



Larry Austin Hollis

May 4, 1951 - November 4, 2019

Lawrence "Larry" Austin Hollis, 68, of Petersburg, Illinois, passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield on Monday, November 4, 2019, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on May 4, 1951 in Springfield, Illinois, the son of John H. and Lois Jane Hollis.

Larry served our grateful nation in the Illinois Army National Guard. From there he returned to the family farm with his father, later joining the Menard County Sheriff's Office, where he retired at the rank of Captain. After retiring from the sheriff's office, he worked for the United States Marshals Service, Central District of Illinois. Larry proudly served as the Menard County Coroner for over 26 years, up until the time of his passing. He was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church, a long-time member of the Clinton Masonic Lodge #19 and a member of the Tallula Sportsman's Club. He was a past member of the Menard County Rescue Squad and previously served as an EMT for the former Menard Ambulance Service. He still routinely assisted the sheriff's office with his insight and knowledge. His ability to retain knowledge and information from the past was second to none.

Larry found great joy in the company and happiness of others. He enjoyed light-hearted times with everyone he knew. Regardless of the situation, he found a way to make the best of it. He was the best at "turning lemons into lemonade". He found a way to do so much for so many, never expecting anything in return.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jennifer Hollis; two children, Ben Hollis (Brittin Armour) of Petersburg and Katelyn (R.J.) Green of Mason City; one step-daughter, Kristin Reid of Petersburg; two grandchildren, Harlyn and Kylie Green of Mason City; a sister, Holly Hollis of Petersburg; and former spouse and loving friend Mary Sutton Chang of Kaneohe, HI. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lois Jane (Austin) Hollis; and a nephew, Justin Leach.

Per his wishes, Larry's family will be hosting a Celebration of Life on Friday, November 8th at Wankel's in Petersburg, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Memorial contributions in Larry's name may be made to the Menard County Fair, P.O. Box 375, Petersburg, IL 62675.

Please visit Larry's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to leave condolences and share

memories.

Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Wankel's

18239 Kelly St., Petersburg, IL, US, 62675

Comments



“ Larry truly was a wonderful person, as well as an outstanding law enforcement officer, and had a great sense of humor. He did so much for his community and the Menard County Sheriff's Office; his loss will be felt for a long, long time.

Gary Stone - November 08 at 05:19 AM



“ Larry and I were friends as youngsters, ran together some, had fun together a lot. Remained friends through out the years, but we both had calmed down a lot and took an easier path in life. He was a good man.

Rick Setzer - November 07 at 09:47 PM



“ I'm saddened by Larry's passing. I worked with him in the early 80's at Petersburg Police Dept. We would cross paths occasionally over the last few years, either at the VFW or Tallula Sportsmans club. He will be missed.

JD Young - November 07 at 07:22 PM



“ Larry and I worked closely together on many occasion. Larry as Menard County Deputy and I in Sangamon County as Deputy. Larry was a wonderful man and excellent Investigator. Larry will be missed by many but remembered by all who had the great fortune to know him.

Kevin Harney - November 07 at 05:55 PM



“ Condolences to the family. He was an asset to the community and a good friend to many.

Venda Kelley - November 07 at 01:10 PM



“ The earth is a little sad place, and the heavens happy. Larry always provided that laugh and ray of happiness. Mom (aka our family) has a lot of wonderful Larry stories, that still make us smile. Marilyn Wilson and Holly Crowl:). Sending love.

HOLLY CROWL - November 07 at 08:33 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the family. I met & worked with Larry at the U.S. Marshals Service. He was a great asset to us all there, from being a guard, entering warrants into the computer, assisting in the courtroom & servings as a Court Security Officer. After we both had retired we kept in touch through fb and I will forever miss his wit & charm. Rest In Peace my friend.

Jill Gomes Good - November 06 at 06:11 PM



“ Roger Thompson



Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson - November 06 at 04:31 PM