

Larry Gierke

January 22, 1939 - January 16, 2019

Larry Gierke, 79, of Kankakee passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee. He was born on January 22, 1939 in Clifton, the son of Vernon and Irene Vimpeny Gierke. Larry married Judith Johnson on August 20, 1960 at Asbury United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Larry was a Firefighter for the City of Kankakee for 23 years. He enjoyed maintaining his yard, joking around and playing pranks on his family and was a fan of the Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. He loved his animals – especially his Golden Retriever Marti- and being with his family and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Judy Gierke of Kankakee; two daughters Gretchen (Jeff) Stoltz of St. Anne and Lisa Gierke of Kankakee; five grandchildren Kara (Ivan) Vityk of Crystal Lake, Jon Stiverson (Krista Eberle) of Manhattan, David (Amy) Tiburtini of Limestone, Stacy Tiburtini of St. Anne, and Lauren (Jeff) Fox of Tampa, FL; two great grandsons Jaxon and Archer Fox; and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son Larry L. Gierke Jr. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 from 4-8pm at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 11am, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee. Memorials may be made to the family wishes.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens of Memory

1000 N Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Gierke*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Larry. Just saw it in the obituary. Will tell Jerry when I go see him.
Penny & Jerry Noe*

Penny & Jerry Noe - February 01, 2019 at 12:24 PM



“ *I have only met Larry a few times, but have known Judy for years. Larry always to be a really great man. One who was always there for family and friends.*

Hugs, love and prayers to Judy and the family.

*Paula Goodwin
Paperback Reader*

Paula Goodwin - January 27, 2019 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dearest Judy, Gretchen and Lisa
The blessed time we had to make forever lasting memories with our Larry is a pure gift from God. He was a great man and will be remembered by all who knew and loved him. Tim and I sure did!*

Myra Paul - January 23, 2019 at 05:53 PM

KC

“ Dear Judy and Gretchen,

Dick and I would like to extend our sincere sympathy on the loss of your husband and father. I often saw Larry at the KKK Walmart and at Gretchen's home we always had a nice conversation. Larry was kind, what a wonderful character trait.

Sincerely,

Dick and Karen Campbell

Karen A Campbell - January 22, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Hugs and prayers are with you at this sad loss. May God's peace and comfort fill you.

Mary and John Thomson

Mary Quiroz Thomson - January 22, 2019 at 11:14 AM

RL

“ Rhonda Leathers lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke



Rhonda Leathers - January 22, 2019 at 09:00 AM



“ *Kathy Maass Hunger lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Kathy Maass Hunger - January 22, 2019 at 07:06 AM



“ *Dan And Bev Arseneau lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Dan and Bev Arseneau - January 21, 2019 at 09:24 PM



“ *Keegan Bertrand lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Keegan Bertrand - January 21, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ *Aiden Bertrand lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Aiden Bertrand - January 21, 2019 at 07:51 PM

TB

“ *Tim & Rachael Bertrand lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Tim & Rachael Bertrand - January 21, 2019 at 07:50 PM

CS

“ *Judy & Gretchen & Family, my heart goes out to you. It's a very hard thing to go through. I never got the chance to meet Larry but Judy just how you talked about him made me know him through you. You were lucky to have each other. Love & Hugs, Carol Senesac*



Carol Senesac - January 21, 2019 at 06:13 PM

AM

“ *Al May lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Al May - January 21, 2019 at 02:56 PM

PR

“ *Pam Ravens lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Pam Ravens - January 20, 2019 at 03:44 PM

PR

Sympathy and prayers to you and your family Judy. So very sorry for your loss. God Bless, Pam Ravens

Pam Ravens - January 20, 2019 at 03:46 PM

ML

“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU, JUDY AND YOUR FAMILY. MAY BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES OF YOUR LIFE TOGETHER BRING YOU PEACE AND COMFORT.*

MARY LOU (CNUDDDE) MCLEROY

MARY LOU(CNUDDDE)MCLEROY - January 20, 2019 at 01:13 PM



Thank you, dear, he always spoke highly of you. We will all miss him so.

