



Richard "Fred" Lentz

January 16, 1953 - June 26, 2017

Richard "Fred" Lentz, 64-year-old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Monday, June 26, 2017 at the Mille Lacs Health System in Onamia, MN. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, July 3, 2017 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia, MN. Interment will be held at 3 PM in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Swanville, MN. Visitation will held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 2, 2017 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Onamia, MN and 1 hr. prior to service on Monday. Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Richard "Fred" Lentz was born on January 16, 1953 in Little Falls, Minnesota to Fred and Eunice (Johnson) Lentz. He graduated from Swanville High School in 1971 and attended Detroit Lakes Technical College for auto mechanics. Fred worked alongside his dad at Lentz Auto until 1978. He was also operating Rich's Transmission at this time as well. Fred was well known throughout his mechanical career as the best transmission mechanic in the area. Fred was united in marriage to Marilyn (Mary) Heroux on June 15, 1974 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls. They had two children Michelle and Jason. Fred died at Mille Lacs Health System on June 26, 2017 after a short battle with cancer surrounded by his loving family.

He worked at LaVigne's Garage in Foley, Minnesota from February 1978 To July 1985 at which time Fred purchased H & L Oil, with his brother in law, who he later bought out. Fred and Mary operated business for 17 years together. He then worked for Merit Enterprise until his retirement in 2008.

Fred loved spending time with his family, especially with his six grandchildren. He enjoyed riding his John Deere lawn mower doing custom lawn work. He believed in the value of hard work and the importance of helping others. Even in his hardest struggles Fred was able to maintain his sense of humor.

Richard "Fred" Lentz is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Mary of Onamia, MN; daughter, Michelle (Duane) Kimman of Rice, MN; son, Jason (Jill) Lentz of Foley, MN; grandchildren, Allen and Laura Lentz, Rebekah, Kaitlyn, Kristen, and Benjamin Kimman; parents, Fred and Eunice Lentz of Little Falls, MN; brother, Ken (Leann) Lentz of Oronoco, MN; sister, Jean (John) Schulte of Burtrum, MN; brother-in-law's, Wayne Skinner of Oseola, WI, George (Cordy) Heroux of Motley, MN; sister-in-law's, Joyce Olson of Little Falls, and Shirley (Joseph) Gessell of Swanville, MN; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Elaine Skinner; brother-in-law, Robert Heroux; mother and father-in-law, Louis and Gladys Heroux; and grandparents Fred and Lydia Lentz and Iver and Gertie Johnson.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery

Swanville, MN 56382

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia
500 Lindquist St
Onamia, MN 56359

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia
500 Lindquist St
Onamia, MN 56359

Service

JUL 3. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Bethany Lutheran Church - Onamia
500 Lindquist St
Onamia, MN 56359

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard "Fred" Lentz*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard "Fred" Lentz.*



June 30, 2017 at 06:45 PM



“ *Northern Pine Mental Health Center purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Richard "Fred" Lentz.*



Northern Pine Mental Health Center - June 30, 2017 at 05:04 PM



“ *Stan And Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Richard "Fred" Lentz*



Stan and Dee Wielinski - June 30, 2017 at 03:50 PM

DL

“ Duane & Pat Lentz lit a candle in memory of Richard "Fred" Lentz



Duane & Pat Lentz - June 29, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Richard "Fred" Lentz.



June 29, 2017 at 09:47 AM

CA

“ Mary, Michelle, & Jason, I have fond memories of all of you from my years of teaching at OHS and dropping my vehicle off at H&L for service work. Besides being a dependable, hardworking, and honest mechanic, Fred was also kind, friendly, and fun to chat with-- I always learned something new about cars from him. When your folks closed the service station, I was lost, because I didn't think I would find another mechanic like Fred, and , if truth be told, I haven't. I've found good ones, but none as good as he was. I feel blessed to have known him and the three of you. Sending love and prayers of support & comfort to you all. Mrs. "A" (Cheryl Anderson)

Cheryl K Anderson - June 28, 2017 at 10:24 PM

TN

“ Theresa & Gene Nelson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Fred" Lentz



Theresa & Gene Nelson - June 28, 2017 at 06:43 PM

Robin Johnson

“ Robin Johnson lit a candle in memory of Richard "Fred" Lentz



Robin Johnson - June 27, 2017 at 11:23 PM

Robin Johnson

Larry and I would like to extend heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Richard. Our thoughts and prayers for all.

Robin Johnson - June 27, 2017 at 11:25 PM

JP

“ Joe & Maggie Plante lit a candle in memory of Richard "Fred" Lentz



Joe & Maggie Plante - June 27, 2017 at 03:50 PM