



Mr. Larry John Hilliker Sr.

January 20, 1953 - March 19, 2020

Larry Hilliker was born in Port Huron, Michigan on January 20th, 1953, the same day that Dwight D. Eisenhower was inaugurated, and he had a letter from the former-president to prove it.

One of twelve, he was raised in Sparlingville, MI by Phillip, a WWII vet and local deacon, and Marjorie (Hanks) Hilliker, a homemaker with a full-time job by anyone's estimation. Larry graduated from Port Huron High School in 1971. In 1972, he married Nancy Bright and in 1976 his only child, L. John Hilliker, Jr. was born. He and Nancy separated later.

Larry was a true jack-of-all-trades, working various jobs in construction, in a butcher's shop, and at a local video rental store. He met his future wife, Patricia, in 1981, when he was her cab driver.

By her account, she was initially uninterested but eventually charmed by his humor and good nature. In May of 1983, they made the commitment to love and annoy each other for life and for almost 37 years he was her "Silly Little Man". Later in life, they shared two grandkids, Katie and Kevin, who he treasured and spoiled immensely. In his "retirement", Larry lived a life he loved. In 2010, he and Pat moved to Sumterville, Florida, and he spent almost every day outside golfing or helping friends with projects. More recently, he worked at a baseball diamond, where he generously sponsored numerous kids who might not have played otherwise. When he finally did come inside, he enjoyed watching Live PD and Alaskan Bush People with his wife, grandson, and dog best friend, Bella. He was a good, funny man; the first to show up when you needed help and the type of person to call you up just to share the joke he'd read on a Popsicle stick.

On March 6th, 2020, Larry suffered a ruptured aneurysm and was hospitalized. In the following days, he impressed neurologists and family alike with his strength and tenacity. He later slipped into a coma and passed peacefully in his sleep on March 19th, 2020, after spending the day surrounded by family.

He is survived by his loving wife; son and daughter-in-law; two grandchildren, and his dog. His memory is best preserved in the giving of hugs to your family, laughs to your friends, and kindness to strangers.

Larry was preceded in death by his brother, Bill Hilliker.

Services were private. Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home, 1634 Lapeer Avenue, Port Huron.

Memorial tributes may be made to the Port Huron Little League.

To view the obituary and share memories, please visit www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

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“ I will always Remember the phone call Larry was on in the truck after we had dinner, he said it was a camel 🐪 jockey. Th camel 🐪 jockey said some choose word the Larry and I was dying laughing 🤪 out 🤪. Rest In Peace Larry.

JackieKoon - November 26, 2020 at 11:57 AM

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“ Larry always made you smile, no matter your mood. He was so much fun. We will miss you, our friend.

Dawn Vollmer - September 13, 2020 at 03:43 PM