



Larry X. Besant

March 13, 1935 - March 13, 2012

Larry Xon Besant passed away at his home in Centralia Illinois, Tuesday, March 13, 2012 on his 77th birthday. Larry X. Besant was born in Centralia Illinois, March 13, 1935, the son of the late Marjorie Loyce (Jarboe) and Ben Vern Besant. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Audrey Jean (Hofstetter) Besant and sister Kathleen Margaret Besant. Larry is survived by his five children, Vicki Cameron Besant (OH), Lari Lizbeth Besant (John Magdalenski, CO), Paul Xon Besant (MO), Peter Kean Besant (Donna, KY), and Mary Marjorie Besant (IL); nine grandchildren, Zac Emerson Arcaro (Sera, NC), Audrey Bevin Arcaro (OH), Eva Ray Magdalenski (CA), Eliza Jane Magdalenski (CO), Benjamin Xon Besant (FL), Noah Samuel Besant (MO), Gabriel Besant (MO), Nathan Edward Besant (KY), and Ella Katherine Besant (KY); and one great grandchild, Alice Vivienne Arcaro (NC). Larry was a 1953 graduate of Centralia High School in Centralia Illinois. He attended the Kaskaskia Community College, Denver University, and graduated from the University of Illinois where he also received his Master's degree in Library Science. He served his country in the Air Force for three years prior to becoming a Librarian with Chemical Abstracts in Columbus Ohio. His career as a Librarian then led him to the University of Houston, Ohio State University, Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, and finally to Morehead State University in Morehead Kentucky where he retired as Director of Libraries at Camden Carroll Library in 2006. Larry was an historian, avid fisherman, reader of an eclectic array of literary works, and collector of author Jack London books and

articles. Larry enjoyed traveling and spending time with family. Larry was a good friend to many and led an active and social life. A memorial service will be held at Sutherland Funeral Home in Centralia on Saturday, March 17th, 2012 at 11:00am at the funeral home. A graveside service will be held immediately following at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Donor's Choice and will be received at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I remember Larry from my student days at Ohio State, in the 1970's. I've thought of him often through the years. I'm glad he lived a long, full life, and was loved by family and friends.

Mike Crosby - March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Being a member of the CTHS Class of 1953, I will remember Larry as one of the football players everyone enjoyed watching. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Marilyn Davis Pope, Valencia, CA.

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March 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Without emails and telephone chats from Larry, there will be a Big hole. The times we roomed together at library conferences were always a hoot and blast, often more memorable than the conference. Our adventures in library land amazed both of us. How lucky we all were to have had Larry as a friend!!

Calvin Boyer - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Larry was my first boss at Chemical Abstracts in Columbus. He was a good man and mentor, and I never forgot him. My sincere condolences to his family. ML (Warren) Coombs

Mary Linda Coombs - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JY

“ Prayers going up for Larry's family. He was a good man

Judith Yancy - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Larry was a special friend to me and my family. He was a great influence on us and his genuine concern to help others is how I always think of him.

Scott Smalley - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sending much love to Cam and her family.

Michelle Crossman - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Cam, We are very sorry for your lose. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones. Jose and Mel

Jose L. Antoniano - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ So many of my fondest childhood memories involve the Besant family. Gorging on mulberries in the backyard, sleeping on the screened-in porch in Centralia, watching Monty Python with Larry and Dad on Glencoe Rd....I remember a long summer day, when Mimi and I ran out of constructive things to do. Larry put us to work scrubbing the front porch. We made a terrible mess of things, but I seem to remember Larry rewarding us with homemade vanilla ice cream. Thank you Larry for the beautiful family you and Jean created and for making space for me in your lives.

Jennifer Schwartz Barnett - March 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Larry was a very big part of our muskie club, as well as a great friend. He will be greatly missed.

Vickie Banks - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ To: "Old Good", my dear friend Larry X. Besant. I wish I had the words to express the feelings I have for you and your family. I don't. I can only think back to Glencoe Rd. and Lake Centralia. The endless hours of playing clubs, eating catfish and drinking beer. It was a grand time. Thanks for being my friend Larry. It was both an honor and privilege to know you and I will miss the goodness of your life so very much.

Robert Schwartz - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ So very sorry to learn of Larry's passing. With the utmost respect from a former employee,

Denise Thomas - March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry was an energetic and knowledgeable man who made many worthwhile contributions to the educational and social communities of Morehead. My husband and I will surely miss him.

March 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry was one of the more important people in my life. He was a fantastic mentor to have as I was just beginning in my chosen profession. He remained a true friend through the years.

Tom Kmetz - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ LXB, Gone West! Not alone, but in the company of friends who preceded. May you catch record fish, find great books to read, and join interesting folks in animated conversation. When we get together again, we will continue our eucher games. May God Be With You and Bless You. Rest in Peace.Love, Kenny and Linda Meiners

Kenny and Linda Meiners - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends. May your memories give you strength.

Ronnie & Brenda Purnell - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ There's never, ever enough time to share with friends. Our hearts and prayers are with you so very much now.All our love, Sharon and Gary Austin

March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM