



Larry Nichols

December 9, 1946 - January 26, 2025

Larry Nichols, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at the age of 78. He was surrounded by his loving family and side kick, Yadi Mo.

Born on December 9, 1946, Larry brought joy and laughter to everyone he encountered. He served his country with valor as a Marine in the Vietnam War, earning a Purple Heart for his bravery and dedication. After his honorable service, he spent a decade as a radio operator on the Burlington Northern and later worked for 22 years at Whirlpool Appliances in Lebanon, Mo. His journey also led him to a role as a semi-driver for Wayne Carter.

Larry was a man of many talents and passions. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Centralia Orphans, and he had a particular fondness for fried chicken, spaghetti, and steak. His mornings were often spent on the front porch with a cup of coffee in hand, watching the world go by. He delighted in solving Word Search puzzles, playing music, singing, and engaging in friendly card games and shuffleboard matches. He could often be found playing the drums, one of his favorite pastimes.

As a committed member of the American Legion, Moose Lodge, and VFW, Larry found camaraderie and purpose among fellow veterans and community members. His warm spirit and gentle presence will be deeply missed by all

who knew him.

Larry is survived by his devoted wife, Linda Nichols, and his cherished children: Sherry (Nichols) Owens and husband Mike, Penny (Nichols) Brooks and husband Mark, Jesse Nichols and wife Amy, Laura (Brown) Pokojski and husband Johnny, John Brown, Tambour Eller and partner Evie Haberer, Rachele Carr and husband Andy, and Terri DeGraffenreid-Brattin. His legacy lives on through several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, who brought immense happiness into his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer Edward (Adkisson) Nichols and Elna Pauline Amadei Nichols, and his dear sister, Terri Dawn.

Larry will always be remembered for his kindness, resilience, and the love he shared with his family and community.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Larry's life on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at 11:00 am at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 31, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the same location. Memorial Donations may be made to Six-Lemons or the Alzheimer's Association. Contributions may be sent to Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home, located at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Larry's family. Friends and family are welcome to express condolences online by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

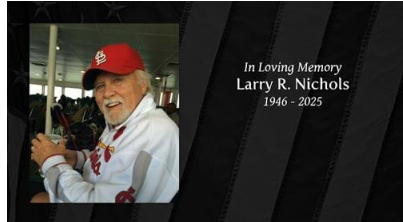
FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



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



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 31, 2025 at 03:20 PM

MP

Great musician, and friend.

Melbourne Lee Presswood - February 27, 2025 at 11:31 AM

MP

“ *Great drummer. I played several gigs with Larry. Always a blast clowning on stage with Larry. He was a musicians musician. Awesome friend! He will be missed.*

Melbourne Lee Presswood - February 27, 2025 at 11:26 AM

JP

“ *Jan Poehelr lit a candle in memory of Larry Nichols*



Jan Poehelr - January 30, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Nichols.*



January 30, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *So sorry for your lose Linda, Penny, & Laura. Prayers to all families.*

Myra Johnson - January 29, 2025 at 06:55 AM



“ *Mary Long lit a candle in memory of Larry Nichols*



Mary Long - January 28, 2025 at 11:00 AM



“ *Charlie Fales purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Larry Nichols.*

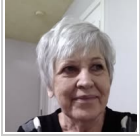


Charlie Fales - January 28, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Charlie Fales planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Nichols.*

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“ *Jane Daugherty lit a candle in memory of Larry Nichols*



Jane Daugherty - January 27, 2025 at 11:35 PM



“ *Janet Finley Huffman lit a candle in memory of Larry Nichols*



Janet Finley Huffman - January 27, 2025 at 09:55 PM