



Lawrence M Jensen

April 17, 1951 - January 18, 2022

Princeton - Lawrence M. "Larry" Jensen, age 70, of Princeton died at OSF St. Clare Medical Center in Princeton, on Tuesday, January 18, after a valiant struggle with cancer.

Larry was born on April 17, 1951, in Princeton to William and Mary Jensen, the seventh of ten sons. Larry spent his formative years on the family farm where he learned to love all things mechanical and working with his hands. He attended Hopkins and Princeton elementary schools and Princeton High School. He worked for many years for Pioneer Hybrid in Princeton as well as working as an auto mechanic. He had a passion for antique cars and tractors.

Larry is survived by his son Greg (Brittany) Jensen and grandchildren Jillian and Jack of Lowell, Indiana, as well as a grandson, David Janik of Princeton. Also surviving are seven brothers-Bill (Judy) and Greg (JoAnn Sheldon) of Princeton; Bob of Chicago; Jim (Teresa) of Plano; Gary (Deb) of Dublin, OH; Thomas of Tuscon, AZ, and Steven (Pam) of Machesney Park, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his beloved grandson Jacob on January 6, 2022, his daughter, Caroline, his parents, and brothers John and Kevin.

In 1999, Larry underwent cancer surgery which resulted in the loss of the ability to speak clearly, but it could never take away his spirit. Instead, he

learned about the internet, which allowed him to reach out to others and seek out tractor parts, and he completed his GED. In the ensuing years he restored a number of antique tractors that he proudly drove in area parades. Larry was a mechanical whiz with an uncanny knack for diagnosing any mechanical problem one of those old tractors, machines, or cars might develop. He enjoyed working for several farmers in the Princeton area while working on his own equipment. He was also an avid bowler and always enjoyed a good story.

A Celebration of Life for Larry will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Ye Olde Underground Inn, 219 S 6th St, Princeton, IL from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc & Monuments in Princeton.

Condolences may be offered at www.norbergfh.com. Cremation rites accorded.

Cemetery Details

CIMS

400 N. Hightower st.
Peoria, IL 61605

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **21**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ye Olde Underground Inn
216 S 6th Street
Princeton, IL 61356

Tribute Wall

BW

“ *My heart goes out to the Jensen family. Larry was the first person I made friends with back in 1966 when I moved to the area. He will be missed.*

Brian & Luann Webber.

Brian Webber - January 21, 2022 at 02:08 PM

PW

Larry was a dear friend to Kook and me. You will be missed. Tell Kook hi for me.

Paula Wetsel - January 21, 2022 at 09:01 PM

GE

Larry was a fine gentleman and I enjoyed working with him.....and will be missed by many!

George - January 23, 2022 at 12:37 AM

BJ

I've known the Jensen family for as far back as I can remember .. My earliest remembrances of Larry and Greg are the two of them and I'm sure John was a part of the party because we weren't too far from the Ponderosa but rather; Joe Mayer Park where we enjoyed many summers of smelt fry picnics with flowing kegs of cold PBR .A couple of hundred Friday nights at the hitching post and all day Saturday shooting pool.

I spent many memorable moments with Larry and shared a couple of very tragic ones with him as well . We both lost a child . We chatted here on FB or messenger occasionally but I hadn't heard from him since before Covid . I wasn't aware Larry had passed away and wanted to let his brothers, Son and Grands know that your brother, father and Grand dad had been a good man and a good friend. He was worthy of every kind thing written of him and much more. I found Larry to be a very humble man He was also dependable and predictable .

Larry often was 3 thoughts ahead of you in his head before he even struck up a conversation with you and could break into an infectious laughter that would have had you bowling over with laughter yourself sometimes before he could even offer an explanation . " He was a delight on the dance floor" . I had a lot of fun dancing with him. That itself was pretty funny. If you've danced with Larry , you know what i mean. I wished I'd had spoken to him or had seen him recently but confident we'll see each other again . Larry is loved and will be missed and I'm happy to have had him in my life and proud to say he was my friend ; and I was his.

Beverly Judge - March 28, 2022 at 10:34 PM

TJ

*Larry was a violent wife abuser
And he molested me for years
You don't know him
Our mother intimated ' I had the Mumps whilst I carried him'
He ruined at least 3 lives.
Thomas*

Thomas Andrew Jensen - July 31, 2025 at 08:52 PM