



Larry Dean Bernard

August 8, 1942 - February 27, 2026

Larry D. Bernard, 83, of Peoria, passed away on Friday, February 27, 2026, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital. Born in Peoria, on August 8, 1942, he was the son of Hubert E. and Katheryne (Pierce) Bernard. On December 28, 1990, he married Doris (Flesburg) Ummel.

He will be greatly missed by his wife, Doris Bernard; two children, L.A. Bernard of Sarasota, FL, and Julie Redding of Pekin; daughter-in-law, Joanne Shuck of Green Valley; five adoring grandchildren, Dori Beaupre, Derek Beaupre, Everett Shuck, Evan Shuck, and Erin Redding; and the highlight of his life, three great-grandchildren, Noah, Connor, and Gavin Dringenberg. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeffrey Alan Shuck; brother, G. Michael Bernard; and a sister, Judith Hart.

Larry spent four years in the US Air Force, serving our country from 1961 to 1965. He was a pilot who loved the freedom of flight. He was a ground-school flight instructor and taught many others to enjoy playing in the clouds. Larry was a Peoria County Deputy Sheriff from 1967, until his retirement in 1992. He was proud to be a police officer with his little brother, Mike. They loved to story-tell, laugh, and remember together. They were best buddies. He will be greatly missed.

Cremation rites have been accorded. To leave condolences online, please visit www.schmidthaller.com

Tribute Wall



“ My "Crap-paw"... so full of love and kindness. A child at heart always. Your smile and laugh were infectious. You were the first one to take me soaring through the clouds, go on motorcycle rides around the block, and pretend like I was a beauty queen in the back of your convertible. There was never a shortage of stories, and I never tired of hearing them. You were mischievous and playful. The boys and I miss you dearly. I hope you know how truly loved you were by everyone you encountered.

Dori Jade - March 05 at 09:17 AM

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“ I was a city of Peoria cop about the same time, and Larry and I shared the same love of firearms. Those were fun times, with memories to be treasured.

Gerald Ulrich - March 04 at 10:00 AM

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Larry, G. Michael, his brother and I were all good friends. I was lucky to have been able to work with both of them. Larry had a keen sense of humor and was one of the smartest and bravest people that I ever had the privilege to work with anywhere in the world. Every now and then he and I would talk by phone after we retired. I will deeply miss him.

Carl Dodd - March 04 at 05:48 PM

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I've known Larry since I was about 10 years old, as he was a good friend of my father. Larry would always go shooting with us. He often had the fun class 3 items. In high school a buddy drove me home from school, dad and Larry were shooting full autos in the back yard. We were pretty new to the area and my friend freaked out seeing and hearing the guns. I told my buddy it was no big deal, my dad was a dealer. Talk around school was my dad was a cartel drug dealer after that. Larry was a great guy, always at the range and fun to work with my rookie year. Till we meet again my friend...

Steve from Moors Hood - March 04 at 08:33 PM