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Society or to a music scholarship for his grandson, Nicholas.

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Larry was united in marriage with Bonnie Benson on May 6, 1967, at the Kellogg Methodist Church. Larry served his country in the United States Air Force for over 20 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. During his time in the service he lived in Germany, the Philippines, and Iceland. He also received many college degrees while in the service, many of which involved construction and building trades.

After the service, he made his home back in Lynnville and worked at William Penn College in maintenance, for the Wagaman Mill, he owned Larry's TV service, and later retired from Pella Electronics. Larry was a member of the Lynnville Historical Society. He was the proud owner of a '68 Camaro that he was in the process of restoring. He also enjoyed going to classic car shows. Larry was good with carpentry and construction and could build an entire house using those skills.

Larry is survived by his daughter Brenda Denmark of Lynnville; two grandsons; his siblings, Lloyddeana Stewart, Dennis Sparks, William "Bill" Sparks, Mary Kadwell, and Mildred Henschel; many nieces and nephews; and his special friend, Virginia Meredith; her son, Kevin and Julie Meredith; and their two children.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Bonnie; and a special friend, Irene Janssen.

Larry G. Sparks



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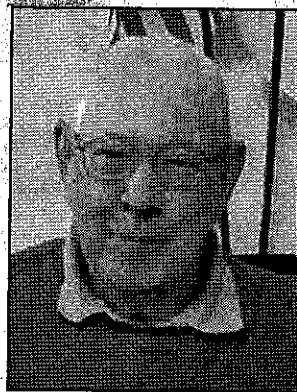
A public visitation was held Sunday, March 22, at the Wallace Family Funeral Home and Crematory with no family present. Due to coronavirus concerns, the staff at the funeral home was in compliance with the state regulations and allowed only ten people at a time in the funeral home counting the staff.

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