

Larry Torrey, 75

March 31, 1936 - Jan. 8, 2012

AVOCA — Larry Porter Torrey, son of Wilbur and Bernice (Stoltzman) Torrey was born on March 31, 1936 in Ute. He was the son of a deputy sheriff and in his early years, Larry went to help his dad at work. These lessons he learned early on, contributed to Larry's compassion and ability to help out those who were less fortunate. Larry graduated from high school in Onawa with the class of 1954. Four months after graduation, Larry enlisted into the United States Air Force; during which time, he began his career as a military policeman until his honorable discharge on June 24, 1958.

Six months after his return, Larry was united in marriage to Frances Walter on November 30, 1958 at the Methodist Church in Onawa. Fran, working at the court house along with her future father-in-law, issued her own marriage license and Larry's dad signed it. Fran and Larry had five children: Robert, Di, twins Deb and David, and Jerry. Due to his background as a military policeman in the Air force, Larry was accepted into the Iowa Highway Patrol School. Upon his graduation, he was appointed as an Iowa Highway Patrolman and assigned to Council Bluffs. In July of 1961, Larry and Fran transferred to Avoca. It was on December 14, 1971 that Larry received Christ as his personal savior. Larry was a hard worker and there wasn't much he couldn't do. He was a humble man, a handyman by hobby and he had a great mechanical ability. He would continue the rest of his 32 years as an Iowa State Trooper in Avoca until his retirement in June of 1991. He and Fran continued to live in Avoca until he entered the Risen Son Christian Village in Council Bluffs in July of 2011. This is where he died on Sunday, January 8, 2012 having attained the age of seventy-five years, nine months and eight days.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Fran Torrey of Avoca; his children: Robert Torrey of Anchorage, AK, Di and her husband John Toupal of Braham, MN, Deb Torrey of Omaha, NE, David Torrey and Jerry Torrey and his wife Kim all of Council Bluffs; three grandchildren: Aaron Torrey, Andrew Toupal and Kaylee Torrey; his brother Bill Torrey and his wife Joanne of Marco Island, FL; other relatives and many friends.

Pastor Joe Earle officiated the 10:30 a.m. funeral service at Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Avoca on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Honorary casket bearers were: Steve Legler, John Anderson, Larry Nelson, Walt Walter, Don Wharton, Ed Weis, Charles Vaile, Kenneth Brown, Don Nelsen, Don Rowland, John Novy, Robert Rank and Robert Darrah. Military Rites were conducted by the Iowa State Patrol Honor Guard at Graceland Cemetery in Avoca. Robert Torrey, Di Toupal, Deb Torrey, David Torrey, Scott Pigsley, Aaron Torrey and Andrew Toupal served as casket bearers.



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