



## Lawrence Merle Hardy

April 11, 1953 - June 9, 2020

Lawrence Merle Hardy passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2020 at his residence in Peoria. Larry was born April 11, 1953 in Webster City, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents Merle Hardy, Jean and Mary Crawford (Hoye), brothers- Mike and Tony Hardy and nephew Dana Hardy.

Surviving are his daughters- Misty Persich and Angela Hardy, both of Peoria and his sister Diane (Hardy) Misener of Dunlap. Nephews-Tod, Derick and Chris. Grandchildren- Noah, Grace, Alaina, Jonah and Skylar.

Larry attended East Peoria High School, graduated from Spalding, then took classes at ICC. He went on to work for Shell Oil- he was stationed in Morgan City, LA and Houston, TX. He also worked for the Peoria and Pekin Railroad. Larry is more known for being the "unofficial plumber" and all around handyman. He married Donna Billiot in 1978 and later divorced.

Larry had a heart like no other. He was kind and loving. Always generous with his time and talents. He could talk endlessly about anything, with anyone. He didn't know a stranger. His humor and laughter (with occasional snorting) was contagious. He was proud of his Irish heritage. Larry loved the outdoors, fishing, swimming, cooking (which will be missed by all), and going to the movies. He mostly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Larry will be missed beyond words, especially by his daughters.

Cremation services were handled by Schmidt-Haller. Anyone who knew him, knows he did not want a tradition funeral. The family will host a celebration of life event in the near future, for all friends and family to attend. Feel free to

connect with either Angela Hardy or Misty Persich via Facebook with any questions.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lawrence Merle Hardy*

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**Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation Services** - August 13, 2024 at 01:19 PM

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“ *Angela Hardy lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Merle Hardy*

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**Angela Hardy** - July 03, 2020 at 12:00 AM