



William "Lynn" Heraty

December 13, 1946 - October 28, 2019

William "Lynn" Heraty, age 72, of Harsens Island, passed away on October 28, 2019. He was born on December 13, 1946, in Detroit.

He graduated from McKenzie High School. He served in the USMC and was wounded at Khe Sanh. After Vietnam, he settled on Harsens Island, and on December 25, 1971, he married the love of his life, Deborah Heraty (nee Hinsley). He served 23 years on the Harsens Island Volunteer Fire Department. Early in life, he had several different jobs and never really liked any of them. His final 29 working years were spent at Champions Auto Ferry, which he never really considered a real job. Once retired, he and Debby loved to spend winters in Cape Coral, Florida, and he loved his friends there.

Prior to settling on Harsens Island, he spent his childhood summers at his Grandparents Lynn and Mary Jewell's cottage on the flats. He loved Harsens Island, boating, the water, his family and sports, particularly golf. Despite never hitting the lottery, he never stopped trying, If you were his family or friend, you hit the lottery. And, if he knew you, he considered you a friend. He is survived by his wife Deborah, son and daughter-in-law; Lynn and Mellisa, granddaughter, Elyse, brother Richard Heraty (Chris) , sister, Mary Sparkman (Greg), and brother-in-law, Paul Minnich.

He is predeceased by his parents; Richard and Frances Ruth Heraty, and sister, Theresa Minnich.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, if so inclined.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Arrangements in care of Jowett Funeral Home – 57737 Gratiot, New Haven.
View obituary and share memories at www.jowettfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Lynn was always a kind, thoughtful and comical friend and neighbor. He and Debbie lived behind me for a few years along with his parents. You could always count on Lynn! Sending prayers to the family

Louise Dupage Ouellette - October 31, 2019 at 04:29 PM

JB

“ Lynn, you will be so missed by so many, especially your Cape Coral friends. The “Pit” will never be the same without you, and your socks! Randy and I are sad we didn’t get to see you down there one last time. Rest In Peace, friend. Deb, you are in our hearts and prayers. ❤️ Hope to see you soon, my friend.
Love,
Jan and Randy

Jan Bouma - October 31, 2019 at 02:43 PM

LW

“ One of the most kind ,caring and thoughtful people I have ever known. Prayers to the family.

Lorraine Weaver - October 31, 2019 at 01:45 PM

LH

“ Larry has known Lynn since he was a toddler, visiting grandma and grandpa on the island. When Lynn was a young man he worked for Larry and they forged a strong connection. Everyone loved Lynn's constant good humor. Our condolences to Debbie and Family.

Larry and Pat Havens - October 31, 2019 at 08:52 AM

AH

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lynn. He was a wonderful man who loved his family. I had the pleasure of working with Debby in kindergarten and also taught their son Lynn. All of them such a kind, loving family. I send my prayers, hugs and kisses to all. Sincerely,
Annetta Halkias (Voorhees)

Annetta Halkias - October 30, 2019 at 10:13 PM