



Larry Ivan Moore

May 27, 1943 - November 27, 2015

Larry Ivan Moore, 72, passed away on November 27, 2015. Born at Fife Lake, he served in the US Army as a sharpshooter and heavy duty truck driver. After military service, he returned to Northern Michigan, met his beloved wife, Tari, and in 51 years together, they raised four children, as well as nine dogs and two ponies.

Over his lifetime, Larry was a truck driver, electronics technician, avid hunter, dedicated father, and huggable grandfather. He could drive any vehicle, be it a huge truck, snowmobile, fishing boat, or purple Water Buffalo motorcycle. He could also fix most anything including engines, appliances, and the human heart. His loved ones frequently asked him for guidance, and while his first response was usually, "It's only going to get worse..." this was quickly followed by, "and then it will get better."

Larry believed in Johnny Cash's words, "Life is rough, so you gotta be tough." But Larry's idea of "tough" was not what you might think. He taught his children to be themselves, be sensitive to other people's feelings, and do what is right even if it is difficult. Those around him felt his warm strength, easy humor, and kindness. His bright blue eyes looked people directly in the eye, and he accepted everyone just as they are.

Larry's favorite thing to do was jump in the truck with his wife and dogs, play Merle Haggard on the radio, eat slices of pickled bologna, and drive far down an unnamed two-track road. Out there in harmony with nature, he knew that "not all those who wander are lost." His life was lived in rustic simplicity with no need for more than is necessary, as that was more than enough.

Larry is survived by his wife, Tari; four children, Dave (wife Betsy), Barb (husband Al), Laurie (husband Jon), and Chris (partner Carrie); honorary daughter, Carol; fifteen grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and one on the way; and his many cousins and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Janet Moore, and his grandson, Jack.

Funeral services for Larry will be held at 11am on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home with a visitation beginning at 10am. In lieu of gifts, please send donations to the Cherryland Humane Society or Disabled American Veterans (DAV Chapter 38). Kindly share thoughts and memories of Larry at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com. The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens
3575 Veterans Drive
Traverse City, MI, 49684

Events

DEC 2 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

DEC 2 Funeral Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Condolences to the whole family. Thinking of all of you during this time. He sounded like a great man. I'm sorry he couldn't be with his family longer. Prayers to all of you.
Karen Ottobre

Karen - November 30, 2015 at 09:27 AM



“ Our sincere condolences go out to the Moore family. My Larry's memory be for a blessing. Laurie and Harry Sheldon

Laurie Sheldon - November 29, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ There is so many but this one all I can do is smile and laugh when I talk about it or think about it grampa, me and my dog duke and one of his dogs Jay when to the wood to let them run and play well my dog was going a little to far from us so I was telling him to get back here and duke started to run to us and the next thing I know I'm duke takes my legs out from under me and I flip in the air and land on my head grampa starts laughing and asked me if I was k I said yes then he said give him a min and he would help me up after he was done laughing I told him I was k I needed to stay and collect myself. I sure am going to miss talking to him about these time and laughing together about them love you and miss u lots grampa.

Jessie - November 29, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this, Tari my thoughts are with you in this sad time. Jo & Earl Moss
jo moss - November 30, 2015 at 01:14 PM



“ I hit the father-in-law lottery when it came to Larry. One of the most honest, genuine, down-to-earth men I have ever known. A terrific listener, adviser, friend, and surrogate father. A definite pal! The world lost a true original! THANK YOU for 33 wonderful years Larry! Words can never adequately describe how deeply you will be missed! Jon
Jon Brief - November 30, 2015 at 07:16 PM



“ Dad, thanks for standing behind me always. Thanks for loving me through the hard stuff. You have always been my beacon. All my love.
Chris (Toad) - December 01, 2015 at 07:15 AM



“ To my wonderful loving husband, I miss you already. You suffered deeply I pray that you are in peace now. You will forever be in my heart. All my love forever. Tari
Tari Moore - December 01, 2015 at 09:58 PM