



## Larry Gene Bortvit

March 15, 1941 - December 9, 2008

Larry Gene Bortvit, age 67, of Bolivar, Missouri passed away Tuesday, December 9,

2008 at the Cox South Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri.

He was born March 15, 1941 in Graettinger, Iowa, son of Bernard and Mabel (Robinson)

Bortvit.

He married Starlene Mix on May 29, 1962 in Petersburg, Minnesota.

He owned and operated a curb & gutter business in the 1950's. He was a full time

farmer. Farming was more than a passion, it was a way of life. No matter how broke

he was, he always provided for his family and found ways to be rich on a dollar. He

retired from John Morrell's in Estherville, Iowa in 1978 at which time the family moved to Missouri and began dairy farming. For several years he trucked hay in for

the local farmers and eventually began driving for trucking companies out of Springfield. When driving, he was nicknamed "The Black Panther" - for dodging weigh

stations in the middle of the night. He knew every mile marker from here to

California and never needed a map.

Larry was a hard headed Norwegian who never gave up and passed this onto his children. He was a devoted husband and father who enjoyed his family always around him. He had a wealth of knowledge for all of us. He never met a stranger and was always willing to give what he had to most anyone. He enjoyed checking the cows, ballgames and an afternoon nap. He was the hardest working man anyone would have ever met. He also enjoyed the Sale Barn, which was a weekly obsession, and never missed Swap Shop.

He is survived by his wife, Starlene, of the home; a son, Lanny Gene Bortvit and his companion Derenda Lucas of Mansfield, Texas; five daughters, Lynette Ray Coleman and her companion Rex Pfister of Florida, Lachelle Dee Jenkins and her husband Deryll of Bolivar, Missouri, Lacinda Lee Ross and her husband Larry of Nixa, Missouri, LeAn Jill Gilden and her husband Kelly of Bolivar, Missouri, Lacey Jo Bortvit of Bolivar, Missouri, two brothers, Tom Bortvit and his wife Becky of Branson, Missouri, Darryl Bortvit of Cathedral City, California, 12 grandchildren, Mark Carter, Mikel & Shelby Coleman, Taryn Pfister, Christopher & Stephen Jenkins, Michael & Matthew

Stillings,  
Joseph Ross, Justine Chastain, Aubri Bortvit and Aiden Bortvit-Charles and  
one great  
grandson, Marc Anacan-Carter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; Benny and John,  
three  
sisters; Barbara, Lois and Norma, one grandson; Matthew Carter, a  
granddaughter;  
Sydney Rose Bortvit, and a nephew; Mike Bortvit.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Friday, December 12, 2008 at the  
Butler

Funeral Home in Bolivar, Missouri with Reverend Gray Nordan officiating.

Musical

selections will be "Roll On" by Alabama, "Drive" by Alan Jackson and "Hero"  
by

Mariah Carey. Burial will follow at New Bethel Cemetery south of Halfway,  
Missouri.

Pallbearers will be Jay Williams, Pat McCall, Dave Stillings, Mark Carter,  
Michael

Stillings and Matt Horn. A visitation will be held from 1:00-2:00 pm prior to  
service time on Friday at the funeral home.

Friends and family may sign the guest book or send private condolences at  
[www.butlerfuneralhome.com](http://www.butlerfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Gene Bortvit*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Larry Gene Bortvit*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Starlene and kids - so sorry to hear about the Larry's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Cindy** - December 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Starlene and family, I am so sorry to hear about your husband and father. My prayers are with you. God bless you. Velda, Lonnie and Vickie*

**Velda Laidig** - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BO

“ Our deepest sympathy in your loss. We were surprised to hear of Larry's passing. The last update Mom gave us was he had been sitting up and doing better. We are so glad to have the chance to see him this past Labor Day weekend at Mom's in Graettinger. I know my Dad welcomed him home with open arms and those two are laughing and teasing each other. Cindy, Mom and I were just talking about the time we came down to visit you guys around Christmas and you didn't have school one day because of freezing rain/icy roads. So many good memories with all of you. Take care and God Bless.

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**Bryon and Lori (Park) Olson** - December 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Larry. I will never forget coming out to your farm in Iowa as a kid with my parents Don and Dolly Schubert to visit. I loved the farm and the horses. Seems like another lifetime ago. Thinking of you all at this very difficult time. May God bless us all.

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**Sondra Schubert Mellor** - December 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Starlene: We were so sorry to hear about Larry. May you be comforted by the memories you and Larry made and the years you shared together. You and your family are in our prayers. Love, Jim & Jackie

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**Jim & Jackie Peers** - December 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Starlene  
My condolences and love to you and your family

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**Michael (Fowler) Jermain** - December 16, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Lyn and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Let happy memories be with you always.*

*With love and sympathy,  
Kasia*

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**Kasia Spadaro** - December 15, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Since I recently went through the loss of my mother, I can somehow feel the pain you are going through. Time will help heal your loss. Our prayers are with you and your family.  
God Bless you.*

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**Julie & Mark Crees** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *sorry for your loss. May god be with all of you at this difficult time  
love you all*

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**Toni Fowler** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *Lyn, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family and will continue to keep you in my prayers. Your dad sounded like a great person with a strong work ethic which he passed along to his daughter. Please take care and safe travels.*

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**Paula Washburn** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Thinking of your special family in these days. Other than many great childhood memories with Lanny, I will always cherish a more recent memory of the times that Starlene showed her art in the gallery and Larry was always right there... such sweet companions. I know he'll be greatly missed as a father and a husband. If there is ever a time we can lend a hand, we'd be honored.

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**Mary Plunkett** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Starlene, really no words can express my sympathy to you and yours. I will keep you and family in my prayers to get thru this trying time. Love You Aunt Evelyn And Uncle Don

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**Evelyn** - December 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ Lyn my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I know your father will truly be missed. Stay close to your family and your faith and you will get through this difficult time.

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**Tina Todd** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Lynn,

*Sorry to hear about your Dad, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Gwen Butler*

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**Gwen Butler** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

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**Kara Stover** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *My thoughts and prays are with you and your family.*

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**Norma Parramore** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Lyn,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family during this time.*

*Your father's obituary reads just like I had imagined him, a wonderful and caring man who knew what was important.*

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**Debbie Skipper** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ *Larry Gene Bortvit*

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**Pollye Janisse** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Doreen Wallace** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Lyn I am so sorry for your loss. Your father sounded like a wonderful man. Remember that we are thinking about you and are here for you should you need anything. Be careful in your travel.*

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**Kim Glover** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lyn:

*Mark and I are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.*

*Joyce*

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**Joyce Markley** - December 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Aunt Starlene and kids.... my prayers and love are with you all. If you need anything, just say the word. May God Bless you all, keep you safe and give the strength you will need to get through this. I love you all!*

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**Kelly Fowler Egger** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *IM ONE OF MRS ROSS STUDENTS*

*When you loose someone close to you You cant explain the way you feel,But always remember he is above us all  
Telling us not to grieve and to get on with life  
And live life like he would have  
With passion and pride*

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**JOANNA MCDONALD** - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM