



Larry L. Cowdin

April 8, 2009

Larry Lee Cowdin, a child of God, family man, and a Great American, passed away Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the age of 77, at St. Francis Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. Larry was born to Rose L. Miller and Alfred E. Cowdin, March 19, 1932 in Ottawa, Franklin County, Kansas. Larry grew up in Ottawa, attended schools there and graduated from Ottawa High School with the class of 1950. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. He worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation for 34 years, retiring as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Transportation, August 18, 1994, having been appointed to that position by Governor Joan Finney. Larry was President of Cowdin Homes and built over 250 homes in Shawnee County. After his retirement, Larry walked the state of Kansas both North to South and East to West. Larry was active in the community. He was a member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church, the Blue Lodge and Scottish Rights Masonic organizations. He served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanities and served with the Boy Scouts of America. He ushered football games at the University of Kansas for 42 years. For his service to K.U., Mark Mangino presented him with an authentic football jersey Number 42 with his name on the back. Larry was responsible for constructing the baseball diamond at Hayden High School. He served on the Board of Directors of Topeka Golden Giants Baseball Organization. He sponsored many children's, men's, and women's athletic teams. Larry was a member of the Whitelakes Walkers, a senior health and social club. Larry was the eighth

child, seventh son, in a family of twelve children. He was preceded in death by his parents Alfred and Rose Cowdin, and siblings, Eugene, Robert, Bernard, Arlene Dean, Darrell, Ronald, and Barbara Holmes. He is survived by siblings Danny L. Cowdin, Quenemo; C. Richard, Ottawa; Betty Ann Newkirk, Wellsville; and Karen Revey, Garnett. He is also survived by Barbara Cowdin of the home, four sons R. Joe Cowdin, D. Bruce Cowdin, T. Brett Cowdin, and Aaron M Cowdin. Also six grandchildren, Tychicus Brett Cowdin, Tobias Hawk Cowdin, Natalie Margaret Whitt, Makaila Marie Cowdin, Maisie Rose Cowdin, and Jaxon Scott Cowdin all of Topeka. The family will receive friends at a visitation Friday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 11, 10:00 a.m. at the Highland Park United Methodist Church, 29th and Michigan followed by graveside services in Ottawa, Kansas, at 1:00 p.m., Highland Cemetery, Southeast Fifteenth Street. Following the graveside service a luncheon will be served at Agape Church on South East Fifteenth Street and Highway I-35. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry L. Cowdin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Barbara and the entire Cowdin family. Larry was always a pleasure to visit with. He would come in to the Bank sometimes before the sun was even up and he always had a big smile on his face! He admired his family and was so proud of all of his kids and grandkids achievements! I'm really going to miss our little visits. Larry was a very kind man and all of us at the bank were extremely sad to hear about your loss.*

Tarri Woolery, Bank of America - April 13, 2009 at 09:19 PM



“ *Bruce and Family, we were so sorry to hear of your pop's passing. Our prayers are with you. If you want to talk just call me.*

Sandy and Ron St.Clair - April 13, 2009 at 05:44 PM



“ *Dear Barbara and family, we were so sad to hear of Larry's passing and so glad to have made it to the reunion last year. He told me several times that he had to keep going to keep the reunion moving forward. I think we can all rest assured that the " Big Reunion" taking place up yonder is spectacular. I am sure that Larry, Uncle Delmer, Aunt Mildred and those that have gone on before, are catching up on what the rest of us have been up to. Our love and prayers are with you and your family. Kevin and Marilyn (Cowdin) Lindly*

Kevin and Marilyn (Cowdin) Lindly - April 13, 2009 at 02:14 PM

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“ Our family sends our deepest condolences to yours and you are in our thoughts.

Sincerely,
The Don Bloomquist Family

Don Bloomquist Family - April 10, 2009 at 06:44 PM

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“ To The Cowdins,
We have many fond memories of Larry and your family. We were so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. God Bless You.

Lance, Colette, Leea, Alexis & Sydnei Murphy - April 10, 2009 at 04:42 PM

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“ Uncle Larry, you will be greatly missed. You were a kind and gentle man that was always quick with a joke. My first memory of you was when you graduated from college. The whole family was very proud of your accomplishment.
Please know that you were a true role model for all who knew you.

CDR Ben Howard - April 10, 2009 at 11:07 AM

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“ There are times in our life that words are not sufficient to express our feelings. Dear Uncle Larry, we have loved you and continue to love you even if you are not in our physical presence today. Your memories are now our memories. We watched you as a husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and mentor and example for others. Rest well in the knowledge that your life was a success to the others you have touched along life's path. Thank you.

Duane and Shirley Cowdin - April 10, 2009 at 10:40 AM