



LeRoy E. Kuhlers

January 9, 1943 - May 3, 2020

LeRoy Elmer Kuhlers, 77, was born on January 9, 1943 to Raymond and Etta (Folkerds) Kuhlers. He was raised on farms outside of Meservey and Rockwell, Iowa and that part of his life remained very special to him. He graduated from Rockwell High School in 1961 before going on to complete a business degree from Hamilton Business College in Mason City, IA. LeRoy then accepted employment with the Oliver Corporation, which also operated as White Farm, New Idea and AgCo. His work as a purchasing agent for farm machinery was a perfect match for his outgoing personality and he continued that work with various companies until his retirement in 2001. He then spent time as a teller in the banking industry for several years where everyone continued to know him by name.

He was united in marriage on April 3, 1964 to Virginia Jackson. To this union, 2 children were born: Kraig and Kyle. LeRoy and Virginia have lived in Ankeny, IA since 2007 where LeRoy was an active member of the Ankeny First United Methodist Church. For the past 20 years, LeRoy looked forward to spending the winters in Mission, Texas, especially attending and leading music jams. Playing the part with his cowboy hat, he was a natural favorite of all the jammers.

LeRoy has passed on to his sons and grandsons many of his lifelong joys, including collecting coins, playing cards, and board games. He loved having his yard look just right and always mowed the lawn a day or two sooner than other people would have thought was necessary!

LeRoy went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, May 3, 2020. In life, LeRoy felt strongly about the importance of blood donation and had donated over 26 gallons. That spirit of giving was honored as LeRoy became an organ donor at his passing.

LeRoy is survived by his wife, Virginia; sons, Kraig (Julie) and Kyle (Jill); grandsons Jackson and Davis Kuhlbers, Joshua Kuhlbers and Travis Rhone; brother Allan (Janice) Kuhlbers; sisters Donna (Larry) Olson and Cheryl (Greg) Lukehart; as well as numerous beloved nieces, nephews and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Etta Kuhlbers, step-mother Minnie Ragsdale Kuhlbers, and grandson Harrison Kuhlbers.

Memorial services will be held at 10:30 Friday, May 8, 2020 at the First United Methodist Church, Rockford, Iowa. Inurnment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Officiating will be Rev. Dennis Burns. Visitation will begin one hour prior to services at the church. A limited amount of people, at a time, will be allowed through the line at a time. Please be conscious of your health and compromise on behalf of the family and other visitors. Social distancing will be expected at the visitation and the service.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a blood donation at a Red Cross facility in your area or at Life Serve Blood Center in Des Moines, IA.

Fullerton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 123 2nd ST SE, Mason City, Iowa 50401 641-423-8676 or 641-756-3311. Fullertonfh.com or Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes for more information.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Rockford, IA

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
21 3rd Street NW
Rockford, IA

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *LeRoy E. Kuhlert*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *First of all Virginia and boys, I send my deepest sympathies and know that God is wrapping his loving arms around each of you and will get through this process. So many good memories over such a long period of time. Thanks be to God for them. LeRoy was always full of p&v. Hang on to all those things and it may make things a bit easier. Peace be with each of you
Much love from an old neighbor
Deb (Dunlap) Lindley*

Deb Lindley - May 11, 2020 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Virginia My condolences! We will certainly miss him at the jams as you two were always were an audience favorite.
!marie*

marie omann - May 09, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Such a special person! I will always remember Leroy - This is a great picture of him and how I will always remember him. SMILING and making everyone around him feel great. May he rest in peace.*

Barbara Lein - May 08, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of LeRoy E. Kuhlers.*



May 07, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *What a shock! It is very hard to believe LeRoy is gone! Lots of memories flood my mind being cousins and the same age. When we were young, our families spent lots time together, He was always happy and fun loving with lots of laughs and enthusiasm and great to be around. In recent years he was extremely helpful to me supplying pictures and information for genealogy for our family albums. We are so grateful and will always treasure his sharing. He was lots of fun to have at family gatherings. We were looking forward to more times together this summer. Gosh, he is going to be so missed! Our heartfelt condolences are sent to his family that he cherished as we share our grief in his loss.*

Terry and Eileen Kuhlers - May 07, 2020 at 09:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LeRoy E. Kuhlers.*



May 07, 2020 at 08:47 AM

MG

“ Dear Virginia and family,
we are sorry to hear from Darrell and Sedel about the passing of Le Roy.. His enthusiasm for helping people learn the dance steps at our dance practices and the dance demonstrations at the nursing homes and care centers was much enjoyed by all.
Every year at the Iowa state Fair performance at the Pioneer hall he was happy to lead
our group in the dances, and singing. Le Roy will be missed by all of the members who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely,
Mae and Don Graeve
Central Chapter - Polka Club of Iowa

Mae and Don Graeve - May 07, 2020 at 12:51 AM

SF

“ What a shock, Virginia! So sorry to hear of Leroy's passing! South Texas jammers will miss him. Hope you plan to come back this next season!’ Sharon Freitag

