



Larry Gene Hornick

September 10, 1938 - January 16, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Larry Gene Hornick

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Larry Gene Hornick, 86, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 16, 2025, in Carbondale, IL, following a brief illness.

Larry was born in Carbondale, IL, on September 10, 1938, to Claude and Luella Hornick. He spent his childhood in and around Carbondale until he met and married the love of his life, Dona Lee Henry, on November 1, 1958.

He made Murphysboro, IL, his home, where he raised his family and spent the majority of his career with the United States Postal Service until his retirement.

Larry was a lively character who loved his family, great conversation, sports,

fishing, hunting, and his annual boys' trip to the Indy time trials. He played basketball and softball well into his adult years. Larry was a regular at the SIU Salukis basketball games and was known for his daily morning walks around Murphysboro Lake.

He is preceded in death by his parents and beloved wife, Dona.

Larry is survived by his sons, Jeff (Karen) Hornick and Brett (Karen) Hornick; three grandsons; three great-grandsons; and his brother, Gerald Hornick, along with other cherished family and friends.

The family will hold a private celebration of his life at a later date.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Larry's name.

The Cremation of Larry Gene Hornick will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

GW

“ RIP Larry. I played a lot a basketball with Larry. Sympathies to all the family. 🙏🙏

Gary Wills - January 25, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Larry's passing. I know he was very proud of his family. I am sending lots of love to the Hornick family ☐. He will be truly missed.

Blair Sawyer - January 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM

DB

“ God speed.

David Beggs - January 22, 2025 at 02:19 PM

TS

“ Sending all Love and Condolences to Family Members (Jeff and Brett). So so sorry. I used to visit with your Dad at the Lake when he would walk, and I had my dog Bucky, who passed Dec 26, 2024. He was a wonderful man and enjoyed our visits so much. Prayers with you all during this time. God Bless. Theresa Strack (Clough)



Theresa Strack - January 22, 2025 at 03:34 AM

CL

“ I was saddened to hear of Larry's passing. I had only known him for the last few Years, but he always had a big smile and a friendly hello whenever I saw him. So sorry for your families loss.

Christy Lazerus - January 21, 2025 at 08:19 PM

BD

“ I will miss his smiling face. He was always fun to be around.

Bruce Doerr - January 21, 2025 at 06:34 AM

SN

“ I remember Larry from the post office. He was always friendly, helpful, and a pleasure to see daily. RIP

Suzie Naegele - January 19, 2025 at 01:32 PM

TM

“ I saw Larry often on his daily walks at Lake Murphysboro State Park. Had many wonderful chats when his walk and mine crossed paths. I am a better person for having known him. Sending my heartfelt sympathy to all the family. Teri

Teri Madel - January 19, 2025 at 11:35 AM

TA

Sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Had some fun times with Larry. He loved sports & was a real competitor with a tremendous Will to win...💪
🙏❤️: 1:. RIP my friend

Tom Ashmsn - January 21, 2025 at 11:15 AM

DB

“ IN MEMORY OF LARRY HORNICK

My condolences to Larry's two sons, Jeff and Gerald (lots of us knew Gerald as "Dynamite") when we were growing up. Larry and I went to school together in Carbondale first grade all the way though 4 years of High School graduating in 1956. We played lots of softball at Brush School with Larry as the pitcher and me as the catcher. It was mostly playground ball until the big game of the year which was the last day of the school year when the 6th grade always played the 5th grade in the big game for the Brush School Championship. Surprisingly, the 6th grade was the underdog for the big game but on that day the battery of Hornick and Brewer was especially sharp and their fellow 6th grade teammates earned a much loved victory.

And, of course, some of you remember that Carbondale guys used to think that Murphysboro girls were better looking than Carbondale gals so we both did some running around seven miles to the West. That's how Larry ended up with Dona and me with Wilma Jean, two good lookers who knew each other and were only a years difference in age and class at MTHS. Naturally, there was a lot of double dating and ride sharing.

In all fairness to the Terrier girls back then, I always heard that Murphysboro guys were often on the prowl in C'dale cause the gals over here were better looking than their local M'boro talent. Wouldn't want to get app deep into that discussion.

Larry will be missed by many. Sorry for your loss Jeff and "Dynamite".

Don Brewer

Don Brewer - January 18, 2025 at 11:11 PM