



Larry Wayne Aker

November 15, 1942 - March 9, 2021

Friends wishing to watch Larry's service can do so from the safety of their home, utilizing a Zoom Meeting. You can login using the Zoom Meeting I.D. # 899 5005 9582 and you can login after 1:15 P.M. on Sunday.

Larry Wayne Aker 78, of Decatur passed away Tuesday morning March 9, 2021 at his residence.

Larry was born and raised in Mercer County, OH on November 15, 1942 to Ray William Aker and Cleo Marie (Bennett) Aker. He grew up with four sisters and four brothers being raised by his parents. Playing paratrooper, bailing hay, canoeing, and camping is how he had the most fun with his brothers growing up. His father, Ray Aker, influenced him the most before joining the Marine Corps at the age of eighteen. Larry then went on to serve in West Asia including six countries in a thirteen-month time period. His Marine Corps service is his most proud accomplishment in his lifetime.

After returning home from his four year and four-month service, Larry was an OTR truck driver for more than 30 years! He traveled all over the United States enjoying Johnny Cash and Elvis Presley's music. Country Western and "Oldies" are also at the top of his music list. Larry is an avid photographer, and if you know him well, he's a decent story teller too. He enjoyed riding horses, working on motorcycles, collecting old cars and trucks in his younger years.

More recently, he enjoys taking photos of all things and spending precious time with his family.

Larry is very proud of his daughter, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He spends as much time with them as possible and they are all dearly loved.

Some advice Larry had to share was, "Quit being so computerized and use your common sense!" He would like to be remembered as he was; smiling and sitting in his chair. Content with his life, Larry shared the secret to a good life: "Take care of yourself. Live life as happily as you can."

He is survived by his daughter Karrie M. Carpenter (Todd Whittenberger), three grandchildren Courtney Raye Pebley (Nick Biddlecome), Dylan Michael Scott Aker (Sydney), Thomas Wayne Ketron, five great-grandchildren Cruz, Alijah, Mason, Rowan, and Maverick, siblings; Sylvia McBride, Nancy Schott, John Brian Aker, Kathy Shaw, Jeanne Ripple, David Aker (Linda), Kenny Aker, Tim Aker.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents.

A service to celebrate Larry's life will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 14, 2021, at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. There will be military honors by the United State Marines and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Calling hours will be held from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in Larry's memory to the family to assist with final expenses. The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are

required for visitation and for the service. During the current guidelines, we are only allowed a limited number of people in the building at a time. We appreciate your cooperation and patience. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Zoom Meeting to View Funeral Service is # 899 5005 9582

MAR 14. 1:15 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Celebration of Life Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Wayne Aker*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 04:07 PM



“ *Larry Wayne Aker*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sure going to miss you, love you..say hello to mom and dad..we'll see ya on the other side one day. love tim*



Jill Aker - March 14, 2021 at 03:35 PM



“ 198 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - March 13, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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“ *My sympathies to the Aker Siblings. I remember him from Lancaster school days! Lancaster was a place you knew who the whole family was! Sounds as if Larry led a full life, such a blessing. May memories bring you peace and comfort in the days ahead. God Bless,
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

Glennis Henly - March 12, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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“ *When Alan and I were pretty young, I had bleached my hair blonde and Larry hadn't seen me yet. We were cruising Arnold's Drive-In in Decatur, and Larry saw Alan with a blonde in his car, and he stopped him and probably would have gotten into a fight if I hadn't said hi first. It was pretty funny. Larry was kind of embarrassed but it was nice of him to have my back. We had so many good times together. He also expected his peanut butter fudge at Christmas. Will always remember him and miss him very much. Love you big brother. Go be with mom and dad*

Kathy Shaw - March 10, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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Cousins have a special bond - it doesn't matter how often you see each other. My condolences to all of you. I know how hard it is to lose a brother and sister - it aches so much - they are your friends from day 1. I was younger - so I don't remember much about Larry and then I moved from IN in the late 70's and it's hard to keep up with everyone. The last time I saw him was at Les's funeral and I think we have a photo from that day of all the cousins that were there. i'm usually home 1 or 2 times a year and I get to see Kenny and try to catch up with the family. I watched the entire photo tribute - loved seeing pics of Aunt Cleo and Uncle Ray. I remember Sunday dinner at your home in Craigville when my Dad was still with us. May you all be comforted in your memories. God Bless.

Cheryl Gentis Shurtz

Cheryl Gentis Shurtz - March 20, 2021 at 01:38 AM