



## Larry Leroy Ahten

May 10, 1948 - January 26, 2014

Larry Leroy Ahten, 65 of Murphysboro, passed away at 3:14 a.m. Sunday, January 26, 2014, at the Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

Larry was born on May 10, 1948, in Peoria, Illinois, to Ernest "Bud" Harold Ahten and Leola Mae (Davis) Ahten.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam Conflict.

Larry had retired as a welder with Caterpillar in Peoria.

Mr. Ahten was a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Peoria. He was a member of the N.R.A. and he liked to go fishing a lot. Also he was a woodworker. He really cared for his family and enjoyed being with his friends.

Larry married Sheila Stearns on October 10, 1978, in Peoria, Illinois, and she survives.

Other survivors include two sons David Ahten and his wife Amy Ahten of Washington, IL and Jared Ahten and his girlfriend Heather Oliver and her son Aiden Oliver, all of Murphysboro;

two grandchildren Caylie Ahten and Bella Ahten;

two brothers William Harold Ahten and his wife Bessie Ahten of Goofy Ridge, IL and Frank Ahten and his wife Sandy Ahten of E. Peoria, IL;

one sister Karen Stearns and her husband Mike Stearns, who is a brother to Larry's wife Sheila, of Tolucha, IL;

another brother in law Russell Stearns, and sisters in law Cindy Pierce and Twyla Panus, all of Murphysboro;

and his parents in law Norma and Ron Johnston of Murphysboro and Russell Stearns of Murphysboro, who considered him like their son.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at Pettett Funeral Home with Brother Bill Carter and burial at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park, where military services will be conducted by the American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190 and 2605, and the Jackson County D.A.V. Chapter # 69.. Friends may call from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. For more information, please visit <http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com>.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Leroy Ahten*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *It has been almost a year, sense Larry has Passed. I know you are having a hard time, with his passing. As, I have had hard times thinking of him not being here, either. I was glad, I came to see him. As kids we where always , together. I now hold, that in my heart. That we will always be together. As should you, you will always have a part of him, in the boys. They are your link, to him. As are you grandkids! I wish you well on this day, as I know it is hard! Wishing you an the boys the best!  
Harold*

**William H. Ahten** - January 19, 2015 at 11:42 AM



“ *I'm so, sorry that you an the boy's lost Larry! I am glad, I got to see him an, talk to him, before he passed. My thoughts are with at this time. Harold*

**William (Harold) Ahten** - January 28, 2014 at 08:34 AM