Larry Neil Schafbuch, 71


Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the New Covenant Parish of the United Methodist Church in Victor with the Rev. Jim Davis officiating. Organist was Fred Stiefel and vocalist was Sue Kluber. Pallbearers were Rod, Scott, Dan, and Rick Schafbuch, Alan Mohr, and Lynn Baustian. Honorary bearers were Greg, Brian, Brad, Randy, and Brett Schafbuch. Burial was in Smith Cemetery, south of Victor.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the New Covenant Parish of the United Methodist Church in Victor.

Larry was born Sept. 1, 1937, on the family farm south of Victor, the son of Clark and Pearl Mohr Schafbuch. He was raised on the farm and was a 1955 graduate of Victor High School. Following his education, he farmed and served with the Iowa National Guard for 6½ years as a sergeant with the 224th Engineer Battalion.

On Sept. 8, 1962, he was married to Marilyn Rae Diets, at Kenwood Park Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids. He was a lifelong farmer on the family century farm. He was a member of the New Covenant Parish United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee.

Larry liked to invent and make improvements on farm equipment which included receiving a patent on a field roto-tiller. He held a passion for classic cars, especially his 1961 Corvette. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, family camping vacations, and particularly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to square dance and was a member of the Victor Star Twirlers Club.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn, of Ladora; four children, Linda (Al) Gerard of Marengo, Darrell (Tracy) Schafbuch of Victor, Connie (Dave) Miner of Dysart, and Kevin (Tina) Schafbuch of Ladora; and 14 grandchildren, Sean, Brianna, Madison, and Nicholas Gerard, Morgan, Jacob, Brandon, and Emma Schafbuch, Alex and Lindsey Miner, and Nadia, Dylan, Heather, and Amy Schafbuch.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, LaDean, and her husband, Howard Webb; and a brother and sister in infancy.

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