Sharon Freitag - May 06, 2020 at 09:56 PM

CO

“ Virginia and family: We are saddened to learn of the death of LeRoy. He truly did bring much joy to all who knew him. It was my privilege to work with him at the Bancroft, IA bank a few years back. May God bless your sweet memories of this dear man. Sending our prayers and our long distance hugs from Sioux Falls, SD today.
Lovingly sent from Richard and Carol A. Olson

Carol A. Olson - May 06, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of LeRoy E. Kuhlers.*



May 06, 2020 at 03:43 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of LeRoy E. Kuhlers.*



May 06, 2020 at 03:18 PM



“ *Lorri, Sean, Morgan & Emily Barnes purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of LeRoy E. Kuhlers.*



Lorri, Sean, Morgan & Emily Barnes - May 06, 2020 at 11:45 AM

JB

“ Dear Virginia and Family - I am so very sorry to hear of LeRoy's passing. I enjoyed ushering with him and appreciated his leadership at the middle service at Uptown AFUMC. This picture is just as I remember him, he always, always had a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all especially during your time of sorrow, and as you continue the journey. May God bless each of you and hold you so close as you go through the coming days. Peace be with you.

Jill Boylesear

Jill Boyles - May 06, 2020 at 08:56 AM

RG

To the family of. LeRoy Kuhlers, So sorry to hear of LeRo's passing. Although, I haven't seen LeRoy, since high school (Ex.'61) I remember him as an very personable, outgoing, fellow classmate. We had something in common, I used to donate blood, through our local blood bank, till they put me on medications, that. I couldn't donate any more! . God bless! Will keep you in our pray ers. Richard. "Rich" M. GREEN, Ex. Rockwell, high school,, now in Cheyenne, Wy. ((Since '65)

Richard M. Green - May 07, 2020 at 01:24 AM



“ Virginia, we're so very sorry for your loss and extend our deepest sympathy. LeRoy was a dear man and you two made a great pair. I can imagine your sadness and loss. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you go through these difficult days.
Cheryl & JP Golinvaux

Cheryl Cibula - May 05, 2020 at 05:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



James@Fullertonfh.com - May 05, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ Virginia. we are so sorry for your loss. I know you will greatly miss him. He was such a fine gentleman. . Always happy with a smile for everyone. May God comfort you with his love and your loving memories.

Gerald and June watkins

June Watkins - May 05, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Aunt Virginia, Kraig, Kyle and families, We are so sorry and saddened to hear of Uncle LeRoy's passing. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you all lots of love and sympathy through this very sad time. Wish we could be there. Please take care and God bless you all!

*Love,
Lorri, Sean, Morgan & Emily Barnes*

Lorri Barnes - May 05, 2020 at 11:13 AM

SS

Virginia and family. We are saddened to get the news of Leroy's sudden passing. Great picture of him. Loved his smile. Enjoyed listening to the laughing song. He will be missed by many. Our deepest sympathy to you. May God give you strength to get through this sad time. He is in a better place. He doesn't have to go through this world's distress. God Bless You. Keep in touch. Hugs Sam and Peggy Smith

Sam and Peggy Smith - May 06, 2020 at 12:46 PM

BH

*My deepest sympathy Virginia and family. I am a fellow jammer at Fiesta Village. I always enjoyed LeRoy's happy singing at the jams - he will be missed. Many prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Barb Hovde*

Barb Hovde - May 08, 2020 at 11:07 AM

LS

“*Dear Virginia...So shocked and sorry to learn of LeRoy's passing. You and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry we didn't get together this winter either. We cherish our memories and pray all your precious memories comfort you and give you peace. May God Bless you and give you strength for each new day. Sending love and sympathy. Mary & Lowell*

Lowell & Mary Smith - May 05, 2020 at 04:38 AM

MA

sorry to here of your lost mavis b

mavis - May 06, 2020 at 01:22 PM

AC

Virginia and family: So sorry at your loss of LeRoy. He was a joy to have around at the W & I RV park in Mission TX. He was a great emcee at the jams every Monday afternoon at Wagon City North. He always wore a cowboy shirt and hat. Although he had decided not to host the jams in the 20-21 season, he will be missed. As neighbors across the road from us at W & I, we appreciated him watering our yard and picking up the oranges when we were not here yet. (Even when we were, but not living there) LeRoy, I will miss your smile and your kind nature, Watching you load Virginia's accordion into the van as you were headed to another jam. I will miss you as you sang with the choir at the Polka Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church the last Sunday in January, with the 5 pc band being led by Virginia. We even danced as the last song was played and people leaving the church. Yes, Arl has memories of you. Thank you so much. You had much to do yet, and, just too soon to leave this world to go to your heavenly home. You will be missed by all who knew you.

Arloene Carlson - May 07, 2020 at 04:55 PM