



Larry M. Hettler

September 16, 1948 - March 3, 2021

Larry M. Hettler, 72, of Grand Island passed away on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Service and celebration of Larry's life will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at All Faiths Funeral Home with livestreaming available on All Faiths Funeral Home website. Daniel Naranjo will officiate. Burial will follow in the Grand Island City Cemetery.

There will be a visitation from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Larry was born September 16, 1948, in Grand Island, the only child of Milton and Viola (Meinecke) Hettler. He graduated from Grand Island Senior High, class of 1966. On August 26, 1967, Larry married Mary Ann Lamphear. The couple lived in Colorado and California before making Grand Island their home.

He entered the United States Army on March 11, 1969. After spending his enlistment in Germany, Larry was honorably discharged March 10, 1971.

For over 40 years Larry was employed with Nebraska Machinery Co. a.k.a. Nebraska Caterpillar, formerly Lincoln Equipment. He retired in 2015.

As a member of Grand Island Rifle Club, Larry never missed a gun show. An avid outdoorsman, he had an affinity with nature and animals. He was always happiest while canoeing, hunting, ice fishing or cooking something up "Dutch oven style". He made the best "camp beans" and also collected Coleman Lanterns. His other enjoyments included reading and watching cowboy movies.

Those who will cherish his memory include his daughter, Tammy (Patrick) McLaughlin of Kearney and their sons, Jacob and Connor; son, Jason (Robin) Hettler of Wood River and their sons, Andrew and Mason; and cousins, Teri and Richard DeMers of Florida and Robert and Sandy Meinecke of Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Ann, February 2, 2021; and his parents.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life Service

MAR 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Larry M. Hettler*



All Faiths Funeral Home - March 11, 2021 at 11:17 AM



“ *Larry M. Hettler*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

RH

“ Our hearts go out to Larry and Mary's family. It is with such a sad heart that we write this to you. Jerry is having a difficult time knowing that Larry is gone.

Larry and Jerry stories are non ending. Larry was the brother that Jerry never had.

Their adventures throughout kindergarten, through their senior year were the most memorable. I met Larry in 1966, along with Mary. Always laughing, river trips, so many memories. We didn't keep up our conversations and lives, as we had when we were younger, as we both were busy with families and business. (no one should let life get in the way of relationships. TAKE THE TIME) The last 5 years or so, upon our return to Nebraska each summer, after retirement, we would get together. Last July, as we drove away, past their house to say goodbye, it felt so sad. We now know why, it would be our last visit.

Jerry and Roxanne Hoffer

Roxanne Hoffer - March 25, 2021 at 04:38 PM

DM

“ Sending you all hugs and praying for you. I worked with Larry at Lincoln Equipment, was such a great worker and loved his humor. I was blessed to know Mary and Larry and treasured the times I able to visit with them. Treasure those memories.

Diana McKoski - March 11, 2021 at 03:50 PM

TK

“ With Sympathy and prayers to the family. Larry was the kindest, funniest man that always had a good hunting or cooking story to tell. He will be missed by everyone at Diamond Engineering who always looked forward to having him stop by. Tim Koperski

Tim Koperski - March 11, 2021 at 08:46 AM

CB

“ Larry was the most lovable friend of ours. Always had a great attitude and could keep you smiling. Larry and Mary have been lifelong friends, dating together and married same year. We took many trips to Colorado together, camping and canoeing trips with our children. We will miss him and the phone calls we received at least once a week. Love you, Charles (Buzz) and Jeanne Buswell

Charles and Jeanne Buswell - March 10, 2021 at 05:59 PM

RH

“ Larry was a dear friend of ours and Rod's classmate. I always enjoyed his smile and laugh. He will be deeply missed by all. He talked of his children and grandchildren every time we saw each other. Our sincere sympathy.

Rod & Patty Hooker

Rod & Patty Hooker - March 07, 2021 at 07:12 AM