



Lonny Milligan

June 16, 1941 - May 11, 2020

Lonny Milligan, age 78, of Washington, Iowa, passed away Monday, May 11, 2020.

Celebration of life services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020 at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home with Pastor Kwang Song officiating. Military honors will be accorded. Calling hours will begin at noon on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home where the family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Social distancing guidelines set forth by the state will be followed at both the service and visitation. Interment will be held at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Adel, Iowa at a later date. Memorials have been established for the Washington American Legion Post 29 and the Washington Kiwanis AMers. Online condolences may be sent for Lonny's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com

Lonny was born June 16, 1941 in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Joseph Dale and Berneda (Newman) Milligan. He graduated from Urbandale High School in 1959. Lonny served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was united in marriage to Jo Ann Kline on September 3, 1965 in Knoxville, Iowa. Lonny and Jo raised their two daughters in Urbandale before moving to Washington in 1989.

Lonny worked as a salesman most of his life selling nuts, bolts, bricks and tile. Jo and Lonny owned and operated Korner Kremery for many years. He was very active in the Washington Kiwanis AMers and in the Washington American Legion Troop 29. During his time with the American Legion, Lonny helped with fundraising and made sure that each classroom at the local schools had an American flag. He was also a member of the Urbandale Jaycee's and F Troop in Washington. Lonny was a High School and Junior High volleyball referee for several years and helped at an auction barn. He enjoyed antiquing with Jo and often watched Antique Roadshow. Lonny loved history, particularly military history, and watching old movies. He devoted much of his time to bettering his community and was voted Citizen of the Year. Lonny loved his family dearly, and cherished the time he spent with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his two daughters: Shannon (JD) Unternahrer of Washington, IA; and Heather (Andy) Sterner of Washington, IA; grandchildren: Marie (Matt) Swalin, Michael, Tony, Adrian, and Braxton Unternahrer and David, Kinser, and Frances Cortum; great-grandchildren: Maylee Swalin and Madisyn Swalin; brother, Mark (Carolyn) Milligan of Wheaton, IL; sister, Marcia (Mike) Faust of White Bear Lake, MN; brother, Tom (Deb Kennedy) Milligan of Amana, IA; sisters-in-law, Pat Milligan and Maxine Bruinekool, both of Des Moines, IA; and several nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife in 2019; brother, Russ Milligan; and brother-in-law, Robert Bruinekool.

Cemetery

Iowa Veterans Cemetery

Adel, IA,

Events

MAY **Calling Hours** 12:00PM - 08:00PM

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Jones - Eden Funeral Home

116 East Main, Washington, IA, US, 52353

MAY **Family Receiving Friends** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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MAY **Celebration of Life** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ Heather and Shannon,

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of both Lonny and Jo. I have many happy memories of living in Washington, many of them centering around the Milligan family. Many great memories of the Korner Kremery - both working there, and hanging out. And of course hanging out at the beautiful Milligan house. Heather was my great friend - from Opus Honor Choir in jr. high to starring in "South Pacific," with a few shenanigans in between. :)
(Which Jo and Lonny always forgave us for.)

Greg Sojka - June 16 at 01:43 AM



“ Shannon and Lonny's family I was so sorry to hear that he has left us. He was such a good man and cared greatly for others. He was instrumental through the Lions Club in organizing and providing Christmas gifts for many children in Washington. He will be missed and I am thankful for having worked with him and had his spirit touch my life. Losing a loved one is so hard. My deepest sympathies to you.
Karen Arbuckle

Karen Arbuckle - May 27 at 10:42 AM



“ JUST HEARD ABOUT Lonnie TODAY Sorry to hear I always liked being with him to share stories GOD BLESS
CHUCK SUULIVAN

Chuck Sullivan - May 15 at 11:02 PM



“ Lonny was in one of the old Urbandale families and a friend to many and thoughtful to all.
We wish to send our sincere sympathy to all his family, may you find comfort in shared memories and strength in fellowship and love. He passed way too soon. God Bless.
UHS Class of 1962, (svp)

Sandi Porter - May 15 at 12:01 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lonny Milligan.



