



Larry Ames

April 3, 1937 - April 9, 2026

Larry Ames, 89, of Oskaloosa, passed away at the Pella Regional Hospital on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

Lawrence “Larry” Duwayne Ames, son of Lawrence Ray and Winifred (Jones) Ames, was born April 3, 1937, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was raised and educated in Grand Rapids and joined the Air Force on July 23, 1954. He served until August 5, 1963. While in the military, he married Ann Marie Kingsley on June 5, 1958, in Caledonia, Michigan. After his discharge, he worked at Steelcase Furniture Company in Grand Rapids, a career he truly enjoyed. Because of Larry’s commitment to his faith and Savior, he felt God calling him to a career change to Christian service. In 1972, this call brought the family to Vennard College in University Park, where he served in business development and fundraising. In 1979, he was called to Kansas City, Missouri, where he served the Church of the Nazarene General Headquarters.

Compassion International in Colorado Springs, Colorado, called him to join their mission in 1991, and Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois, offered him a position in 1997. In 2006, the couple returned to Oskaloosa, but Larry continued to serve Olivet University remotely until his retirement in 2013. He was an active member of the Gateway Church of the Nazarene, teaching Sunday school, serving on the church board, and participating in numerous mission trips. In 2019, the church awarded him the Distinguished Service Award. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking and fishing.

His family includes his wife, Ann of Oskaloosa; his sons, Steve (Sherri) Ames

of Bella Vista, Arkansas, and Alan Ames of Oskaloosa; and a daughter-in-law, Pam Ames of Spring Hill, Kansas. He was blessed with eight grandchildren: Sara Ames, Adam (Angie) Ames, Drew (Deanna) Ames, Liz (Nick) Percy, Ashley (Ryan) Stillman, Jesse (Meriah) Ames, Kaitlyn (Hunter) Sheets, Dalton Ames; and nine great-grandchildren.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Randy, and a sister, Florence Whyte.

Funeral services for Larry will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at the Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Oskaloosa, with Rev. Andy Watts officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. The Oskaloosa Honor Guard and Chaplain Major Andrew Ames, U.S. Army, will present military honors.

Visitation will begin at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. Memorials can be made to the Gateway Church of the Nazarene. A Livestream link will be available soon.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.langkampfuneralchapel.com>

The family will greet visitors from 5-7 p.m.

Funeral Service

APR **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gateway Church of the Nazarene
140 Gateway Dr.
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
info@oskynaz.org
<https://gatewaynazarene.org/>

Tribute Wall



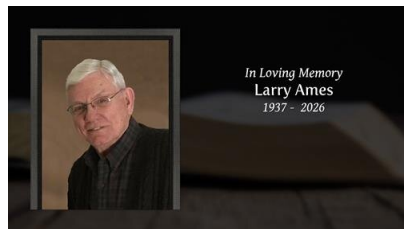
“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Funeral Service for Larry Ames in memory of Larry Ames*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 14 at 04:45 PM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Ames*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - April 13 at 12:32 PM

JW

What a beautiful tribute. Larry will be greatly missed by his loving family, friends, and all who knew him. Thank you for sharing what a beautiful family.

Jewels Watkins - April 13 at 08:16 PM

KL

Beautiful tribute of your family. He will surely be missed! May God be close to you and give you peace!...So thankful for the hope of Heaven that one day we shall see him again. Hang on to that Hope and the beautiful memories!!!

Kathryn Lundmark - April 15 at 12:26 PM

JV

“ Julie, Patrick, and Valerie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Ames.



Julie, Patrick, and Valerie - April 12 at 02:21 PM

TB

“ Tim And Kathy Besco lit a candle in memory of Larry Ames



Tim and Kathy Besco - April 11 at 08:28 PM

NS

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Larry and Ann so well, when they were at Leighton church. Larry was one of the nicest guys you could know. He always had a smile on his face.
Ann and family my prayers for you are that you can feel Gods comfort through today and days ahead.
Nancy Kaechele Slager

Nancy Slager - April 11 at 07:47 PM

BE

“ Brandon Tasha Jaeden Emma purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larry Ames.



Brandon Tasha Jaeden Emma - April 11 at 06:18 PM

BE

“ Brandon Tasha Jaeden Emma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Ames.

Brandon Tasha Jaeden Emma - April 11 at 06:18 PM

KL

“ Thanks for sharing this! We love Larry & Ann! He was the first person I met when I went to Vennard. Later when Vennard had an overflow of students I had the privilege along with Vivian to live at their house because there was no room in the dorms! What a blessing that was. They were our “mom & dad” away from home! I praise God for their godly example!!!good memories!! Praying for God’s comfort & peace for you Ann & the family! 🙏❤️

Kathryn Lundmark - April 11 at 06:15 AM

VL

Kathy is correct, her and I were blessed to be a part of An and Larry's family. So sorry to hear if his passing but rejoice to know he is in the presence of our Savior.

Vivian Cregg Liddle - April 11 at 12:39 PM

RM

“ ROBERT MORRISON lit a candle in memory of Larry Ames



ROBERT MORRISON - April 10 at 10:55 PM

JB

“ We attended Vennard College in the 1970s. I always looked up to Larry and appreciated his kindness to me. When Kathy and I were dating, we spent some evenings at the Ames home. After we got married, we needed a car and I asked Larry to cosign my loan. He did cosign but also gave me a lecture on paying my debts. Right then he was like my dad. It doesn't get better than that!

Joel Baker - April 10 at 10:30 PM

HG

“ I have enjoyed Larry at church every Sunday morning

Heidi Gilchrist - April 10 at 06:09 PM

DA

Ann, Steve, Alan and family,

Thank you for sharing about Larry! I am truly blessed for having known Larry as well as your family! I pray God's peace and comfort will fill your hearts.

God bless you all, Doug Adkins

Doug Adkins - April 10 at 06:21 PM