



## Larry D. Friedrich

May 16, 1945 - January 9, 2025

Larry D. Friedrich, 79, of Centralia, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2025 at his home.

Larry was born May 16, 1945 in East St. Louis, IL, the son of Orville and Hazel (Phillips) Friedrich. He married Deborah "Debbie" Wolverton on April 3, 1971 in Villa Grove, IL and she preceded him in death on March 13, 2015.

Larry is survived by two daughters: Shannon McDanel of Centralia and former son-in-law Chris McDanel of Kell, Rebecka Wacker (Jon) of Hoyleton, grandchildren: Dustin Friedrich (Rachel) of Sanford, FL, Dakota McDanel (Amanda Bernal) of Odin, Jacob Norris (Justin) of Mattoon, Joe Wacker (Danielle) of Hoyleton, and K.C. Wacker of Hoyleton; great grandchildren: Madalyn, Harper, River, Keith, Caison, and James; Brothers and sisters-in-law: Donna Miller of Broadlands, Teresa Carney and husband Will of Monticello, and Tracey Pankau and husband David of Effingham; also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents: Orville and Hazel Friedrich, wife: Deborah "Debbie" Friedrich, and a sibling Tommy Friedrich.

Larry was a member of Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Centralia. Larry graduated from SIU with a bachelor's in Horticulture and was a proud Saluki. He was a former member of the American Legion Post 446 and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Larry served in the Marine Corp as a member of Mike Battery 412 during the Vietnam War. He was very active on bringing recognition to Vietnam Veterans. He worked at Warren G. Murray

Developmental Center for several years in the Maintenance department. After retiring from Murray Center, he was a lab courier for Veterinary Reference Lab in Collinsville. Larry traveled a lot through the years, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching movies. Most of all he cherished the time he spent with his family.

Funeral Services for Larry D. Friedrich will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, January 17, 2025 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Burial will follow at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery in Centralia, with Military Rites accorded at the grave by the American Legion post 446 and the V.F.W. Post 2055. A visitation will be held Friday, January 17, 2025 at the Funeral Home from 9:00 am to the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Cemetery Fund or to the Disabled American Veterans, or to Toys for Tots, or any other Veteran's organization of donor's choice and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street in Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Larry's family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com](http://www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com) or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home  
235 N. Sycamore Street  
Centralia, IL 62801

## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry D. Friedrich*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 16, 2025 at 08:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry D. Friedrich.

January 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry D. Friedrich.*



January 14, 2025 at 12:24 PM

MW

“ Larry's father Orville Friedrich and our grandfather LeRoy Friedrich were brothers. We did not know Larry well but I do remember knowing that Larry was a soldier in Vietnam during the mid sixties when I was a little girl. We went to Aunt Hazel's and Uncle Or Ike's to pick grapes from her grape arbor and to see their pet owl in a cage near the dark arbor. My mom, Alice Friedrich Daniels Corson, Larry's cousin, told us about Larry who had gone to Vietnam. I do recall seeing Larry's name listed on a plaque at Zion Hill Church as part of the list of local boys for whom we were to pray. We also remember seeing Larry on the riding mower out at Warren G. Murray during our walks around the big circle. He took fine care of the Murray Center Grounds. Sending our condolences from distant family members and letting you know that we have fond memories of Uncle Orville & Aunt Hazel's colorful place!

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**Mary Walker** - January 12, 2025 at 08:47 PM

RW

*Thank you Mary for your kindness. and Alice should have a monumental birthday coming up and my sister and I wish her well.*

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**Rebecka (Friedrich) Wacker** - January 21, 2025 at 12:28 PM

MB

“ I worked with Larry at Murray Center. He was a character, but I got along with him. My condolences to his loved ones.

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**Margie Barton** - January 12, 2025 at 06:53 PM