



Loren Van Zante

April 29, 1952 - October 6, 2021

Loren Van Zante, 69, of Eddyville, passed away Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at the Mahaska Hospital in Oskaloosa.

Loren Eugene Van Zante, son of Elmer and Elizabeth (Van Heukelom) Van Zante, was born April 29, 1952, in Oskaloosa. He was raised on the Family Century Farm near Eddyville. Growing up, he followed his father and older brother everywhere on the farm, and it was during that time, farming indeed became his identity. While still in high school, Loren started a farrowing operation on his father's farm, and shortly after graduating from Eddyville High School in 1970, he purchased a nearby farm. He married the love of his life, Rhonda Hightower, on August 24, 1975, at the Beacon United Methodist Church. In 1977, he and Rhonda purchased the family farm they have operated to this day. Loren loved the challenge of raising livestock and watching his animals grow and thrive. His son, Joshua, was raised just as he was, and when old enough, he joined his father tending the land and raising livestock.

Loren never lost the strong faith nurtured in him from childhood and truly trusted God to meet all his needs. He had a very special bond with his grandchildren, they loved visiting the farm and playing croquet, and grandpa loved making them laugh.

His family includes his wife, Rhonda of Eddyville, his children and their spouses: Joshua (Amanda) Van Zante of Eddyville and Kristin (Brian) Borcharding of Hampton, IA; his grandchildren: Caleb and Sarah Van Zante and Ellie, Lucas, Andrew & Noelle Borcharding; a brother, Arlin (Donna) Van Zante of Eddyville; a sister, Beth (Randy) Brostrom of Oskaloosa; and several nieces and nephews.

Loren was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside funeral services for Loren will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, October 11, 2021, at Columbia Cemetery near Eddyville, with Pastor Mark Hornback of the First Church of the Open Bible in Ottumwa officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel. Memorials can be made to the family and will be designated at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Columbia Cemetery

22741 Power Plant Rd
Eddyville, IA 52553

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **10**. 11:00 AM - 7:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
(641) 672-2181
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com
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Graveside Funeral Service

OCT **11**. 11:00 AM.

Columbia Cemetery Near Eddyville

Tribute Wall



“ Loren Van Zante

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

SB

“ Arlin and Donna and family, I am truly sorry for your loss. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers in the upcoming days. I remember going past the farm when we would come to visit. Know that I am thinking about you all.

Sharon Bennink - October 11, 2021 at 02:11 PM

RN

“ Ruth Neubret purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Loren Van Zante.



Ruth Neubret - October 10, 2021 at 09:57 AM

MG

“ I have been deeply sadden and impacted by the sudden death of my double cousin, Loren. Since our fathers married our mothers, we had all the same relatives. For quite a while in our childhoods we also went to the same church so our only circles of difference were our neighbors and our schools. Of course I have fond memories of playing games outside the home place especially games we made up like 'three times around the house'. There were many adventures to the railroad tracks, the creeks, the barns as well as to the electric fence. We all had so much energy, co-operation, and laughter. I remember Loren's enthusiasm for learning, his love of discovery, his team spirit, and his laughter of surprise. I would be laughing at his laughter. What a zest for life he had.

He is like our fathers in his integrity and kindness. He is like our mothers in his love and support. He is as close as a brother to me and I have so many treasured childhood memories. I am trusting along with many others that our Gracious and Heavenly Father knows best and loves us all as His special children. I also really miss your presence with us here on earth. I can only imagine your laughter of surprise when you first saw Jesus face to face.

Much love,
Double Cousin Martha (Van Zante) Grosskopf

Martha Grosskopf - October 09, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Beth Terpstra lit a candle in memory of Loren Van Zante



Beth Terpstra - October 09, 2021 at 08:50 AM

DC

“ Rhonda and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you now and for the days ahead. In Christ Love. Delores Cundiff. Kirkville ia

Delores Cundiff - October 08, 2021 at 10:54 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Jones lit a candle in memory of Loren Van Zante



Kathy Jones - October 08, 2021 at 10:34 PM

CM

“ Cindy Mott lit a candle in memory of Loren Van Zante



Cindy Mott - October 08, 2021 at 07:58 PM

VB

“ Rhonda so very sorry for your loss. My sympathy to you and your family.

Vicki Barnett - October 08, 2021 at 05:39 PM

BM

“ Rhonda and family- Roger and I are so sorry to hear the news of Loren's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Lean on your faith to help see you through.

Roger and Becky Moore

Becky Moore - October 08, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ Rhonda, I am so very sorry to hear the news about the passing of your precious husband. You have my sincere condolences, and I will keep you and your families close in my thoughts and prayers in the coming weeks. My heart aches for you my friend. - Nancy Adams

Nancy Adams - October 08, 2021 at 01:34 PM



“ So sad to I hear Rhonda. You and your family are definitely in our prayers.

Vickie Nikkel - October 08, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Sending love to Rhonda and family! May God be with you during this rough time in your lives! ❤️ Fran and Alan Katko

Fran Katko - October 08, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ My sincere condolences to you and your family, Rhonda. Sending you prayers for comfort and peace.

-Jean Morris

Jean Morris - October 08, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ So sorry, Rhonda. May God bless you and yours and keep you in his loving arms during this extremely difficult time.

Pam J Green - October 08, 2021 at 09:03 AM



“ Rhonda my heart goes out to you at your time of sorrow you have my sympathies. If you ever need to talk I'm here I have been through a loss of a husband also. Prayers dear friend to you and your family

Jill(Thayer)Hale - October 08, 2021 at 04:50 AM



“ *Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Loren Van Zante.*



October 08, 2021 at 01:39 AM

SZ

“ *Rhonda, we are sending you love as we grieve with you. You know how our men felt about each other...*

Sherry Van Zante - October 08, 2021 at 01:16 AM

SZ

And...you know how I feel about you.

Sherry Van Zante - October 08, 2021 at 01:42 AM

VO

“ *Dear Rhonda and Family, we are so sorry to hear of Loren's passing. We are sending prayers and sincere condolences to you all.
May the peace of the Lord be with you
Victoria and Jack OBrien (Overbergen)*

Victoria OBrien - October 07, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loren Van Zante.*



October 07, 2021 at 11:13 PM

LK

“ *I'm so sorry to see this. Thinking of you , Rhonda and family.*

Lisa Klose - October 07, 2021 at 10:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loren Van Zante.*



October 07, 2021 at 09:47 PM