



## Larry Dean Hardman

September 23, 1958 - August 21, 2022

Larry Dean Hardman, 63, of Peoria Heights, passed away on Sunday August 21, 2022 at his residence. He was born on September 23, 1958 in Pontiac, IL to Merle Eugene and Verna (Davidson) Hardman; they preceded him in death.

He is survived by his sister, Mary (Tim) Briggs of Gladwin, MI; brother, Mike (Laura) Hardman of Morton, IL; one uncle, Alvin (Alberta) Davidson of Greencastle, IN; six nieces, two nephews, and fourteen great nieces and nephews.

Larry graduated from Lowpoint Washburn High School in 1976. He was currently employed by J.B. Enterprises in Peoria. He loved woodworking, Nascar, Cardinals, Bears, and enjoyed being around his great nieces and nephews, and going to church. He was a member of Averyville Baptist Church.

Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Service is assisting the family with arrangements. Cremation rites have been accorded and a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ I went to Averyville Church back in the 70's & was good friends with the Hardman boys. Larry & I use to stand in the hall every Sunday evening before church & just talk (I did most the talking). He was a great guy from a great family. The sweet, quiet type...  
Angie (Schoch) Phillips

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**Angie Phillips** - August 24, 2022 at 09:52 PM

MF

“ They say that some people come into our lives for just a season. Sadly, Larry's season was far too short for all of us.

*Larry has been a wonderful friend of the Foster family since he and his mother moved to Peoria Heights many years ago.*

*Larry's mother was such a lovely person and she instilled those qualities in him. After his mother passed, our family and Larry grew even closer. Over the years, we learned more and more about each other.*

*We enjoyed playing card games together and even developed a love of Major League Baseball. Since Larry's favorite team was the St. Louis Cardinals, our favorite team was the Cardinals!*

*Avanti's in Peoria (IL) and Michael's in Washington, IL was our favorite places to eat at.*

*We also enjoyed watching CT Townsend ministries on YouTube. Larry was a man of faith and he loved learning from this ministry!*

*Larry was a dear friend, and I will truly miss our laughter and fun times. We will all miss him because Larry was a blessing to anyone who had the privilege to know him.*

*The Foster family is praying for Larry's family and friends. May your cherished memories of Larry comfort you at this difficult time.*

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**Mary Foster** - August 24, 2022 at 08:58 AM

LH

“ I am so very sorry to hear my cousin Larry is gone. We haven't kept in touch like we should have since Dad (Lyle) passed I am ashamed to say. So much time wasted. I am sure he is in a better place now with Dad, Aunt Verna, Uncle Merle, Uncle Ken, Aunt Delma, Aunt Marie and all the Hardman family! May god be with you and rest of the family. Leeanne

Leeanne Hardman - August 22, 2022 at 04:12 PM

KM

Larry was a sweet, quiet soul. I'm sure his family in heaven were celebrating to see him come through. He will be missed here on earth by many.

Kathie Lanhardt Musson - August 22, 2022 at 11:13 PM

RF

I am forever grateful for the friendship that Larry had with my mother, Mary Foster. They were neighbors who lived across the alley from each other. Larry and my mom enjoyed each other's company and did a lot of things together like playing card games, watching sporting events on tv, running errands, and best of all listening to Christian sermons. Larry was also a friend of my father who passed away last year so Larry and my mom's friendship meant all the more to me since his passing. With me living in Florida, it was an added assurance knowing that her friend was right behind her and would be there immediately if she needed him. Larry was a Godsend and will be truly missed.

Rhonda Furness

Rhonda Furness - August 23, 2022 at 12:10 PM

RP

Larry was an integral part of the life of 401 Water Street in Peoria. For the first many years I lived here, no one else vacuumed the hallways. His friendly greetings and willingness to care about the building as the residents did will be missed.

Roberta Parks - August 26, 2022 at 02:50 PM

LC

*Rest In Peace Larry, I'm sure you had a joyous reunion with Uncle Merle, Aunt Verna, Mom and Dad and the rest of your family. May you all walk the streets of Heaven together now*

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**Lori Clark** - August 28, 2022 at 03:34 PM