

Larry L. Farling

March 2, 1936 - July 10, 2022

Larry Farling, 86 of Bluffton, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, July 10, 2022 at Christian Care Retirement Community.

The son of Harold and Anna Louise (Larrimer) Farling, Larry was born in Bluffton on March 2, 1936. Larry graduated in 1954 from Bluffton High School. Larry and Karolyna Gilbert were married in 1954. Larry spend most of his life in the grocery business. Farling's Finer Foods, was a grocery and meat market started by Larry's grandfather, Cloyd Farling and continued with Larry's father, Harold and his uncle Cloyd (Prunie) Farling, Jr. Larry grew up working in the store at 122 W. Market Street. In 1954, a new, larger store was built at 935 N. Main Street. After a devastating fire, another larger store was built near the same site. Eventually, Farling's Finer Foods was sold to Maloley Bros. and Larry continued his employment with them. In later years, the store changed owners several times and Larry continued to work for each new owner.

Larry worked part-time for the Wells County Sheriff's Department as a process server, retiring from that position in December 2014 after 20 years of service.

Larry was a great Indy 500 follower and attended 48 races and was awarded a certificate for his loyal support. He and his sons looked forward to May to spend time together and visit the track and attend the race.

He is survived by his wife, Karolyna of Bluffton, three children; Jack Farling of Indianapolis, Joe (Roseanne) Farling of Holiday, FL. And Juliann Gamble of Fort Wayne, and three grandchildren; Kyle (Lisa) Farling of Tarpon Springs, FL., Kelli (Rich) Mastanduno of Land O Lakes, FL. And Jason Farling of

Indianapolis, along with five great-grandchildren.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents and a sister & brother-in-law Phyllis & Clyde Shady.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 2 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Barry Crosbie officiating. Burial will follow at Elm Grove Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in Larry's memory to Christian Care Retirement Community.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to Larry's family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Elm Grove Cemetery

3500 East State Road 124
Bluffton, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

JUL 13. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry L. Farling*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 13, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Larry L. Farling*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Karolyna & family, the Robbins family are heart broken. We just love you both so much. My memories are few. But my memories are many of Larry always laughing, always with a smile, always a positive attitude. Please know we are always here for you. -Jules (Robbins) Patao, cageon@cox.net, 702-561-7007*

Jules Robbins Patao - July 18, 2022 at 11:27 PM



“ *Our sympathy to the passing of my cousin Larry. His dad Harold and my mother Dorothy (Farling) Shady were brother and sister. I usually would see Larry at the Hwy 1 north grocery back in the day, and he would have some humorous remark. His loyalty to the grocery business and his sense of humor were admirable! We now live in central Indiana, but Larry was true his Bluffton roots.*

Gary and Terri Worden - July 17, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JE

“ *Karolyn's & family*
We are so sorry to hear off Larry's passing. He was a great guy and a good American. We are all less without him.
Jeff Espich

jeff espich - July 15, 2022 at 12:02 PM

KN

“ *Nicest guy out at the jail. Hated it when he no longer worked there. Funny. Nice. Down to earth. Condolences to the family.*

kelly n - July 14, 2022 at 04:11 PM

CH

“ *Joe, it saddened me to read that your dad passed away. I remember him mostly from our days at the First Baptist Church, when we were but youngsters, then into our teen years. He was such a nice guy. I really enjoyed watching the tribute video ... it showed how much loved he was. Sending you and your family caring thoughts.* Cheryl Brickley Hunt

Cheryl Brickley Hunt - July 14, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - July 13, 2022 at 12:47 PM

