



William Larry Wagner

June 30, 1938 - September 17, 2020

William Larry Wagner, 82, of Kingsley passed away September 17, 2020. He was born on June 30, 1938 to the late Frank and Nora (Nickerson) Wagner in Grawn, Michigan. Larry (known by many) loved to farm as a child. He took that love and went to Michigan State University and graduated with an Agricultural Associates degree. He returned to Northern Michigan where he worked at Herkner's Orchards on Old Mission Peninsula.

He purchased a dairy farm in 1966, which came to be known as Windy Knoll Farms in the Hannah, Michigan area. After 25 years, he sold the dairy cows to purchase and raise Texas Longhorn cattle. We can't forget his beloved Jack & John, his draft horse team. He loved to harness them up give rides and participate in local parades. Even though farming was his true passion, Larry worked for Quality Farm & Fleet and Tractor Supply Company for over 20 years, known for his recognizable chuckle and willingness to help everyone.

His family and his farm is his proudest accomplishments. Larry's hard work did not go unnoticed and was honored as "Farmer of the Week" by Michigan Farm Radio. Larry was very active in the Kingsley community; he was the President of the Northwest Michigan 4-H Livestock Council, a board member for Northwest Michigan Farmers Insurance, a board member for the Farmers Home Administration, and a board member for Kingsley Public schools. He will be greatly missed by many.

Larry will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 60 years Kay Ann (Nash), children: William (Terri) Wagner of Mooreland, Indiana; Thomas Wagner of Houston; Texas, Gerald (Kim) Wagner of Chelsea, Michigan; he has 8 grand children and 2 great-grandchildren. A celebration of life for William will be held next summer on the family farm. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Mom and brothers, I send you all my love. I will always remember and miss Dad’s sweet smile, his laughter, his jokes. Such a generous, honest and understanding person. Thank you for letting me be part of this loving family and for all those moments with you that made me so happy. I have so many adorable memories. I miss you and love you.
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María de las Mercedes Duarte - October 16, 2020 at 10:55 AM

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“ Aunt Kay, Bill, Tom and Jerry,

Lisa and I are thinking of you and hope you find peace. Uncle Larry will be missed and I will always remember his laugh that seemed to always bring a smile to my face. If you need anything, just let me know.

Lisa and Mark Harrand

Mark Harrand - September 26, 2020 at 12:45 PM

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“ Love to all my cousins! I'll miss Larry's wonderful smile, and his welcoming personality! Thanks for taking such good care of Dad's horses. I always loved coming to visit the farm where Larry was always so happy to show folks around. Take good care, Kay Ann, and boys, and I'll see you very soon, I hope.
Love, Myrna

Myrna Williams - September 25, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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“ *Sister Kay Ann and Family*
A happy smile and Jolly voice always welcomed us!
We are proud to have experienced Larry's personal dedications to
family, community, and life.
All the exceptional times we shared and that unexpected one liner
humor will never be forgotten!

All our love
Mike and Christie

Michael - September 23, 2020 at 12:48 PM

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“ *You could see Larry spending the entire auction day at*
Northwestern Michigan Fair recording the sell price and buyer for
every child.....if you have been to that auction you know that is a
long day. Best wishes to the family.....love you Kay!

Mike Lawson - September 22, 2020 at 08:01 PM