



Larry G. Hoefling

February 12, 1945 - January 12, 2021

Larry George Hoefling, 75, of Evansville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Deaconess Hospital Gateway Campus with his family by his side.

Larry was born February 12, 1945 in Evansville to the late Earl and Mildred (Steinkuhl) Hoefling. He was the oldest of six children. Family, his faith and close friendships meant everything to him. He had a knack for making and keeping close friendships. Some of his best and longest friendships came from those of his classmates at Mater Dei High School where Larry played left halfback on the football team.

Larry was a patriotic man who loved his country. After graduating from Mater Dei in 1963, Larry enlisted in the United States Navy. After two years, he transitioned into the Marine Corps as a Medical Corpsman helping care for the injured soldiers in the Vietnam War.

After Larry's service time ended, he returned to his home in Indiana to work for the Indiana Commerce Department in the tourism division. Part of Larry's duties included acting as security detail for Mayor Lloyd. He later worked for the Evansville Fire Department. He bravely served the community for 27 years before retiring.

Larry's greatest joy in life was his role as a father to his only daughter, Kristin. He delighted in making memories with her on the family farm, fishing at the lake and playing softball. Larry was an avid sports fan and a fan of Mater Dei, Notre Dame and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Surviving Larry are his daughter, Kristen Hoefling; sisters, Dianne (Gary) Wunderlich and Karen (Wayne) Breunig; brother-in-law, Gary Schmitt; aunt, Jan Steinkuhl, many beloved cousins and cherished nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by brothers, Mark Hoefling, Kenny "Hoss" Hoefling and by a sister, Kathy Schmitt.

Due to the pandemic, visitation and the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church will be private. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Church Cemetery.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses and staff of Deaconess Hospital who helped to make his transition easier during this difficult time. We are immensely grateful for their support and kindness. Also, thank you to Larry's "other" family at Cypress Grove Rehabilitation Center where he lived and was given an amazing second home by their caring staff.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 6202 W. St. Joseph Road, Evansville, IN 47720 or to the Mater Dei Friends and Alumni Association, 1300 Harmony Way, Evansville, IN 47720.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Church Cemetery

6202 W. St. Joseph Road
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry G. Hoefling*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. My name is Pam Wessel and I am a member of St. John the Baptist in Newburgh through which I was privileged to become a Eucharistic minister to Cypress Grove. Larry and I became fast friends. He was always so grateful, positive, and inspiring. I enjoyed hearing him tell stories from the past and talk about his daughter, siblings, parents, and friends. I was able to take him and another resident to the Veterans Day mass and program at St. John in 2019. He was thrilled by every part of it and often spoke of it. We would also talk about God and our faith (his was so strong) and this will continue to encourage me all my life. After his sister, Cathy's, death we talked about how he would see her again in Heaven someday. This comforted and strengthened him. I so missed bringing him communion when Covid hit but did get to have a couple of outdoor visits with him. He also called me a few times after I had dropped off cards and such for him and the other Catholic residents. I will really miss him. I am praying for him and all his loved ones. I am thankful to God for this wonderful man.*

Pam Wessel - February 04, 2021 at 02:21 PM

LS

“ Dianne, Karen, Kristen & family, we are just so very sorry for your loss.

Dave has been telling me some great stories & sharing many wonderful memories of growing up with Larry & all of his beloved Hoefling cousins.

We pray that you all find comfort in your own special memories as well.

Aunt Millie & Uncle Earl raised some amazing folks & we know that they are with Mark, Kenny Joe & Kathy Lynn right now, welcoming Larry home.

We continue to hold all of you in our hearts, & most especially, our prayers.

*God's Blessings & all our love !
Dave & Laura Steinkuhl*

laura steinkuhl - January 15, 2021 at 02:32 PM

KB

Thank you for your sympathy. We also have many fond memories!

Karen Breunig - January 15, 2021 at 04:12 PM

DW

Thank you Laura & David.

Dianne Wunderlich - January 15, 2021 at 07:28 PM

BF

“ Praying for all of you during this difficult time. Dave so enjoyed talking with Larry on the phone. They were friends their whole life. Hard to believe it's been over 40 years since he was in our wedding.
Betty & Dave Fehrenbacher

Betty Fehrenbacher - January 15, 2021 at 09:03 AM

DW

Thank you for your kind words. Larry really enjoyed his long talks with David.

