



Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar

August 3, 1942 - October 6, 2016

Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar, age 74 of Marine, IL, died Thursday, October 06, 2016, at Saint Luke's Hospital-West in Chesterfield, MO.

He was born August 03, 1942, in Granite City, IL, the son of Joseph and Amelia (nee Makek) Stajduhar.

On February 22, 1964, he married Donetta Robinson at Granite City, IL. She survives in Marine, IL.

He was a member of Fraternal Order of Police Chapter 41.

Larry was born and grew up in Granite City, IL. He graduated Granite City High School in 1960. He joined the US Marine Corps with duty in Okinawa and the Philippines as a Lance Cpl. For 3 years he worked at McDonnell Douglas Aircraft. On 3/28/1966 he joined the Illinois State Police. He retired a Master Sgt. on 1/31/1993. He served in Districts 3 and 11. He retired Area 4 Command as Command Master Sgt. He started the District 11 Evidence Room and managed it for 4 years. Larry remodeled his home, enjoyed reading and working in the garden. He traveled to the Western States and visited the Marine Corps Museum in Virginia. Larry collected Marine Corps memorabilia and he loved his dogs Teddy and Molly.

Survivors include:

Wife - Donetta Stajduhar, nee Robinson, Marine, IL

Daughter - Amy A. Leady, Highland, IL

Son - Christopher L. (Tina) Stajduhar, Salem, IL

Son - William C. (Ginni) Stajduhar, O Fallon, IL

Daughter - Elizabeth M. (Michael) Perigen, Colorado Springs, CO

Daughter - Samantha J. (Tim) Smith, Peoria, AZ

Grandchild - Erica J. Leady, Collinsville, IL

Grandchild - Morgan K. Leady, Highland, IL

Grandchild - S.Sgt. Kory S. (Lindsay) Riegel USAF, Guam

Grandchild - Robert C. Stajduhar, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Kaleb M. Stajduhar, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Nicholas A. Paige, Peoria, AZ

Grandchild - Ethan I. Smith, Peoria, AZ

Grandchild - Kendyl L. Stajduhar, O Fallon, IL

Grandchild - Annabella M. Stajduhar (twin), O Fallon, IL

Grandchild - Victoria A. Stajduhar (twin), O Fallon, IL

Grandchild - Benjamin A. Perigen, Colorado Springs, CO

Grandchild - Isabella A. Perigen, Colorado Springs, CO

Great Grandchild - Kylee A. Riegel, Guam

Great Grandchild - Kole A. Riegel, Guam

Step Grandchild - Lynsey (Jason) Runyon, Olney, IL

Step Grandchild - E-3 Jacob Barcroft USMC, Camp Pendelton, CA

Step Grandchild - James Barcroft, Salem, IL

Step Grandchild - Ben Barcroft, Salem, IL

Step Grandchild - Sam Barcroft, Salem, IL

Step Great Grandchild - Raegan Runyon, Olney, IL

Step Great Grandchild - Branson Runyon, Olney, IL

Brother - Joseph C. (Linda) Stajduhar, Colchester, CT

Sister - Rosemarie Pinkston (twin to Larry), Granite City, IL

Sister - Charlotte (Michael) Nesbit, Surprise, AZ

Brother - Stanley R. (Nancy) Stajduhar, Portland, OR

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Joseph Stajduhar

Mother - Amelia Stajduhar, nee Makek

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Pastor Jamie Lee, officiating.

Interment will be at Marine Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to BackStoppers.

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

OCT **10.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Morning Visitation

OCT **11.** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

OCT **11.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ LONG AGO, SOMEWHERE AROUND 1957 THERE WAS A LITTLE CLICK. WE WEREN'T IN THE A CLICK OR B CLICK WE WERE IN THE NOTHING CLICK. IT WAS LARRY, ME, JOE JACKOVICH, BOB STRONG, AND BOB'S BROTHER DAVE. ONCE WE WENT OUT THE BACK GATE OF THE DEPOT, BOB'S DAD WAS MILITARY. LARRY HAD A OLD BUICK. WE WERE CHASED BY A CARLOAD OF PEOPLE FROM VENICE. I JOINED THE ARMY, LARRY THE MARINES. WE GOT TOGETHER WHEN WE GOT OUT OF THE MILITARY. I WAS A GROOMSMAN IN THEIR WEDDING. LOST CONTACT WHEN HE BECAME A STATE TROOPER. CONNECTED AGAIN WHEN HE CAME BACK TO THE GRANITE CITY AREA. HE HAD 1 CHILD. I MOVE TO ARIZONA. I CALLED AND VISITED HIS HOUSE IN MARINE. BOB, LARRY, AND I GOT TOGETHER FOR THE LAST TIME ON MY DAUGHTER'S FARM IN ROCK FALLS, IL. IN THE EARLY 90'S. JOSEPH JACKOVICH JR.

JOSEPJ JACKOVICH - November 06, 2016 at 10:51 PM

LF

“ *Larry & Ron Pinkston and Angela Votoupal Families purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar.*



Larry & Ron Pinkston and Angela Votoupal Families -
October 10, 2016 at 10:31 AM

ML

“ *Much love, Steve, Michelle & Braeden Lehman purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar.*



Much love, Steve, Michelle & Braeden Lehman - October 09, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ *Gift of Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar.*



October 08, 2016 at 11:33 AM

LS

“ *Love, Sara, Julie, Peter and Michael Stajduhar purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar.*



Love, Sara, Julie, Peter and Michael Stajduhar - October 08, 2016 at 11:16 AM

JL

“ *Joe and Linda purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lawrence I. "Larry" Stajduhar.*



Joe and Linda - October 07, 2016 at 09:17 PM

“ Larry's smile, his sweet giggle, and his sense of humor were his trademark. He loved to read about the American Indians. He had a brilliant mind. There wasn't anything he could not do. He and Donetta remodeled their entire house. It was beautiful! Every year he and Donetta had a beautiful garden. I remember when he brought drum sticks home and he practiced on the kitchen table. It drove my dad nuts! Larry just smiled. He was a hard worker. As a young kid he worked for Wade's Plumbing Company down on the corner from our house on Lee Ave. When they started the digging to build the building you would find Larry right there even before they hired him. His wife, Donetta, and I were school friends. One night she came over and we were going to go to the show and Larry happened to be home. Long story short, he flirted, they dated, and they married and had a wonderful family. When he was in Okinawa and I was in high school, he wrote and told me if I did not go steady in high school, he would make sure I would get my driver's license. I kept my end of the bargain and he kept his but first poor Donetta had to take me out driving doing mostly left turns by order of the boss, Larry. She did. I did. He did. He took me to the DMV to get my license. As the instructor was taking my out for my drive, Larry yells out to me, "If you don't pass, don't come back!" I PASSED! He and my brother Joe decided I was going to learn to ride a two wheel bike. It was a big bike and I was about 5 years old. Did I say it was a big boy's bike. He said is I couldn't ride it I wouldn't be riding any bike. I straddled that bar on the boy's bike and as much as I hurt I did learn to ride that bike. There are so many more memories but those are mine as others have their own fond memories with him. You have left a wonderful legacy in that of your children. I will always love you.

charlotte - October 07, 2016 at 07:38 PM