

Larry Criswell ⁶¹⁴⁻¹⁴
4-7-2022



Larry Criswell, 83, of Grinnell, passed away on April 3, 2022, at St. Francis Manor in Grinnell.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at the Grinnell Christian Church. Burial will follow at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation with the Criswell family present will be from 4:00 to 7:00 Friday evening at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell.

Pallbearers are Charlie Criswell, Caleb Criswell, Tyler Graham, Sam Strobel, Seth McAtee, Scott McAtee, Tim McAtee, Jr., and Jake and Jared

Wickwire. Honorary bearers are Skyler Criswell, Olivia Strobel, Ryan, Eli, Ashley and Landon Criswell.

Memorial contributions may be designated to St. Francis Manor.

The funeral service will be live-streamed on the Smith Funeral Home and Crematory Facebook page beginning 15 minutes prior to service time.

Larry was born August 17, 1938, to Albert and Lela (Dobbs) Criswell in Grinnell. He was raised in Grinnell and attended Grinnell School District graduating with the class of 1957. After graduating from high school, Larry worked for a few years at Maytag in Newton. After that he worked for Claude Ahrens installing bleacher seats in stadiums all around the United States. Owning and operating bulldozers and construction equipment was always something that he enjoyed and did for the remainder of his life. He also owned and operated a propane business for a few years and later enjoyed helping his son in the propane business starting in 2008. He always enjoyed spending his days working with his son.

Larry married Pat McAtee on March 18, 1978, at the former Oak Grove Friends Church south of Grinnell.

Larry enjoyed family gatherings, and was well-known for his storytelling. Having his grandchildren stay overnight always brought him the most joy. He liked to work outside, including fixing up properties with his heavy equipment, and drilling for oil in Kentucky when he visited.

Larry is survived by his wife Pat Criswell; daughter Cindy Strobel; sons Charlie (Katie) Criswell and Nathan Criswell; and grandchildren, Tyler Graham, Ashley and Landon Criswell, Olivia and Sam Strobel, Jake and Jared Wickwire, and Caleb, Ryan, and Eli Criswell.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Melissa Wickwire, and his five brothers, Ray, Roy, Howard, Rex and Bob Criswell.