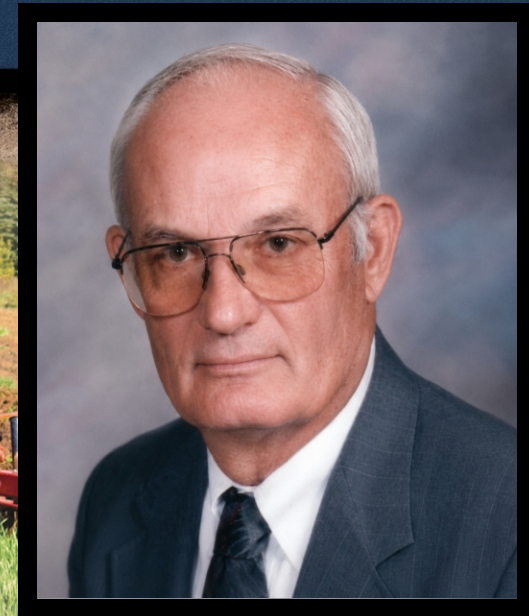




### A Farmer's Hands

Hands that are large and tough from many years of rugged, outdoor work. Hands with fingers sensitive to music, but too thick to strike just one key on the piano, or a single string on a violin. Hands that are versatile, simultaneously wielding an ax and swiping a fistful of pinch berries from a nearby bush. Hands that clasp themselves habitually in prayer-giving thanks for food, for rain, for sun, for late frosts, early springs, good yield, for soil, for health, for a newborn calf. Hands that are strong, squeezing out a pail full of milk in just no time, pulling strands of barbed wire taut, carrying mountains of hay and oceans of water to hungry, thirsty farm creatures. Hands that are gentle, marveling at the softness of a furry kitten, rescuing a pheasant's nest from the path of the plow, patting the shoulder of a disappointed child. Hands that are inventive, twisting, pounding, pinching, until a machine is fixed, shaping an idea into something useful. Hands that are tired from over a half century of tilling, planting, weeding, harvesting. Hands that we loved, a farmer's hands, Our father's and our grandfather's.



## *Celebrating* THE *Life* OF **Larry Eugene Frantum**

*September 27, 1935 - June 8, 2026*



Larry Eugene Frantum, 90 of Woodward, IA passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026. Larry was born September 27th 1935 in Woodward, IA to Fred and Bernice (Myers) Frantum. He married Marie Amis on May 6, 1956 and together they built a life on their family farm. Larry loved life on the farm. He was happiest on a tractor. Even at 90 you couldn't keep him out of the field. He planted crops this last spring and was able to maintain his 3 acre yard. In his early farming years he enjoyed selling seed corn which included traveling around the neighborhood, discussing crops with other farmers in the area.

Larry had a beautiful spirit and was always available when needed to provide service to his community, church and family. He was the "fix it guy" and could fix most things with his trusty clippers. Whenever his children needed help with anything inside or outside the house, he was there to lend a hand.

He was something of a child whisperer and children of all ages were drawn to him. When Grandpa Larry arrived, you knew fun times were right around the corner. He enjoyed spending time with family and loved playing games. In earlier years he was an avid golfer. He liked all kinds of games, especially cribbage where he was the family champion, much to the chagrin of his children and grandchildren. Larry and Marie loved to travel. They took many family vacations when their family was younger and continued their adventures until Marie's passing in 2014.

Larry was so supportive of his family and friends. He attended every sporting and school event in which his children and grandchildren participated. His support was not limited to his family. He drove miles to watch other children for whom he cared show livestock and participate in 4-H and other events. He could always be counted on to help with Bible school or other youth activities. If you were lucky enough to have Larry in your life, you were truly blessed.

Larry is survived by, 3 children, Karen (Ed) Osenbaugh of Gilbert, Jim (Robin) Frantum of Woodward and Marla (Bunny) Frantum of Adel, 8 grandchildren, Chelsea (Tyler) Knedler, Betsy (Christian) Gebauer, Ben (Annie) Osenbaugh, Hayley (Eric) Tiffany, Megan Frantum (Tony Chapman), Cody (Tyne) Frantum, Dallas (Miranda) Sheldahl and Austin (Katie) Sheldahl, 11 great grandchildren, his sister Patricia Brobst, his brother Harold (Jeanie) Frantum and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, his parents, and great grandson Oscar Gebauer.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the  
Woodward United Methodist Church or Boone County Fairgrounds  
([www.boonecountyfairia.com](http://www.boonecountyfairia.com)).

## ***In Loving Memory Of***

### **Larry Frantum**

September 27, 1935 - June 8, 2026

#### **Visitation**

Friday, June 12, 2026

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church - Woodward, Iowa

#### **Funeral Service**

10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2026

First United Methodist Church - Woodward, Iowa

#### **Officiating Clergy**

Rev. Medea Saunders

#### **Pianist**

Monica Titus

#### **Music**

"Old Rugged Cross" - Roger Shannon

"How Great Thou Art" - Chelsea Knedler & Hayley Tiffany

"Amazing Grace" - Mike Shannon, Bagpipes

#### **Casket Bearers**

Megan Frantum - Cody Frantum

Dallas Sheldahl - Austin Sheldahl - Chelsea Knedler

Betsy Gebauer - Hayley Tiffany - Ben Osenbaugh

#### **Private Family Burial**

Woodward Cemetery - Woodward, Iowa

Directly following the service, the family invites all guests to proceed to the fellowship hall for lunch. The family will join everyone following a private burial.

