



## Larry E. "Laughing Larry" Hamann

August 12, 1948 - May 19, 2019

Larry E. "Laughing Larry" Hamann, age 70 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, May 19, 2019, at John Cochran VA Medical Center in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born on Thursday, August 12, 1948, in Highland, IL, the son of Henry and Anna (nee Schneider) Hamann.

He was a member of VFW Post #5694, Highland, IL (Past Post Commander 2005-2007); VFW Post #7678 Earl W. Homer, Cottage Hills, IL (Past Post Commander 2002-2003); 12th District VFW Officer (20 years to date); Special Aide to State VFW Commander from 1990 to 1993; and State VFW Assistant Quartermaster for several years.

Larry was born at Highland, IL; grew up at Alhambra and Wood River, IL. He graduated from Wood River High School, Wood River, IL, in 1966. He worked odd jobs until his duty with the US Army; from Feb 1969 to Jan 1971, he served with the US Army 334th Aviation Company, during the Vietnam War. He worked for the Owens Glass Co, Alton, IL and later was a carpenter working for Jack Leitner Construction Co, Edwardsville, and later worked on his own. He enjoyed being a member of the VFW, fishing, camping and as a young man working on cars.

Survivors include:

Son - Tracy E. (Kim) Hamann, Imperial, MO  
Daughter - Teresa A. (Eric) Stacy, Glen Carbon, IL  
Grandchild - Kelsey T. Hamann, Imperial, MO  
Grandchild - Kaylee R. Hamann, Imperial, MO  
Grandchild - Mitchell E. Stacy, Glen Carbon, IL  
Grandchild - Preston M. Stacy, Glen Carbon, IL  
Grandchild - Kevin R. Stacy, Glen Carbon, IL  
Brother - Elmer (Margaret) Hamann, Pfafftown, NC  
Brother - Norman (Judith) Hamann, Moro, IL  
Brother - Harold Hamann, Worden, IL  
Brother - Daune Hamann, Jerseyville, IL  
Sister - Betty (Lawrence) Heffernan, Edwardsville, IL  
Former Wife - Janice M. Schlechte (nee LeBegue) , Worden, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Henry C. F. Hamann  
Mother - Anna M. M. Hamann (nee Schneider)  
Brother - Albert Hamann  
Brother - Junior C. Hamann  
Sister - Loretta A. Meier  
Sister - Irene Kantner  
Sister - Elnora M. Hamann  
Half Brother - Lewis Hamann  
Half Sister - Henrietta Buske  
Half Sister - Alvera Volentine.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00

AM on Friday, May 24, 2019, at Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 24, 2019, at Spengel-Boulangier Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to VFW Post #5694, Highland, IL.

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *In the late 1960's, Larry joined our family as my brother-in-law. He drove a Ford Mustang and owned two beagles (mom-Spanky and son Pokey). I was 6 years old. To this day, I attribute my love of beagles and Mustangs (from the 1960's) to Larry.*

*I have memories of his military service in the Army (Vietnam & Fort Leonard Wood), and I am grateful that he fought for America's freedom.*

*Joyclynn (Joyce Lebegue) Robbs*

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**Joyclynn Robbs** - May 24, 2019 at 10:43 PM

LM

“ *Condolences to the family. R.I.P. Comrade.*

*Larry Miller*

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**Larry Miller** - May 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM

BK

“ *I have many fond memories of Larry and always enjoyed spending time with him. He always had a funny story and was always smiling. You couldn't help but feel good when he was around. His laughter and his friendship will be sadly missed.*

*Bonnie Koehler*



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**Bonnie Koehler** - May 21, 2019 at 04:25 PM

VB

“ Our prayers are with the family, we are going to miss him at the convention in June. Praying for comfort. VFW Post 3480 and Auxiliary

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**vera and Butch Beckwith** - May 21, 2019 at 01:57 PM

BS

“ My brother and I have been through a lot together and always remember when we were little, he never let anyone pick on me and I will miss him a whole lot. He is a angel 😇 looking down on us I love you brother

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**Betty Heffernan (little sister)** - May 20, 2019 at 08:56 PM

KL

“ Rest easy buddy! I will miss you. I'm so glad you got to take that trip to Florida  
Kellie Lewis & Bobby Strobel

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**kellie lewis** - May 20, 2019 at 08:02 PM