



Larry Eugene Todd

August 9, 1938 - August 13, 2019

Larry Eugene Todd, 81, of Greenview, Illinois, passed away at Memorial Medical Center on August 13, 2019 at 10:08 a.m. He was born in Oakford, Illinois, Menard County, on August 9, 1938, the son of Tade and Vera (Knoles) Todd. He married his high school sweetheart, G. Maye Duncan, on September 15, 1956, in Greenview, Illinois. And, according to Larry in his recent writings, after 63 years of marriage, Maye was still the “love of his life.”

Larry can best be described by all those who knew him as the kindest, nicest, and most caring individual that they have ever known. He was definitely “one in a million.” People like Larry Todd do not come along very often. Without a doubt, he will be missed, but fondly remembered every day.

His education began in the first grade at Oakford, Illinois Grade School. His schooling in the second grade – sixth grade was at three different one-room country schools (Curtis, Salt Creek and Bee Grove). His 7th and 8th grade school years were completed at Greenview Junior High School and 9th – 11th grades were completed at Greenview Community High School. His 12th grade (Senior year) was completed in Petersburg. Larry graduated from Petersburg Harris High School in 1956.

As a pre-teen and teenager, Larry was a responsible young man as he worked several different part-time jobs while attending school. He worked on

his family's farm till the age of 15. He also worked whenever he could for other local farmers. And, throughout the rest of his high school years, he worked part-time as a waiter and "soda jerk" at Aunt Mary's Restaurant in Petersburg. Following his high school graduation, he worked as a delivery driver for Fink's Cleaners in Springfield, IL. And, he also worked a second job at Avenue Grocery Store in Springfield.

In May of 1957, Larry enlisted in the United States Army. He served our grateful nation from 1957 to 1966. It was during his service in the Army that Larry was trained and educated in computer science, a new industry of data processing and communication that was emerging in the late 50s and early 60s. This new technology training that Larry received in the Army would prove to be very valuable to him in later years when he entered the civilian work force. His Army training consisted of numerous military and commercial accounting machine and computer classes as well as attending the NCO Academy for the U.S. Army. As part of the Army's Security Agency, Larry's first post assignment, with Maye at his side, was in Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Their second assignment was in Frankfurt, Germany, followed by Kassel, Germany – where Larry served as a systems analyst. Following his tour of duty in Germany, Larry's last military assignment was to Vint Hill Farms Station Army Base in Warrenton, Virginia where Larry and Maye lived until 1966 when Larry received an Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Army. During his military career, Larry was recognized for his meritorious service with one of the highest military awards, the Army Commendation Medal as well as Good Conduct Medals. Upon his retirement from the Army, Larry's rank was E6 Sgt.

In 1966, Larry began his civilian career when he accepted a position as a systems analyst with UNIVAC-Sperry – Unisys Corporation and worked there till 1971. From 1971-1972, he served as the Project Leader in Research and Development with the Datran Corporation. In 1972, on behalf of the UNIVAC-

Sperry Corporation through 1976, Larry served as a Project Manager in both Washington, D.C. and Jackson, Mississippi. In 1976, Larry and Maye and their two children (Andrew and Leann) moved to central Illinois where Larry decided to follow his dreams of farming and became self-employed as a grain and livestock farmer in Menard County.

In 1982, Larry and his family moved back to the Washington, D. C. area where Larry joined Westinghouse Corporation in the Research and Development department – for the Atomic Energy Commission. He then accepted a position with Sperry-Unisys Corporation where he worked from 1983 – 1995 until his retirement. During his career with Unisys, he served in the following capacities: Washington, D.C. – Project Manager at Defense Tech Center; Indianapolis, IN – Project Manager at Fort Ben Harrison; Omaha, NE – Systems Consultant at Offutt Air Force Base; Oklahoma City, OK – Systems Consultant.

