

### Arnold L. Leff, 70



November 9, 1954-April 26, 2025

Riceville- Funeral services for Arnold L. Leff was held 11:00 A.M. Saturday April 26, 2025 at LeRoy Lutheran Church in LeRoy, MN, with Pastor Herman Bakker officiating. Burial was at the Saratoga Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Saturday at the Church.

Arnold Leff, age 70, of

Riceville, IA died Sunday April 20, 2025 at Evans Senior Living in Cresco, IA.

Arnold Lee Leff was born on November 9, 1954 to Lawrence and Evelyn (Conrad) Leff, along with his twin brother, Harvey Leff. The two were so close that they were inseparable. They lived together and farmed alongside one another until their retirement and Harvey's death in 2023. Arnold loved farming, but also worked other jobs throughout his life. He spent several years working for Skyline Harvester building silos throughout the country starting out in Nashua, Iowa, Texas and eventually back in North East Iowa, he also worked for Hormel Foods for almost 30 years. Arnold and Harvey lived and farmed in a few different areas throughout their lives. They built a home from scratch when they lived east of New Hampton, IA and later moved to an acreage by McIntire, IA. Together, they

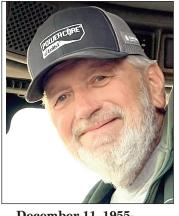
faced an unthinkable tragedy when they lost their entire herd of dairy cattle, calves, hay and silage in a barn fire on a farm that they rented. Harvey and Arnold eventually settled near Riceville, where they bought a farm and built a new house.

Harvey is survived by his siblings Phyllis Larson of Chester, IA, Alvin Leff of Lime Springs, IA, Norman Leff of Riceville, IA, Marian Fox of Fredericksburg, IA, Sandy Dailey of Oelwein, IA, Dallas (Evelyn) Leff of Riceville, Carol (Mike) Reisner of Fredericksburg, sister-in-law Maxine Leff of Lime Springs, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by

his parents, brothers Harvey and Donald Leff, brothers-inlaw Gene Larson, Virgil Thein, Dale Fox and Bill Dailey.

Condolences may be left at www.Hindtfuneralhomes.com

## Gerald "Gerry" Caffrey, 69



December 11, 1955-**April 18, 2025** 

Cresco- Gerald "Gerry' Caffrey, 69, of Cresco, IA, died on Friday, April 18, 2025, at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in LaCrosse, WI, with family by his side.

Memorial Services for Gerry was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Cresco with Pastor Erik Hoefer officiating. Inurnment was held at New Oregon Cemetery in Cresco, IA. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and continued from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the church on Friday. Hindt-Hudek Funeral Home is assisting the family.
Gerald Robert Caffrey was born on December 11, 1955, in Cresco, Iowa, to Leo and Wilma (Schultz) Caffrey. Gerry snuck out the back door of Crestwood High School with the class of 1974. He began working for United Shippers and then Bonair Ag while continuing to farm with his dad. At the age of 5, he was witnessed by a

neighbor driving a tractor down the country road and has continued pouring his heart and soul into farming throughout his adult life. Gerry was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. On April 19, 1980, Gerry

married Cherri Peter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lime Springs. Gerry and Cherri were one day shy of celebrating their 45 th wedding anniversary when he passed. Together the couple raised two children Daniel and Rebecca on the Caffrey family farm. Gerry looked forward to deer hunting every winter and fishing in the summer, frying up rosettes in the shop at Christmas time, and during Spring and Fall fieldwork enjoying a cold Busch Light at the end of the day "Safety Meetings". He was also a lifetime member of the Cresco Wildlife Club. Gerry was a very social man, who

easily made friends wherever he went. He enjoyed trying his luck at the casino, and rounds of BINGO at the Mighty Howard County Fair with his daughter, Becky. "Gramps" was so proud of his two grandsons, Brayden and Bryce. He loved attending their sporting events and watching the young men they are growing into. He cherished the moments spent farming alongside his son, Dano and his grandsons, passing down not just skills, but a legacy of love for the land.

Gerry is survived by his wife Cherri Caffrey of Cresco; son Daniel "Dano" (Jaime) Caffrey of Charles City, IA, and their two sons Brayden and Bryce; daughter Rebecca "Becky" Caffrey of Cresco; siblings Kathy (Ken) Abrams of Ocala, FL, John (Pat) Caffrey of Oakton, VA, Linda (Bruce) Moudry of Evansdale, IA, Bill Caffrey of Cresco, Deb Caffrey of Springfield, IL, and Mike (Louie Gjere) Caffrey of Cresco; sisterin-law Char (Bill) Ferrie of Spring Valley, MN; brother-inlaw Jim (Pam Frana) Peter of Cresco; and many nieces and nephews.

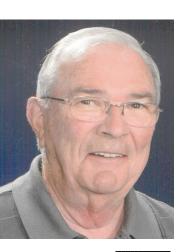
He is preceded in death by his parents Leo and Wilma Caffrey and his father and mother-in-law Herbert and Dorothy Peter..

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ents to: Susan Stopperan

## John "Jack" Ferrie, 86



March 8, 1939-April 25, 2025

CRESCO- John "Jack" Ferrie, age 86, died on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Regional Health Services of Howard County, in

John Louis "Jack" Ferrie born March 8, 1939, to Leonard and Viola Barthelme Ferrie in Cresco, lowa. He attended St. Joseph Grade School and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1958 in Cresco, lowa. He then entered the US Navv for 4 years, most of which time was aboard the U.S.S Jason in

On July 21, 1962, Jack was united in marriage to Patricia

(Jahn), Jane Gordon (Stu), and Brian (Kris Kach). They were blessed with seven grandchil-Jacqueline Lundeen (Kevin), Ashley Gallegos Colton Stopperan (Aaron), (Jackie Link), Kyle Gordon, Larin Gordon (Matt Petty), Alexa Ferrie, Logan Ferrie, and great grandchildren: Caden, Hadley, Ashton (Lundeen), and Lincoln and Reese (Gallegos). Jack worked at Vandy's shoe shop in his younger years and also re-

turned in 1963 for 3 years be-

fore he became Assistant Vice

President for 35 years at

CUSB, where he retired in

He was a member of many organizations over the years including the Morning Kiwanis, Jaycee's Young Men and was named their Outstanding Young Man in 1973. He served as a member of Evans Home Board, Howard County Residential Care Review Board, Treasurer of the Mighty Howard County Fair Board, was Secretary & Treasurer of

He was an active member of

Notre Dame Church. Jack's Catholic faith was always very

the Cresco Fire Department

where he also served as a Fire-

important to him He was one of 8 first Eucharistic Ministers in the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and was a Canter at Notre Dame Church for many years and later sang in the New Life Funeral Choir.

He was active with his daughters camp fire group as Camp Chairman for many summers, volunteer driver delivering Meals on Wheels, and helped with the many hospital auxiliary projects. He was an avid card player and especially loved his Thursday card group as well as holiday Euchre games with family. His favorite pastime each summer for several years was walleye fishing in Canada, northern Minnesota, and more recently South Dakota, as well as pheasant and deer hunting, which he especially loved to do with his son Brian.

He was active for many years playing golf and earlier, bowling. As a couple they enjoyed many trips in their motorhomes touring all of the US States, Canadian Provinces, and 15 countries abroad, He especially enjoyed visiting their grandchildren while they were studying abroad in college.

Above all he was a wonderful husband, father to his three children, and became "Grandpa Jack" to seven grandchildren and the best was five greatgrandchildren who so enjoyed Facetiming with their Grandpa Jack. He was known to be a big tease and jokester to all. He became Mr. Jack to all the neighborhood kids and enjoyed seeing them grow up.

How lucky are we to have loved such an amazing husgrandfather, band, father, brother and friend.

He is survived by his children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren, brothers Bill Ferrie and Don Ferrie, sisters Marion Galvin, Margaret Sobolik, Mary Jo Chappell, Anne Emerson, and Kathy Balluff.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Viola Ferrie, sisters Norma Cutsforth and Helen Graves, brother-inlaws Virgil Cutsforth, Don Emerson and George Sobolik.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Cresco, IA, with Father Jacob Rouse officiating. will be from 8:45-11:00 a.m., at the church Wednesday prior to the start of the service, with a Recitation of the Rosary at 8:30 a.m. Burial will be at Calvary

## Norma Smith, 85



Sept. 27, 1939-April 18, 2025

CRESCO- Norma J. Smith, age 85, of Cresco passed away peacefully at Regional Health Services of Howard County surrounded by her family.

At her request there will be no services. A private burial

will be held at a later date. Norma was born on September 27, 1939 to Ernie and Nora(Olsen) Good in Bluffton, Iowa. She was the second of three daughters. On January 24, 1959 she was united in marriage to John E. Smith of Elma at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Lourdes, Iowa.The couple made their home in the Cresco area all of their 62 Norma was known for her

weekly trips to Chester,KCD's, and Sue-Z-Q's, and that never ending cup of coffee. Norma is survived by her children Kathi of Cresco,

love of family and friends, the

Dan(Jess Cox) of Cresco, and Lisa of Lourdes. 6 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death

by her loving husband John, her parents Ernie and Nora, sisters Ellen Halstead, Joan Hoppe and a grandson Justin Steenhard.