Dianne Wunderlich - January 15, 2021 at 11:57 AM

SH

“ *Larry Hoefling family: please accept my virtual hugs and my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of Larry on this earth. May your faith carry you through this difficult time with the knowledge that Larry is now is his forever home with no more pain or sadness. What a blessing we have to have known Larry and be assured of an eternal reunion someday. God bless you all!*

Susan & Jim Helmer - January 15, 2021 at 08:55 AM

BF

“ *Prayers for the family! in 1950 Kathy and I were best friends! we moved in 1955 and lost contact God bless. Brenda {Dodd} Fulkerson*

Brenda Fulkerson - January 15, 2021 at 08:13 AM

JW

“ *I was in the hospital at 5 years old. Cousin Larry brought me a “sunshine” box. A gift to unwrap everyday. I still remember thinking how nice that was! He had such a kind heart. Prayers to the family. We have a lot of good memories!
*Joyce (Hoefling) Wilzbacher**

Joyce Wilzbacher - January 14, 2021 at 06:38 PM

KB

thank you Jpyce. We have such good memories

Karen Breunig - January 15, 2021 at 11:45 AM

DW

Thank you Joyce for your kind words.

Dianne Wunderlich - January 15, 2021 at 07:30 PM

SA

I will always remember Larry and his smile, always someone I looked up to and admired!

*Love and prayers to Kristen, Dianne and Karen!
Sherri (Fehrenbacher) Adler*

Sherri Adler - January 15, 2021 at 08:31 PM

KB

Thank you Sherri. We have lots of Hoefling memories

Karen S Breunig - January 26, 2021 at 01:18 PM

MH

“ *I will miss Larry’s daily (come rain or shine) walks in our courtyard with his rosary and reciting prayers. It was an honor having him at Cypress Grove. He will be greatly missed.*

MaryAnne Harlan - January 14, 2021 at 12:47 PM

RM

“ *Larry and I have shared many things together in the last 15 years. My condolences to the family. He always loves his Mater Dei Wildcats and his Catholic faith.*

Ricky Mosby - January 14, 2021 at 12:43 PM

CF

“ My sincere sympathy to Larry's family and friends. I met Larry when I visited with my brother at Cypress Grove. Larry and my brother often sat at the same dining room table. It was always a pleasure to chat with Larry about his Mater Dei sports family and the community of St. Joe/Armstrong. When Larry learned that our Dad grew up in St. Joe, he would update me on many in the community (though I have to admit most I recognized only by name). One of the things I most appreciated and loved about Larry was his patience and care for my brother (as well as others at CG). Larry would ask about my brother even after my brother was in a different unit and could no longer visit with Larry.



Eternal rest grant unto Larry, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thank you, Larry. Say hello to Lee for me - and he may just talk your ear off now!

Cathy (Weiss) Funkhouser - January 14, 2021 at 12:20 PM

TL

“ He was loved by all the staff at Cypress Grove. We grieve because we lost a family member. Thank you to his family for allowing us to care for him. It was an honor.

Teresa Lovett - January 14, 2021 at 11:48 AM

AB

“ Dianne, everyone was blessed when Larry would fight fires in his huge service to others... and he lit up the room when he delivered flowers. I think he loved delivering happiness. So sorry.

Kent & Ann

Ann Burnworth - January 14, 2021 at 10:24 AM

CS

“ Dianne and Gary, was so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Know that Larry, you and all your families are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Sending love and hugs, Connie (Hillenbrand) & Richard Sokol.

Connie Sokol - January 14, 2021 at 09:48 AM

CM

“ Diane and Karen I am very sorry on hearing of Larry's passing. You and your families have our deepest sympathy 🙏

carl & terry muensterman - January 14, 2021 at 09:26 AM

KB

thank you for your sympathy

Karen Breunig - January 15, 2021 at 11:50 AM

GC

“ Diane, sorry to hear about the passing of your brother. Hugs and prayers to you and your family. Tom & Gail Cummings

Gail Cummings - January 14, 2021 at 09:02 AM