From high school through retirement, Larry enjoyed many hobbies including: playing organized baseball, softball and bowling. He bowled on several different teams in many different leagues throughout the country. As an amateur recreational bowler, Larry bowled a perfect game of 300! Only once...but he did it! He loved watching the winter and summer Olympics; he was an avid football, basketball and baseball fan. His favorite pastimes during his retirement included reading, drawing, painting and other forms of art. He also enjoyed gardening and other lawn work. He also liked to fish. He truly loved to cook, and he had an extensive collection of cookbooks. He absolutely loved being a grandfather to his three grandchildren, being the father to Andy and Leann, and, of course, the proud husband of Maye-Maye. One of his absolute favorite pastimes was when he could visit with his family and friends. He also liked volunteering at the Senior Center in Greenview; and then, in recent years, he became a thankful recipient of the Senior Center's home

delivery of meals to those people in the community who could no longer get out and about.

One of his most memorable experiences came in 2016 when, as a Veteran, he was honored to participate on a Land of Lincoln Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Larry was a proud member of the AMVETS Post # 179 in Greenview.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Maye (Greenview, IL) and their two devoted children; Andrew Todd of Springfield, Illinois, and Leann (husband Ruben) Royer of Oakland, Illinois. He is also survived by his three adoring grandchildren, Emily, Becca and Brandon Royer of Oakland; two brothers, James (wife Janet) Todd of Greenview and Don (wife Donna) Todd of Athens; and one sister, Vera (companion Terry Peet) Neavill of Divernon, Illinois. Larry was also loved and cherished by his entire family: including nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law as well as many, many friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents (Tade and Vera Todd); two brothers, Dwight Todd and Kenneth Todd; and an infant sister, Wanda Todd.

A public military funeral honors ceremony will take place at Camp Butler National Cemetery on Wednesday, August 21, at 11 a.m.

Larry's family will also be hosting a celebration of his life ("Memories of Larry") at the Greenview Community Center on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Family and friends are encouraged to attend to share their memories, photos and stories of Larry with one another.

Memorial contributions in Larry's name may be made to Daisy's Angels and sent to P.O. Box 17, Greenview, Illinois, 62642. Daisy's Angels is a generosity

campaign that helps Greenview-area children during times of need – especially when children are headed back-to-school and during the Christmas holidays when all children need Christmas gifts. In addition, please visit hurleyfh.com to leave an online condolence and share memories.

Cemetery Details

Camp Butler National Cemetery

5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 492-4070

Previous Events

Burial

AUG 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

Camp Butler National Cemetery
5063 Camp Butler Road
Springfield, IL 62707
(217) 492-4070

Celebration of Life

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Greenview Community Center
114 N. Engle St.
Greenview, IL 62642

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Eugene Todd*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Larry was one of the nicest people, that I have ever known. All thru my life when I would see him, he always smiled, called me by name, and ask how I was doing. Words are just not enough! Larry Todd was a great man!*

Sue Elliott - August 17, 2019 at 09:06 PM



*I loved watching the Redskins with Larry and eating his homemade chilli
That man lived to cook.*

Patricia A Wiseman - August 21, 2019 at 11:29 AM



“ *Santa and Mrs. Claus ❤️ December 2007*



Lori Evers - August 17, 2019 at 07:06 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Eugene Todd.*



August 17, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ *That irrepressible smile depicts the wonderful, amazing man who loved his life and everyone and everything that that was part of it. Just being in his presence could raise your spirits and lower your blood pressure when you were going through tough times. I have so many memories of great times spent with Larry and Maye, and I will always hold them in my heart. Heaven is a brighter place with Larry spreading his sunshine!*

Gayle Sommers - August 16, 2019 at 04:04 PM



“ *What a FANTASTIC obituary. My Dad came through the Greenview schools, a year older than your beloved Larry. Hoping they were buddies at some point. Thanks for making my day, Todd's!!*

Kevin Tholen - Springfield - August 16, 2019 at 09:41 AM



Kevin, if your dad was Bud Tholen, Larry was not in his class however I (Maye Duncan Todd) was in Buds class of 1955. I think our class will long be remembered for many things!

maye todd - August 19, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Larry Eugene Todd.*



August 15, 2019 at 07:07 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Eugene Todd.*



August 15, 2019 at 04:14 PM