

The LORD is my *Shepherd;*
I shall not want.

He maketh me
lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters,

He restoreth my
soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His name's sake. Yea though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death.

*I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me;*
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

Thou anointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over

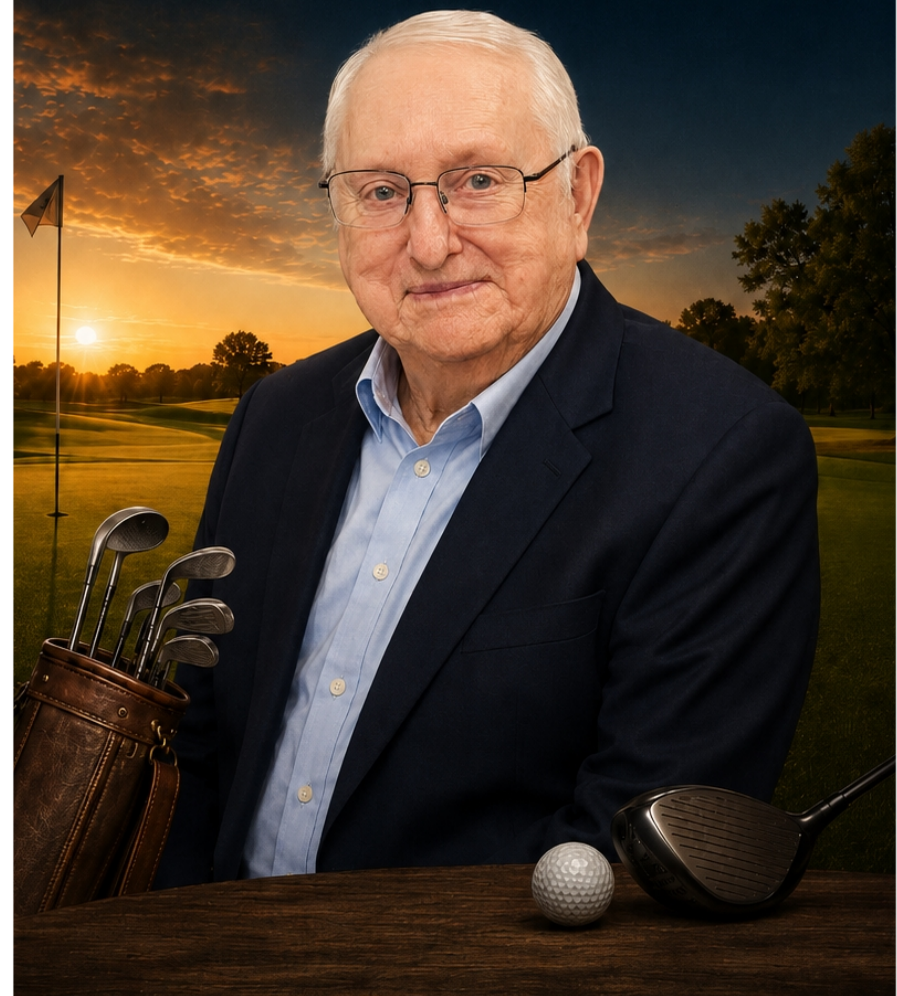
Surely goodness & mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house
of the LORD *forever.*
- Psalm 23

— IN LOVING —
MEMORY

LARRY RAY BOTTS

— APRIL 18, 1937 - JUNE 14, 2026 —



Larry Ray Botts passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family. Larry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, businessman, and community leader whose life was defined by hard work, service, and a deep love for his family and community.

Larry was born on April 18, 1937, in Hampton, Iowa, to John and Thelma Botts. He attended Hampton High School, where he was active in football, basketball, baseball, and track, earning letters in each sport despite being one of the smallest athletes on the field. He also enjoyed theater productions, golf, and proudly served two years in the National Guard based at the Hampton Armory.

While working for Anthony's Department Store in Perry, Iowa, Larry met the love of his life, Sandra Sue Johns. They were married on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1960, beginning a partnership that would last more than 60 years. Together they welcomed two sons, Mitchell and Eric, and built a life centered on faith, family, and community.

Larry spent much of his career as a successful business owner throughout northern Iowa. He and Sandy eventually made their home in Manly, Iowa, where they owned and operated several businesses and became deeply involved in the community. Larry was active in the Methodist Church, the Pioneer Country Club and Pool, local booster organizations, and the Mason City Red Cross, where he helped provide relief to families affected by fires and tornadoes.

A lifelong sports enthusiast, Larry was an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings and Iowa Hawkeyes. After moving to Macomb, Illinois, in 1999, he also became a dedicated supporter of Western Illinois University athletics. He especially loved golf, fireworks, and the annual Fourth of July celebrations in Manly, which he proudly helped support for many years.

More than anything, Larry loved his family. He took great pride in the accomplishments of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and treasured every opportunity to spend time with them.

Larry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sandra Sue Botts; his parents, John and Thelma Botts; his sisters, Veloy (Don) Burke and Velma (David) Riggins; his brothers, Dean (Alice) Botts and Virgil (Dorothy) Botts; his sisters-in-law, Pat Meier, Doris Pantier, Vernas Shipley, Verna Martin, and Norma Herridge; and his brothers-in-law, Donald Johns, George Johns, Jack Meier, Dale Shipley, Richard Herridge, Bill Martin, Jack Lientz, and Virgil Pantier.

He is survived by his sons, Mitch (Cindy) Botts and Eric (Lori) Botts. He was a proud grandfather to Katie (Charlie) Whitaker, Tony (Jackie) Botts, Shelli Botts, Brad (Sydney) Botts, Meghan (AJ) Shaw, Hayley (Blake) Nord, and Carly Botts. He was also blessed with seven great-grandchildren: Reese Mabrey, Addisyn Shaw, Ruby Shaw, Landon Shaw, Oliver Nord, Cal Botts and Macklin Botts.

Larry is also survived by sister-in-law Linda (Bob) Olson and by his beloved nephew, Rhett Clayton, who held a special place in Larry and Sandy's hearts, along with many cherished nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

Larry's legacy lives on through the family he cherished, the community he served, and the countless lives he touched with his generosity, determination, and love.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to Wesley Village in Macomb, Illinois, to be used for the benefit and support of the dedicated staff who provided Larry with such compassionate care.

I N L O V I N G
Memory
Larry Ray Botts

April 18, 1937 - June 14, 2026

Visitation

11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 20, 2026

Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Perry Chapel

Funeral Service

12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 2026

Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home - Perry Chapel

Officiating Clergy

Rev. Andrea Brownlee

Recorded Music

"How Great Thou Art" - "My Way"

By Elvis Presley

Casket Bearers

Tony Botts - AJ Shaw - Rhett Clayton

Charlie Whitaker - Ed Mahlstedt - Shelli Botts

Final Resting Place

Violet Hill Cemetery - Perry, Iowa

"Viva Las Vegas" - Elvis Presley

Directly following the burial, everyone is invited to the
Perry Golf and Country Club, 352 330th St, Perry, IA
for a time of fellowship and lunch.


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