrick Church, Dixon, IL, St. Mary School, Dixon, IL and the Alzheimer Foundation of America. Arrangements are by Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood

416 S Dement Ave
Dixon, IL 61021

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 26. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Jones Funeral Home, Dixon
204 South Ottawa
Dixon, IL 61021
Ph: 815-288-2241
info@thejonesfh.com
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon
612 S. Highland Ave.
Dixon, IL 61021
(815) 284-7719
office@stpatrickdixon.comcastbiz.net
<http://www.stpatrickdixon.org>

Tribute Wall

SC

“ Stephanie, Melissa & Charlie purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lorenzo "Larry" Contreras.



Stephanie, Melissa & Charlie - January 26, 2024 at 02:47 PM

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“ 001st District Tact Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorenzo "Larry" Contreras.



001st District Tact Family - January 25, 2024 at 05:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorenzo "Larry" Contreras.



January 24, 2024 at 04:01 PM

KS

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting your dad, but I enjoyed reading about his life. What an amazing family man and member of the community! My heartfelt condolences to your beautiful family.

Kim Shaw - January 22, 2024 at 10:01 PM

TT

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember as a kid he would take me to bingo at the KC's on Friday nights with his daughters. It was always fun to go. I remember he had this old car with a hole in the floorboard that we would watch the road underneath through as he drove. My condolences to the family. Sending prayers for comfort and peace. Tammy Thayer

Tammy Thayer - January 22, 2024 at 01:28 PM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I remember Mr Contreras as a generous man, willing to share his backyard so that we could view the 4th of July fireworks. Thoughtful and kind.

Mary and Darrell Willoughby - January 21, 2024 at 07:26 PM

EO

So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace!

Eileen ORourke - January 26, 2024 at 12:50 PM

SB

So sorry for your loss. Remembering all the times we were up until the birds were singing playing cards. I will always remember his wonderful smile and laugh. He will be missed by friends and family. May God's blessings be bestowed upon the family. Rest in peace good friend.

Sandy Baker - January 27, 2024 at 12:54 AM