



Lawrence A. Hertel

April 11, 1946 - March 17, 2024

Age 77 of Depew, NY. Born April 11, 1946 passed away peacefully on March 17, 2024. Beloved husband of 53 years to Elizabeth A. (nee Reformat) Hertel; loving father of Laurie (Frank) McQueeney and Carrie (late Kenneth) DiGesare; cherished grandfather of Evan, Dominic, and Andrew; caring brother of Raymond (Lin) Hertel; predeceased by sister Donna Collins; dear brother-in-law of Anne Marie (Ron) Grover, and Joyce (Dan) Herbeck; also survived by many wonderful nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Friday April 5th from 3PM – 7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday at 10AM in St. Philip the Apostle R.C. Church, 950 Losson Rd., Cheektowaga. Please assemble at Church. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Larry's name to the St Philip the Apostle Veterans Committee.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227
(716) 668-3122
<https://smolarekfh.com/>

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Funeral Mass

APR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Church
950 Losson Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

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Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

CE

“ *Beth and Family,*

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Larry. It was a pleasure to get to know him at Empower FCU and to talk bingo with him. I'm going to miss those conversations and him asking me "Are you going Friday? The money is high this week". He was a wonderful guy and he will truly be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Christina Escobar

Christina Escobar - April 07, 2024 at 01:56 AM

BA

“ Larry was a dear friend of mine for many years. We were stationed together in the USAF at Bentwaters RAF England, 1968 to 1970, with Beth his lovely wife.

I want to express to Beth my incalculable and profound sympathy, and to let her know my deep love and affection for both Larry and his family. I had just recently talked with him a few days before his passing, via text, he was telling me about all the snow they were having.

It is with deep regret and sorrow to learn of his death. I've lost a dear friend, and old Air Force buddy, we lived in the same barrack, worked in the same building, for almost 2 and a half years.

I could say more about my dear friend, but I won't.

Farewell my dear friend, may flights of angels take thee to thy rest.

Read (Proverbs 16:17)

*Bob and Dell Addison
Hampton Virginia*

P. S. Larry and Beth stayed at my house while traveling to Florida to see their daughter. I will miss him.

Bob Addison - April 06, 2024 at 12:44 PM

ER

“ *Dear Beth, Sending my deepest sympathy in the passing of your beloved Larry. He was such a kind and caring man. I will truly miss seeing him at all the church functions especially our bingo nights. I am so sorry I will not be able to attend his wake and funeral Mass as I am out of town. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Keep all of your memories of him close to your heart and he will always be there. Take care, Elaine Rudnicki (St. Philip's Bingo Committee)*

Elaine Rudnicki - April 04, 2024 at 04:21 PM

MP

“ I wish to extend my deepest condolences to Larry's wife, Elizabeth, and his children, Laurie, Carrie and his many relatives and friends I first met Larrie over sixty-six years ago when we played Little League Baseball.



A few years later I ran into him at St. Joe's. In our Senior Year we got to know each other much better, as we talked about the "old days" growing up in the Riverside and Black Rock area. After graduation we both went our separate ways and did not meet up again until our 50th high school graduation anniversary. I remember vividly how we sat next to each other at one of our reunion luncheons some years ago, and at that time we reminisced about the wonderful years which occurred in the Riverside neighborhood. Coincidentally Larry's and my life seemed to mirror each other. Both of us served in the armed forces during the same years, we each went to a junior college (ECC and NCC) and both finished our undergraduate years at University of Buffalo. We both agreed that those early years were some of the best times of our lives, and we both missed those wonderful days.

Larry was not only a gifted athlete, but he had a gift of likability. Larry, you made life worth living, and thank you for the many years that you shared with us. I know that you will rest in peace!
Michael Pachla

Michael Pachla - April 03, 2024 at 10:24 PM

MB

“ Michele Backes purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence A. Hertel.



Michele Backes - April 03, 2024 at 09:06 AM

TM

“ I met Larry about four months ago at a Social Club gathering held at St. Philip the Apostle church. He was very active in several church organizations. A friendly, easy to talk to guy. I am so sorry for the families loss. Rest in peace Larry.

terrence morrissey - April 01, 2024 at 05:16 PM

J'

“ Larry and I took classes together, we played ball together and, upon his return to the Buffalo area, we played golf together. He saw life through a positive lens, had a rich affinity for the Sox and his beloved Bills, and was a loyal attendee at our St. Joe's gatherings. Above all else, he treasured his family and would readily share his pride with any. I will miss his laughter, his optimism and his willingness to help. But, I will hold dear the memories that we shared. My sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

James F. Duggan '64 - April 01, 2024 at 09:53 AM

LT

“ Beth, we were so shocked to hear of Larry's passing. It's hard to express our sincere condolences to your family. There's a lot of memories from Topsfield Ln., and a bunch of good times. May God Bless you all and keep you safe from harm.

Linda & William Townsend - March 26, 2024 at 03:17 PM

RP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Family and friends of Mr. Hertel. I remember him from birthday parties of his daughter Laurie. He and his wife always made us feel warm and welcomed when we spent time with his children. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Rest in Peace Mr. Hertel until we meet again Raquel Portera-Kuntz.*



Raquel Portera-Kuntz - March 25, 2024 at 12:03 PM