## hurch/Activities

#### Lawler Immanuel Crane Creek

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Pastor Sue Cira Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - Lawler

## Christ Our Hope Cluster Fr. Nick Radloff

Tuesday to Sunday: Daily offerings on https://facebook.com/ChristOurHopeCluster/ Saturday, May 3: 4 p.m. - OLMC; 6 p.m. - SJN Sunday, May 4: 8:30 a.m. - St. Mary; 10:30 - ABVM

#### Cresco Community Chapel Pastor Gordon Eggleston

Sundays: 9 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m. Morning Service; TBD - Aletheia Youth Group Wednesdays: 6 p.m. - AWANA

## Cresco First Lutheran Church

Pastor Leo Combs-Lay Wednesday, April 30: 7 p.m. - Confirmation Class

## <u>Cresco First/Zion UMC</u>

#### Cresco Immanuel Lutheran Pastor Dan Baldwin

Sundays: 9 a.m. Worship with Communion; 10 a.m. -Fellowship "Devotions to Begin Your Day" on KCZQ Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:05 a.m. Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. - GLOW Meal; 6 p.m. - GLOW Class and Confirmation Class; 7 p.m. - WoW (Worship on Wednesday) Service with Communion

Bible Study options: WELCA "Circle of Grace" - second Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m.; Men's Breakfast Bible Study - Every Thursday at 7 a.m.; Sunday Adult Bible Study with Pastor Dan every Sunday at 6 p.m.; Mid-Month Communion - second Thursday of the Month at 2 p.m.; "Coffee with Pastor" call the office; Review of "The Chosen" each Sunday at 7:45 a.m.

### Cresco Notre Dame Church

Fr. Jacob Rouse Mass is open to the public Thursdays: 9 a.m. - Mass Fridays: 8 a.m. - Mass Saturdays: 4 p.m. - Mass Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. - Mass Tuesdays: 5:15 p.m. - Mass

Wednesdays: 8 a.m. - Mass

#### First Congregational/Saratoga

Pastor Tim Sir Audio & video on website: www.disciplemaker.org KCZQ: Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m.;

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:05 a.m. Saratoga Community — Sundays at 8:30 a.m., No Sunday School Until September First Congregational — Sundays: 10:30 a.m. - Worship, No Sunday School Until September

#### Greenfield Lutheran Church Pastor Kurt Bockoven at Harmony, Minn.

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - Facebook/YouTube; 11 a.m. broadcast on KFIL 103.1

#### **Holy Rosary Cluster**

Pastor Peter Faugstad

Fr. Telesphore Dusabe Saturday, May 3: 4 p.m. - No OLL; 6 p.m. - AV Sunday, May 4: 7:15 p.m. - Elma; 9 - RV; 10:45 - NH

## <u>Jerico/Saude/Redeemer Lutheran</u>

www.saudejerico.com Thursday, May 1: 6 p.m. - Ladies Aid Meeting at Re-

deemer Saturday, May 3: 4 p.m. - Divine service at Redeemer Sunday, May 4: 8:30 a.m. - Divine service at Jerico; 9:15 a.m. - Jerico Coffee for Graduates; 9:15 - Sunday School at Jerico and Saude; 10:30 - Divine Service at Saude

Tuesday, May 6: 10 a.m. - Devotion at Elma Colonial Manor

Wednesday, May 7: 6 p.m. - Catechism Class at Saude

#### KCZQ 102.3 FM

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.: Disciple Maker w/Pastor Tim Sir On Sundays TFN:

7 a.m.: Music and The Spoken Word 8 a.m.: Disciple Maker with Pastor Tim Sir 8:30 a.m.: Radio Rosary sponsored by local churches 9 a.m.: Immanuel Lutheran Church

10 a.m.: Greenleafton Reformed Church

#### <u> Lime Springs / Chester UMC</u> Vorship schedule updates can be found on Chester and Lime Springs United Methodist Churches Facebook page

### McIntire Methodist Church

Pastor Dr. Donna Ihns Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - Social Time; 9 a.m. - Worship

#### Riceville First Congregational/ **United Church of Christ** PASTOR MIKE SIMIELE

Sundays: 10 a.m. - Service

#### <u> Ridgeway Lutheran Churches</u> Pastor Nathan Wicks Sunday, May 4: 9:30 - Orleans/HC (Joint Worship) led

by Pastor Charis Combs-Lay; Taco Fiesta for Moms following worship

#### St. Peter Lutheran - Elma Rev. Bruce Miller

Sunday: 9 a.m. - Service; 10:15 a.m. - Bible Study

### Unity Lutheran Parish

PASTOR JEFF JACOBS (L.S., SAETERSDAL, GRANGER) Sundays - 8:30 a.m. - St. Matthew (Granger); 9:45 a.m. St. Paul (Lime Springs); 11 a.m. - Saetersdal (rural Har-

mony). Devotions on facebook.com/St. PaulLutheranChurch.LimeSprings

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