DR

“ A genuine, "One-of-a-Kind" is the perfect description for Larry. His pro wrestling commentary regarding the visually challenged referee who always failed to see the unchecked evil in "Dick the Bruiser's" opponents was pure entertainment. Larry's love for all thing racing was infectious. Anyone who was lucky enough to accompany him to Indy was in for a rare experience. A.J. Foyt was his hero as were the drivers who competed in the USAC Silver Crown series. Larry's hilarious commentary on track etiquette, the snake pit, driver screw ups, fans clad in strange attire (or lack of attire), skewed race results, gold helmeted whistle blowing pit lane officials, pole day early morning traffic, and the infield men's room questionable board of health certification should have all been compiled into a book. The IMS gift shop would have made a small fortune publishing Larry's wit, candor, race fan observations and sideways humor. His early appreciation & acquisition of then unknown artist Ron Burton's race themed paintings should have earned him a senior art acquisitions position at Sothebys. Burton's work later became hugely popular as it was generously underwritten by the Miller Brewing Corp. and supported by the Hulman family's patronage (IMS art collection). Larry's commentary on Bluffton and the "Characters-at-Large" he encountered while working for the county court system would have made another great book. Larry was and always will be Bluffton's version of "Mister 500 / Andy Granatelli." In the years to come, each and every May, he will be missed and warmly remembered, . . .especially on race day. More importantly, Larry will be missed by his family & friends. Larry was a husband, father and good friend to those who had the privilege of his company. He had a wonderful Spirit. Larry has finally taken the checkered flag, crossed the finish line of life and is enjoying a victory lap somewhere great. My sincerest condolences to Karolyna, Jack, Joe, Julie and family. Keep the Sun in Your Heart.

Doug Rich - July 12, 2022 at 11:43 PM

MH

“ Thinking of the entire Farling family. Sending sympathy to you all!

Margo Haiflich - July 12, 2022 at 08:43 PM

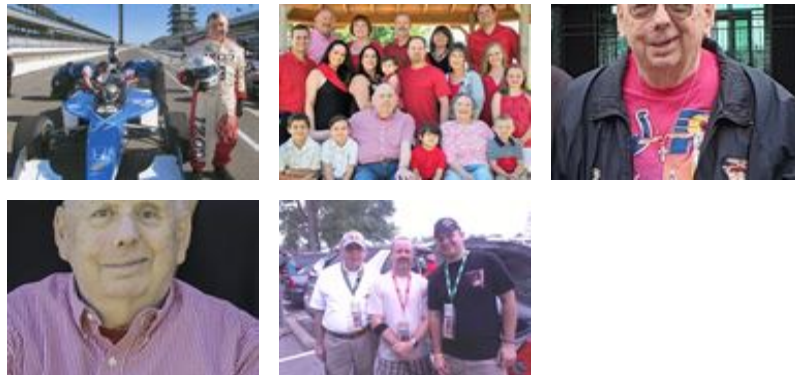
LB

“ Dear Karolyna and Family, so sorry for your loss of Larry remember the good times. Susie Baumgartner

lugatha s baumgartner - July 12, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home - July 12, 2022 at 12:02 PM

CH

“ I only knew Larry for a short time, but he was a joy to be around and I will miss talking with and bringing him his rice Krispie treats!



Cathy Halterman - July 11, 2022 at 07:31 PM

BO

“ I am sorry to learn of Larry's passing. His mom and my mom (Bernice Baker) were cousins. Dad (Ralph Baker) worked for awhile in the store when it was on Market Street. The Markley family is dwindling down! Cherish your many memories!
Barbara (Baker) Overdeer
Columbia City

Barb Overdeer - July 11, 2022 at 04:11 PM

VJ

“ What a great guy! We'll all miss him. God bless you, Larry.
Valerie Wilson Jackson



Valerie Wilson Jackson - July 11, 2022 at 03:21 PM

RS

“ Karolyna, So very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God comfort you during the difficult days ahead.

Rina Stuck - July 11, 2022 at 01:34 PM

YG

“ Your friends at Gabriel Group purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Larry L. Farling.



Your friends at Gabriel Group - July 11, 2022 at 01:25 PM

BC

“ Dear Carolina, Jack, Joe, and Julie so very Sad to hear about my Good Friend Larry “Deputy Dog Farling!” All our Prayers are with u and the Farling Family at this time! 🙏 May God grant u the Peace, Grace, and Comfort as u all Grieve for Larry! Such a very Good man and Funny man with a Great sense of humor! We know that Larry is with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ up in Heaven rejoicing with him! God Bless the Farling Family! Love Barry, JoEllen, and the Crosbie Family! 🙏❤️🙏



Barry Crosbie - July 10, 2022 at 08:48 PM

DG

“ So saddened to learn of Larry’s passing. He was such a great guy. We worked together when he was the Wells County sheriff dept paper server (a job he took very seriously) and I worked as a jailer. We would have a lot of good discussions about many subjects. One thing about it he really loved the Indy 500. The Farling family will be in our thoughts and prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom



Dan Gerdom - July 10, 2022 at 07:30 PM