May 14 at 05:26 PM



“ Lonnie was a pillar and great friend of our Kiwanis Amer's group and had many "aliases". His quick wit and humor kept things light but he had the biggest heart for serving others. He will be greatly missed Curt and Teague Mayer

Curt Mayer - May 14 at 03:35 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lonny Milligan.



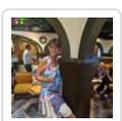
May 14 at 01:39 PM



“ Lonnie shared his smile no matter where he was and always had time for a chat. He will be missed.



Dana Rembold - May 14 at 11:07 AM



“ Heather and Shannon so sorry to hear of your deep loss. I will always remember Lonnie for that twinkle in his eyes and that bubbly personality galore. His and prayers during your grief. Kathy Otterberg and family



Kathy Otterberg - May 13 at 06:53 PM



“ May 11 was a sad day for the family Lonny loved so much. Washington lost one of it's Citizens of the Year, the American Legion lost a man that can't be replaced. He made sure the Veteran's Day and Memorial Day programs at the retirement homes and schools were done. He always got all of the supplies for our food stand. He organized flower delivery on Mother's Day and Valentine's Day. He served on our Honor Guard for many funerals. How do you replace someone like that? Always had a smile or a story. What a wonderful and good man!!! Rest In Peace my friend, I will miss you.

Dale Torpey - May 13 at 06:44 PM



“ Thank you, Dale, for your good words. I am Marcia, Lonny's only sister

Marcia Milligan Faust - May 16 at 12:00 PM



“ Lonny was always appreciated by Washington Community Schools for providing flags to our district through the American Legion. He always kept a watchful eye on our flags and stopped by the office to see if he could order for us. He will be missed.
My sympathy to Lonny's family.
Kaylene Miller

Kaylene Miller - May 13 at 06:42 PM



“ A man whose dedication to the service of others and his community make him a man to admired and sorely missed. Lonny you have always been a prince among men and I will miss you!

Matthew Brown - May 13 at 05:03 PM

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“ Lonny always had a smile to share. He had a talent for helping others and getting the job done. I am blessed to have known him. Our sympathies to all the family.
Jim & Nicole Peterson

Nicole Peterson - May 13 at 05:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lonny Milligan.



May 13 at 02:42 PM



“ The first memory that popped up was when he managed the Corner Creamery. I didn't have to tell him what I wanted. He always knew - a hot fudge sundae. He had a great smile. He will be missed.



Teresa Munn - May 13 at 01:15 PM



“ Your "Sibs" Mark, Tom, Marcia and Pat purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lonny Milligan.



Your "Sibs" Mark, Tom, Marcia and Pat - May 13 at 12:22 PM



“ I always enjoyed going to the Korner Kremery where Lonny cheerfully dispensed yummy ice cream that was usually sprinkled with friendly conversation. He was so welcoming and made one feel right at home. He will be missed.

Cindy Anderson - May 13 at 11:01 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Lonny through community projects involving the YMCA. Lonny truly was a community-minded person and always a joy to work with.

Sincere condolences to the family.

Mary Carol (and Jack) Fish
Former director of the YMCA/YWCA Washington, IA

Mary Carol Fish - May 13 at 08:38 AM



“ Lonnie grew up on the farm next to ours and we spent many wonderful childhood years together. Our families were very close as were many other families in the neighborhood. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. May the family be comforted by the memories of what a caring, generous and loving person he was. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Barb (Boston) Kain. Urbandale, Iowa

Barb Kaim - May 12 at 10:20 PM



“ Barb, A special neighborhood friendship. So good to read your comment..Marcia Milligan Faust

Marcia Faust - May 14 at 11:36 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Lonny Milligan.



May 12 at 07:45 PM