



Lowell V. "Ozzie" Langland

December 17, 1925 - June 16, 2018

Lowell V. "Ozzie" Langland, 92, passed away peacefully on Saturday June 16th, 2018 at the Iowa City VA Hospital. A memorial and gathering for family and friends will take place at the First Lutheran Church of Ottumwa, IA on Saturday August 11th at 10:30 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Ottumwa Public Library, Boy Scouts of America Troop 11 of Ottumwa, or the First Lutheran Church of Ottumwa.

Lowell was born on December 17, 1925, in Williams, IA, the son of Nellie (Woster) and Severin Langland who were both Norwegian descendants. He lived on a farm near Roland, IA for a number of years before moving to Ames, IA. He graduated from Ames High School in 1944. He joined the Army's 142nd regiment of the 36th "Texas" Infantry Division and was shipped to Germany during WWII where he remained until July of 1946. On return from the war, he began college and graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in business in 1949.

After college, he worked for C & E Furniture Co. in Burlington, IA, where he met Alma Schrock. They were married on Sept 17, 1953 and lived near Sperry, IA. He later worked for Hawkeye Concrete Products Co. in Mediapolis, IA and McCracken Concrete Pipe in Sioux City, IA. In 1967, they moved to Ottumwa, IA where he owned and operated Nelson Roofing for 30 years. They were blessed with four children.

Lowell was active in the Rotary Club of Ottumwa and was president several times. He was also active at the troop and district level of the Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver award. He was president of the Iowa Roofing Contractors Association in 1972. He was crowned "Boss of the Year" in 1974 by the Goldfinch Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. He was on the Ottumwa Hospital Board for many years and president in 1984. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Ottumwa.

Lowell enjoyed hunting deer and pheasants, mushroom hunting, fishing and downhill skiing. He enjoyed buying and selling antiques. He was also an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan.

Lowell will be greatly missed by his wife Alma of Ottumwa; children Susan (Mike) Moore of Carroll, IA, Jim (Cherie) Langland of Ottumwa, Tom (Penny) Langland of Morris, IL, and John (Traci) Langland of Iowa City, IA; grandchildren Ian (Hannah) Moore, Nathaniel Moore, Jack Langland, Tomas Langland, Steven Langland, Nellie Langland, Oliver Langland, Schyler (Kevin) Cochran, Brittani Langland, Christopher Langland, and Brooke Langland; great granddaughter Charlotte Moore; sister-in-law Esther Langland, and many nieces and nephews scattered across the country.

Lowell was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Gladys Peterson, Margaret Johnson, Delores Sherwood, Arleane Stewart, Francis Langland, and Floyd Langland.

Lowell has provided a noble gift by becoming part of the University of Iowa Deeded Body

Program and will be interred at a later date.

Lowell grew up in the Great Depression, served in World War II, owned his own business, and raised a loving and successful family- there was no greater embodiment of the Greatest Generation.

Events



SERVICE

10:30 AM

First Lutheran Church
of Ottumwa 126 North
Jefferson Street,
Ottumwa, IA 52501 A
luncheon will be held in
the fellowship hall
immediately following
the Memorial Service

Tribute Wall



Tribute Store

Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.



"Written in the Stars"

was purchased for the family of Lowell V. "Ozzie" Langland

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Show your support with flowers

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Williams Family

Condolences to the Langland family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family. Psalms 147:3 says God, "heals the broken hearted, and binds up their wounds." May God bring you comfort and peace.

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Tina Sullivan

Dr. John Langland and Family, Sending our most profound sympathy for your loss. Dr. Martin Izakovic and the Mercy Medical Staff

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Paul Langland

My two favorite Ottumwa uncles were Uncle Lowell and Uncle Frank (Rivey). Each brought different characteristics to the table, and yet both were gregarious, intelligent and always fun to be around. Lowell and Alma would always have room for one more cousin (probably because we were less trouble than Jim and Tom). Lowell was the keeper of the Langland family history, telling us stories at any family gathering or around the table having coffee or tea, about growing up on the family farm, dealing with the twins (my dad Francis and his brother Floyd), hunting with Frank or fishing with John and a host of other cousins in Canada. He always had great stories that held everyone's interest. Our deepest condolences to Alma, Susan, Jim, Tom and John and their families. He will be missed, but not forgotten. Paul, Emily and Kate (Woster) Langland

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Richard Goughnour

One of the very greatest guys in my life. Rest in peace my friend.
Richard Goughnour

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Steve Marsh

Best scout leader ever! Thank you.

K**Kris Koch**

"Uncle Ozzie" was one of my favorite people growing up. He was one of the few people who still, to this day, called me "Krissy." He was a special man who led an admirable and worthwhile life. I love this quote and it truly represents what Ozzie stood for: "I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be compassionate. To stand for something, and to have made some difference that you lived at all." —Leo Rosten

J**John Erland**

Alma, Jim & Family, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of Lowell. He was a special man of the greatest generation! Having known him not only as a friend's dad but also as a Scout Master and boss I was fortunate to be taught many life lessons from Lowell. May peace be with you during this time. Regards, John Erland Peachtree City GA

K**Kelly Dowe**

So sorry for your loss. May the lord's peace be with you.
