



Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown

December 17, 1949 - June 15, 2021

Lawrence E. Brown, 71, of Huntley, took his last breath in his home early on the morning of June 15, 2021, with his loving wife, Deborah O'Neill by his side.

Lawrence (Larry) was born at Ingalls Hospital in Harvey, IL on December 17, 1949. He grew up in Riverdale and attended Thornton High School in Harvey. He attended Knox College in Galesburg for a short time before answering the call to become a firefighter. Larry started his firefighting career in Dolton and retired from Arlington Heights Fire Department after 31 years of serving the community. In his spare time, Larry was also a jack of all trades and completed several projects that included roofing, siding, carpentry, plumbing, electric, flooring, and much more. He had an impressive collection of tools that consumed his garage space where he would spend hours rewiring, retooling, and repurposing just about anything he could find. Larry was a softball enthusiast who played and coached for several years including when he led the Orchids to several championships in the Tri-City girl's softball league before moving to Arlington Heights. Larry also loved bowling and was an avid fisherman. He was loved and will be missed by his wife, children, siblings, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie; children, Janine (Anthony) Tribuzio, Kari (Scotty) Krieg, Nicole (Kevin) Grelecki, Shannon O'Neill, and Chloe Gonzales

(Pheonix Cheatham); grandchildren, Anthony (Holly) Tribuzio, Angela & Nicholas Tribuzio; Jessup & Bryar Krieg, Sophia & Charlotte Grelecki; Samantha Jovicevic; and Kaydance Rapp; siblings, Judy Perry, Sandy Crosson, Ray Donald Brown, and Mikel (Barb) Brown; and his loving companions, Scooter & Paige.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Roger and Dorothy (Spyier) Brown; brother-in-law, Bud Perry.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on July 17, from 12 Noon - 2 PM at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. in Huntley. A reception will follow at his home.

Inurnment will be at St. Mary Cemetery in Huntley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Larry's name may be directed to the Animal House Shelter, 13005 Ernesti Rd., Huntley, IL 60142

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

Dean Street
Huntley, IL

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 17. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *To Jan, Kari, Niki & Debbie,*

My condolences to you all upon the passing of Larry. A very quiet, talented and reserved man with a heart of gold, Larry was a hard person to get to know, but once the barrier was broken one could not ask for a more giving person. Larry (#102) and I worked together at AHFD as well as on our days off together doing remodeling and construction for many years. His abilities and talents were amazing, as well as his abilities as a fireman, humble and thorough. Larry assisted in rebuilding my first home and asked for nothing in return. Fishing trips to the north woods of Wisconsin were filled with laughter and good times.

Over time our interests took different paths and time spent together were less and less frequent, but I was always able to call on him when I needed a hand or had a question, while doing the same for him. It was great to talk with him a few months back and reminisce of times past, families, work, retirement, fishing and Girl Scout cookies 😊.

Until our paths cross again my friend, may God's hand keep you well.

Tom Whitt #86

Friend & Retired AHFD

Thomas J Whitt - July 17, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown.*



July 16, 2021 at 09:42 AM



“ *Your Genoa Animal Hospital Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown.*



Your Genoa Animal Hospital Family - July 13, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown.*



July 13, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Savannah, Hope, Brian, Jessica, Dominic, Ava, purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown.*



Savannah, Hope, Brian, Jessica, Dominic, Ava, - July 12, 2021 at 02:38 PM

SL

“ A fire apparatus engineer is a specialty position in the fire service, one Larry had to test to achieve. For many years Larry was a bright Engineer getting the right volume and pressure of water to his nozzle team at fires. He also kept his crew safe enroute to and from emergency calls. Larry was a bright engineer who kept his crew safe. As a young firefighter I worked for Larry on our off duty days. He shared some of his trade knowledge with me ... I appreciated that he always paid on time and in full. He was good that way. His wedding gift to me and Elisabeth was a roof repair. He just showed up out of the blue one day and took care of it. God bless him and may he rest in peace.

Steve Landt

Steve Landt - June 24, 2021 at 11:45 AM

DO

Thank you Steve for sharing your memories of Larry.

Debbie O'Neill - July 01, 2021 at 02:16 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" E. Brown.



June 19, 2021 at 08:22 PM

DJ

“ *My sincere condolences.*

Larry was a fellow firefighter who shared many tricks on how to install a skylight. He was always willing to help. Always. I wish we had more like him.

*Don Johnson FFPM
Retired 2000*

Don Johnson - June 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM

JA

Thank you Don

Janine - June 19, 2021 at 03:50 AM

SU

“ *I remember when Debbie and I first met Larry. We were having our after work beer out in front on Tinnerella in Streamwood and he moved in. We invited him to join us and the rest is history!*

sueobrien - June 17, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DE

I feel so blessed that he "moved in". We had 21 beautiful years together.

Debbie - June 23, 2021 at 11:21 PM

DB

“ *When we were young Larry and I worked for the family business Brown Roofing Company started by our grandfather, Edward Brown. Many good memories.
Rest In Peace, cousin.*

David Brown - June 16, 2021 at 08:07 PM

JA

I always wondered where his middle name came from. Thank you David. - Janine

Janine - June 17, 2021 at 01:51 AM