



Larry M. Gourley

October 6, 1943 - April 16, 2016

Larry M. Gourley, 72, of Reidsburg, passed away on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Clarion Hospital.

He was born on October 6, 1943 on the Gourley family farm in Reidsburg; the son of Paul and Lulu Elder Gourley.

Larry graduated from Clarion High School in 1961 and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving 8 years.

He was married to Penny Custer on March 15, 1975, and she survives.

Larry retired from Owen's Illinois in Brookville after working 35 years. He also raised beef on the family farm.

He was a member of the Cornerstone Church of Clarion. Larry was also a member of the American Legion Post 066 of Clarion.

Larry enjoyed attending naval reunions for the U.S. Mispillion AO-105.

He also enjoyed watching sports, attending football and basketball games with his friends, and shooting pool.

Larry is survived by his wife, three daughters, Melissa Custer of Rimersburg, Paula Haines and her husband Ronald of Sligo, and Misty Gourley of Sligo, three grandchildren, Tanner Custer, and Amber and Dylan Haines, two great grandchildren, Azlia and Aiden Custer, two sisters, Garnett Thomas of Florida and Mona Rader of Limestone, a brother, Joseph Gourley and wife Evelyn of Reidsburg, and his cat Jake.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

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Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion and also from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, at the Cornerstone Church in Shippenville where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. John Green pastor presiding.

Military honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post 066 of Clarion at the Church.

Interment will be in the Cedarview Memorial Park in Strattanville.

Memorials or donations can be made in Larry's name to Clarion Paws, P.O. Box 804, Clarion, PA 16214 or the Cornerstone Church of Clarion, 3655 East End Road, Shippenville, PA 16254.

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Tribute Wall



“ *John Barty lit a candle in memory of Larry M. Gourley*



John Barty - September 25, 2020 at 02:04 PM

DC

“ *I was so sorry to here of Larry's passing. Larry was friendly, fun and kind to everyone in school. Larry made contact with me and made sure I knew about our 50th class reunion in 2001, and it was so much fun to see Larry again, meet his wife, Penny and to enjoy seeing classmates again! Paul and I send our deepest Sympathy and our Prayers to Penny and all of Larry's family.*

Dona Chantrey - May 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *I just learned through my sister who was in touch with Garnett Gourley by Facebook about Larry. He was a classmate and I always enjoyed seeing him at our reunions and during our Clarion visits. Larry organized most of our class reunions and was a wonderful master of ceremonies. My wife Lydia also got to know Larry and we both send our condolences to his family. Larry was a great person and we will miss him.*

Dan Still - April 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Dear Penny, Misty, and family of Larry, I am deeply sorry for your loss. It has been a gift to know Larry, and all of you. His heart and generosity will never be forgotten. Love and prayers to you all.

Bud Tristano - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ Sending our heartfelt sympathy to Penny and family. Your in our thought's and prayers.

Roy and Peach King - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our sincere sympathies from the Flemings. My father (Casey) and I always loved talking to Larry, and usually in buck season. His and Windy's hunting stories always made ours seem guide boring. Always will remember his great smile. Gods speed my old friend.

Dan / Neva Fleming - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Dearest Penny I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. Larry had a big heart and as you know, was so kind and extended himself to our grandmother in her times of need. My best to you and your family in this difficult time.

Carol Tristano - April 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So sorry to learn that another member of the Class of '61 has passed. Larry provided us with many moments of laughter. My sincerest sympathies to the Gourley family.

Sylvia Shook Flynn - April 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Gone but not forgotten. Rest in peace.*

Gary - April 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *I will always remember Larry as a generous and humorous cousin, but also as a grounding force for my mother in the last few years of her life. He called her regularly to talk about anything and particularly the events and people of Clarion County. This was such a gift to her that I will always be grateful to Larry. My thoughts to all his family.*

Randy McMunn - April 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Prayers for your family*

Melisa Reitz - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *Thinking of you all and sending my deepest sympathy. Larry was a faithful friend (and nephew) to my mother for many years. Every week he called her to fill her in on the latest news or just to talk, to fill her time. He was compassionate, considerate and funny....one of the good guys! We will all miss him.*

Gayle McMunn - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ We knew Larry from time of his birth since he was born in neighborhood where my family (Clayton) lived and our families attended Monroe Chapel Methodist Church. Our comfort at a time such as this is in knowing Larry has been set free from all the infirmities and limitations that are a part of life in such a world as this. We are further comforted in the assurance of reunion eventually with loved ones and friends who have preceded us into the presence of our Lord Who promised He would prepare a place for us (John 14). May the living and loving presence of our Lord be real to you each day as He tarries in His return to this needy world.

Clayton & Jean Harriger - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ We always looked to Larry to keep us informed as to what was going on in the family. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are will all of the family. Sorry that we can not be there.

Pat and Dick Kraft - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Penny, Misty and family,
We are saddend to hear of Larry's passing. We have shared many good times with you at the Mispillion reunions. We are sending our thoughts and prayers to you, your family and friends. He will be remembered fondly. He was a great guy.May he rest in Peace until we meet again. Hugs to all.MW7

Richard and Patti Handt - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Larry was a great friend and shipmate, Larry and I have remained friends, and stayed in touch throughout the years. Rest in peace Larry.

Your Friend
Gary Jones

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EE

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Eric and Linda Elder - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ So sorry for your loss Misty, I will keep you in my prayers- will prayer for peace, strength, and courage for you and your family. Love you! Kim Smith

Kim Smith - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ RIP my freind

lester villella - April 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Worked with Larry at O-I many years; also knew him from ABF class; great guy! Will miss you my friend; RIP. Prayers to family.

Patt Thrush - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *s not in his division, but remember his name. I was a bt. I am saddened to hear of the loss of a shipmate, from the USS Mispillion. I will be praying for the family.*

charles w. mccooy - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. If you need anything we are up the raod!*

Darla and Eric Fox - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was a wonderful and caring man. He will be missed by many. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers! If you need anything just let us know! Our deepest sympathy*

Rob and Dawn Elliott - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Penny, Missy, Paula and Misty, my heart goes out to you all. Love and hugs*

Cheryl Phillips Blackman - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ *So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Many fond thoughts of the Curlls and the Gourley's farming side by side. My deepest sympathies.*

Jayne daugherty - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My prayers to the family for their loss, I will always remember Larry for his sense of humor, and his picking on me every time I saw him, and I am very guilty of picking on him too. I have known him since we were kids and I will miss him. You folks are in my thoughts.*

Brenda Shirey Conner - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM