

Les - Meaning Strength

- You're forthright and powerful, noble, and strong.
- Where there is a challenge, that's where you belong.
- You're usually confident and self-assured.
- You certainly don't lack the strength to endure.
- Your feet are planted firmly to keep you stable.
- And you'll always remain courageous and able.



Some sayings Les has collected that have influenced his life

- An ounce of care can prevent a ton of troubles
- You just never can tell what is waiting around the corner
- Being rational does not necessarily make one feel good
- If things are going great, don't do anything to mess it up
- If you can't be part of the solution, don't become part of the problem
- I hate war as only a soldier who lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, and its stupidity. Dwight Eisenhower
- Nothing good ever comes from violence. Martin Luther
- Christianity, if false is of no importance, but if true of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important. C.S. Lewis

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Leslie "Les" Gene Langseth

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Thursday, September 21, 2023-2:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

CLERGY

Pastor Eric Schwirian
Allen Westby, S.A.M.

SCRIPTURE READER

Gavin Grommesh-Great Nephew

REMEMBRANCES

Logan Langseth-Grandson
Noelle Ames-Granddaughter
Lee Langseth-Son

MUSIC

Organist-Mimi Uhrig

- Congregational Hymns -

"Blessed Assurance"

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

Soloist and Guitarist-Lee Brenna

"Amazing Grace, My Chain Are Gone"

"10,000 Reasons"

URN BEARER

Sam Stockstad-Grandson

HONORARY URN BEARERS

Les's Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Nieces and Nephews
The wonderful Trinity men who installed the ramp at Les's lake home

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Post #17
Pelican Rapids V.F.W. Post #5252

INTERMENT

Pelican Valley Cemetery
Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

Les's family gratefully acknowledges your attendance and many kind expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and invite you to join them for lunch and fellowship following the service.

 Arrangements by
Larson Funeral Home
304 3rd Street S.E., Pelican Rapids, Minnesota

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF...

On September 11, 2023, Leslie (Les) Gene Langseth passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the Pelican Valley Nursing home in Pelican Rapids, MN. He was 86 years old.

Les is survived by his wife Geraldine Langseth, his two children Lee (Vina) Langseth, Lynne (Corey) Stockstad and his three grandchildren Logan Langseth, Sam (Abby) Stockstad, Noelle (Ryan) Ames and three great-grandchildren Rogan, Palmer, and Easton Ames; sister-in-law Paulette (Chet) Nettetstad; niece Kristin (Dave) Grommesh and their children: Gavin and Collin and niece Shonda (Adam) Chwialkowski and their children: AJ and Hope. He was preceded in death by his parents Lillard and Lorena Langseth.

Les was born June 14, 1937, in Pelican Rapids, MN. He graduated from Pelican Rapids High School in 1955 as the salutatorian and received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY in 1960. He continued his education with a master's degree in engineering Applied Science in 1966 from University of California – Davis.

Les married Geraldine Bowers on June 18, 1960, also of Pelican Rapids, MN. They were high school sweethearts starting to date after participating in the school play together. They enjoyed 63 wonderful and adventurous years of marriage.

Throughout his 20-year military officer career, Les was focused on the cold war with Russia and resisting the advancement of communism throughout the world. He specialized in the Army Corp of Engineers with assignments in Fulda, Germany; Livermore, CA; West Point, NY; Langdon/Nekoma, ND; Albuquerque, NM; and Shape, Belgium. Les was also deployed to Thailand in 1966 and South Vietnam in 1969 -1970. While in Nekoma, he was the military officer in charge of building the pyramid which operated as the Safeguard Complex Missile Site Radar. Receiving recognition with several honorary medals for exceptional service and noted throughout his career for his keen intellect and technical competence, Les retired from the Army in June 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Upon moving back to Minnesota, Les obtained a position in the NDSU Industrial Engineering Department where he taught for 14 years before finally retiring for good to his Lake Lida home in July of 1994. During retirement, Les enjoyed entertaining his extended family including three grandchildren and all the year-round outdoor activities at Lake Lida, MN. He enjoyed many hobbies including building purple martin houses, nature photography, target shooting, WWII history, Astronomy, and crafting wooden pens. Over the years, Les also served on the endowment committee for his church and was a helpful advisor and faithful prayer warrior for his wife's many civic activities including the Welcome Place.

Blessed Be The Memory Of Leslie "Les" Gene Langseth

