



## Larry Simonsen

February 26, 2023

Larry Lee Simonsen, a lifelong resident of Hessel, Michigan died, Sunday, February 26, 2023, at the age of 80. He passed peacefully, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on October 30, 1942, in, Holland, Michigan.

Larry grew up in Holland, Michigan and was one of six children to Simon and Fanny (Sweringa) Simonsen. Larry was a devoted family man being married to Robbie for fifty-eight years. He had two daughters, five grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. He took great joy in the outdoors with his hunting dogs. He was an avid hunter and fisherman as well as a trapper in his earlier years.

Larry graduated from Holland Michigan in 1960. He later moved to Cedarville, Michigan after he graduated with his parents where he worked for Red Easterbrook. He became a certified Master Marine Mechanic for OMC and worked at Mertaugh Boat Works for twenty years and fifteen years at Cedarville Marine. During his time at the Mertaughs, Larry was known as music man because he always had country music playing while he worked. He was extremely proud of his achievements as a OMC mechanic and was always willing to help others that wanted to learn the trade. To this day, people remember the little things he did for them at Mertaughs when they needed something "out of the ordinary" and Larry knew how to fix it.

Larry was an avid street rodder traveling with a group of fellow street rodders to various events. The group of street rodders (4 couples) have been riding together for over 10 years.

Larry is survived by his wife Robbie of Hessel; daughters, Rebecca (Ray) of Petoskey, and Camille (Ross) of Cedarville; grandchildren, Ross John of Cedarville, Matt and Samantha of Cedarville, Rachele of Cedarville, and Zachary of Allendale; great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Sadie Rose, Natalie, and Israel. Larry is also survived by his sister Lori DeJonge of Holland, Sheryl Atkinson of Manistee, Jean Vandenbrink of St. Ignace; brother-in-law, Harley Robinson of Harrisville; and many nieces and nephews from both sides of the family.

Larry was preceded in death by his grandson, Joshua Coveyou; parents, Simon and Fanny Simonsen; brother, Wayne Simonsen; and sister, Vickie Robinson.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to: Dr Teklinski and Hospice Home Health.

Galer Funeral Home of Pickford, Michigan, is service the family. Condolences may be left to the family at [www.galerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.galerfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Simonsen*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Larry Simonsen*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Dear Robbie & family, I am so sorry for your loss. Love, hugs and heart felt prayers coming your way. We didn't know Larry was ill. The St. Ignace. News mentioned his passing. Dixie & Wayne Johnston*

**Dixie Johnston** - March 11, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the family. We will always remember the fun times we had together and the salmon meals!*  
*Bruce and Linda Johnson*

**Linda Johnson** - March 04, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Robbie, I am so sorry to hear about Larry( the old fart) hugs and prayers. Margaret*

**margaret crawford** - March 02, 2023 at 08:47 AM

KS

“ I remember how tall Larry always seemed to me when Robbie was our daycare. They were a special couple and I continue to think of them, all these years later. How wonderful to have shared 58 years together and all that entails. Robbie, hold tight the memories and lean on your girls.

Kay (Krage) Schnabel - March 01, 2023 at 10:07 AM

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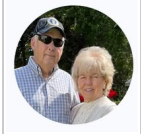
Kay (Krage) Schnabel - March 01, 2023 at 10:08 AM

JB

So sorry,Robbie of your loss. It was a shock for me to hear of his passing after all he went through. You have a lot of good memmories. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you. ❤️🙏



Jeti Barr - March 03, 2023 at 07:59 AM



“ So sad to hear about Larry. He helped us with one of our many boat problems over the years. He sure will be missed by many! He was a special fellow for sure!

Phyllis Cox - March 01, 2023 at 09:20 AM

SM

Robbie and family, Jim and I were so saddened to hear of Larry's passing. Prayers for peace and comfort in these coming days ahead to you and your family. Thinking of you.

Sally Messenger - March 01, 2023 at 09:51 AM

KS

Robbie, So sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you and family. Will always remember your kind friendship over the years.

Kathleen Shiplett - March 02, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MT

“ *Camis, Ross and family: I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Give my best to your Mom. Aunt Mar.*

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**Marlene Thornton** - February 28, 2023 at 05:19 PM

 Michelle  
Dirling-  
Reynolds

“ *Michelle Dirling-Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Larry Simonsen*



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**Michelle Dirling-Reynolds** - February 28, 2023 at 03:58 PM

MP

“ *Thoughts and prayers go out to Larry, Bobbi, family and friends at this time.*

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**Mike Pratt** - February 28, 2023 at 11:18 AM

RN

“ *I have so many great memories of Uncle Larry, but the one that stands out the most is when my late husband( Michael) hung his under garments from Grandma and Grandpa's flag pole on the lake when we were all swimming ( my uncle was such a prude so very private) that certainly broke the ice! I never remember my Grandma laughing so hard! RIP Uncle Larry.....*

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**Rhonda Martin (a niece)** - February 28, 2023 at 11:10 AM