



Lawrence D. Kyes

November 25, 1938 - July 2, 2023

Lawrence “Larry” D. Kyes, 84, of Petersburg, Illinois, formerly of Rochester, Illinois, passed away at his home with his family at his side on Sunday, July 2, 2023. He was born November 25, 1938, to L. Kent and Laverne (Hutchinson) Kyes in Springfield, Illinois.

Larry graduated from Rochester High School and attended Springfield Junior College. He married Barbara “Barb” VanMater on June 10, 1961, at the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield. He worked for Menard Electric as a lineman for many years before retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Jaycees and worked at a local hospital as a Red Coat for 24 years. He also spent many years volunteering as a coach and umpire for the Petersburg Junior Baseball League. He loved birds, bee keeping and kept a beautiful flower garden. He also loved playing golf at Shambole Golf Course in Petersburg. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan since his mother introduced him to them at the age of 5.

Larry is survived by his wife, Barb; his children, William “Bill” Kyes, Steven Kyes, and Kimberly Kyes; his grandchildren, Ashli (Patrick) Lewis, Zane (Hannah) Kyes, Alex (Ashley) Atterberry, Dalton Atterberry, Sophie Atterberry, Emily Justice and Lauren Justice; his great grandchildren, Evann, Hannah, Abbigail, Lily, Shelby, Willow, Archer and Oliver; and several nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; his three brothers, Robert, Donald and Bud Kyes; and two grandchildren, Zachary Kyes and Taylor Jo Kyes.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at Parkside Tavern, 18190 State Park Rd, Petersburg, Illinois 62675, from 1 pm to 3 pm.

Cremation rites were accorded by Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tunnels to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, New York 10306, or by visiting t2t.org. This foundation helps the families of fallen veterans as well as the families of fallen first responders.

Please visit Larry's online obituary at hurleyfh.com to share condolences and memories with his fam

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Parkside Tavern
18190 State Park Rd.
Petersburg, IL 62675

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ So sorry to read about Larry. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Greg & Linda Johnston - July 13, 2023 at 01:17 PM

DJ

“ Dave Fay Jostes lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Kyes



Dave & Fay Jostes - July 09, 2023 at 04:45 PM

SC

“ Sending our sympathy to Barb & Family. So glad we got to talk to you at Porta's graduation. We sure had some great times when Larry & Dave worked at Menard Electric. We were like "One Big Family". Will always remember Larry as a fun and caring person.
Dave & Sherita

Sherita Crosnoe - July 09, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ Will miss our bee conversations and talking about plants. Rest in Peace

Margaret Santos - July 07, 2023 at 11:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence D. Kyes.

July 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lawrence D. Kyes.*



July 07, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence D. Kyes.*



July 06, 2023 at 03:08 PM



“ *I moved to Petersburg in 1974 The Kyes family were the first people I met .They made the new kid on the block feel at home Larry was my Little league coach I'll never forget him teaching us not to be scared of the ball He caught the ball bare handed no matter how hard we fired it at him Funny how some things you never forget RIP Larry Jeff Fore*

jeffrey Fore - July 05, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all! I remember when Larry worked at Menard Electric when my dad did.*

Paula Pillsbury Throckmorton - July 04, 2023 at 02:42 PM

LH

“ *Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Kyes*



Larry and Mary Hundt - July 04, 2023 at 08:28 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence D. Kyes.*



July 03, 2023 at 07:33 PM

MM

“ *Barb and Family,
Sorry to hear about Larry. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.
Paul and Marilyn Montgomery*

marilyn Montgomery - July 03, 2023 at 06:05 PM