Judy Gierke - January 21, 2019 at 12:32 PM

SW

“ *Judy, I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's death. Not only was he handsome, but he was so nice and such fun. In 1953 he named his new calf "Sandy" after me! I was thrilled!*

*Bless you, Judy
Sandra/Sandy Nicholson Leveque Wilson*

sandra wilson - January 19, 2019 at 08:00 PM

KB

I was saddened to hear of Larry's death. I was hoping he would be at the next class reunion. My condolences to you, Judy, and the rest of your family.

Karen Young Burgett

Karen Burgett - January 19, 2019 at 08:47 PM



Thank you so much, this. helps to hear from all who knew him from school.

Judy Gierke - January 21, 2019 at 12:29 PM

LS

“ *Leroy And Anita Sarowatz lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*

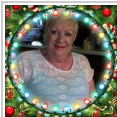


Leroy and Anita Sarowatz - January 19, 2019 at 08:45 AM

GK

“ *Judy and Larry were a fun couple and very complementary to each other! I still remember 42 years ago when Judy saying at our wedding... Still brings happy tears to my eyes life. The city of Kankakee is very fortunate to have such a dedicated firefighter for so many years. I know he's in heaven waiting for you now.*

glendal Kilbride - January 18, 2019 at 04:31 PM



Oh, Glendal, thank you fot your kind words and memories to Larry and me. I still can't believe I'm alone and without him.

Judy Gierke - January 19, 2019 at 05:05 PM

SV

“ *Dear Judy.. Paul and I send our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

Sheila Vakselis - January 18, 2019 at 02:07 PM

JB

“ JUDY AND FAMILY WAS SO SORRY TO READ ABOUT LARRY HE WAS A GOOD PERSON AND WE HAD ALOT OF FUN BACK IN THE GOOD DAYS. OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. God will give you the strength to get through this hard time



jeanne benjamin. - January 18, 2019 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time from the Mather/Mossman family. Many, many great times being spent with Larry and Judy from my childhood are being remembered and cherished. My father truly has a phenomenal friend with him in Heaven now.

Lisa Mather Mossman - January 18, 2019 at 01:44 AM

LM

“ Lisa Mather Mossman lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke



Lisa Mather Mossman - January 18, 2019 at 01:41 AM

DM

“ Deanna And Corey Marcotte lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke



Deanna and Corey Marcotte - January 17, 2019 at 05:09 PM

LS

Dear Judy and family you're all in my thoughts and prayers

Linda Sais - January 18, 2019 at 06:22 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I really enjoyed Larry's company & friendship. We had a lot of good conversations & laughs. My heartfelt sympathy to all of you.*



Marci Gearhart - January 17, 2019 at 04:32 PM

VD

“ *My sympathy, thoughts, prayer, and love for all.*



Virginia R Dominick - January 17, 2019 at 12:38 PM

DL

“ *Debra K Lambert lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Debra K Lambert - January 17, 2019 at 12:11 PM

JJ

“ *Jolinda Jones lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Jolinda Jones - January 17, 2019 at 11:29 AM

JS

“ *Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Larry Gierke*



Janice Shenk - January 17, 2019 at 11:15 AM

JS

So sorry for your loss Judy. Larry was a great guy.

Janice Shenk - January 17, 2019 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ *My sweet Jud he was such a good friend to us we had so much fun in our younger years the baseball games, the snowmobile ride when Russ fell off the backwards off me and you laughed so hard going to dinner going to the movies so many good memories, just too many to mention. Russ loved him like a brother and I'm sure they feeling was mutual. I love you Jud and I know what you're going through I wish I could be there with you but I know your family will take good care of you!*

Christine Mather - January 17, 2019 at 10:45 AM

 Rick
Gilbert

“ *Judy, our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of Larry*

Rick Gilbert - January 16, 2019 at 10:10 PM

RP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Judy and family on the loss of Larry!! You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time! Love, Gary & Rose Marie Piatt*



Rose Marie & Gary Piatt - January 16, 2019 at 09:00 PM