



## Larry Ronald Admire

November 9, 1936 - February 3, 2017

Dateline: Alton

Larry R. Admire, 80, passed away peacefully at 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 3, 2017 at his home with his family by his side under the loving care of OSF St. Anthony's Hospice. Larry was born November 9, 1936 in Jerseyville to the late Ray and Juanita (Green) Admire. The family moved to Alton and he attended Alton schools, graduating from Alton High School in 1954. Following his graduation from high school he enlisted in the Army and proudly served for two years, most of the time in Germany. Upon his return he attended Shurtleff College, and was employed by Owens Illinois Mold Manufacturing, and Retail Credit, before beginning his 34-year career as a State Farm Agent with an office in Bethalto. He retired in December 2006. He was an avid bowler, tennis player, golfer, and bird hunter. He was active in the community, serving with the Alton/Godfrey rotary Club, the Optimists, an officer with the Regional Growth Association. He served on the board of directors of the Alton/Wood River Sportsman's Club, Lockhaven Country Club, and the Lewis and Clark Community College Booster Club. He and Barb currently belong to Westlake Country Club. On February 14, 1984 he married the former Barbara Cobeck. They enjoyed almost 33 very happy years together. She survives. Also surviving are three sons, two daughters and a step-daughter. Todd (Mary Pat) Admire of St. Louis; Jud Admire of Alton; Stacey Semanisin (Adele Langlois) of Sugar Land, TX; R. Scott Admire of Alton; Shannon Admire-McDill of Alton;

and his step-daughter, Julie (Chris) Childs of Louisville, Mississippi. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren: Ian Admire of Rosewood Heights; Ryan Admire (Michelle Diaz) of Edwardsville; Tyler (Katie) Admire of Prairietown; Justin Admire (Leah Kiger) of Greenfield; James Semanisin (Brittany Bessiere) of Marietta, Georgia; Jessica Semanisin (Mike Corbin) of Marietta, Georgia, Riley Semanisin; Lucas Admire and Genna Admire of Alton; Patrick McDill of Fort Bragg, NC; Jameson McDill of Alton and two step-grandchildren: Molli Childs and Tanner Childs of Louisville, Mississippi; Adele's two children, Michlynn and Dylan Langlois of Texas and Leah's son, King. Also surviving are three great-granddaughters, Anslie Semanisin of Marietta, Georgia, Kylie Semanisin of Marietta, Georgia, and Coraline Admire (due March 15th) of Edwardsville. He is also survived by two very special nieces, Kelli Schenk Thompson (Charley), and Jodie Schenk Krueger (Eric Brand) and their families. He is also survived by Chloe, a special Westie and many dear friends. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Shirley Admire in March of 2014, and Carol Admire in May of 2015. We would like to thank all the wonderful health professionals that have taken care of Larry. Especially Dr. Michael Adams, Dr. Elaine Majerus, Dr. Maria Gonzales Mayda, the nursing staff at Alton Memorial and Barnes. The Home Health Care Team of OSF St. Anthony's especially Marcia, Trish and so many more, and finally the Hospice Team at OSF St. Anthony's especially Jess and Amber. A memorial visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Private burial will be held at Valhalla Memorial Park with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Memorials may be made to the 5A's Animal Shelter, or the Myelodysplastic Syndrome Foundation (MDS), 4573 South Broad Street, Suite 150, Yardville, NJ 08620. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Ronald Admire*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Larry Ronald Admire*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I just saw that Larry passed away. For several years in the late 70's, we were across the hallway neighbors in an apartment building on Washington Avenue in Alton. He was a great neighbor. I also knew Carol as we were in the same high school graduating class. She was a wonderful person too. My condolences to the Admire family.*  
*Lola Maddox*

**Lola Maddox** - February 10, 2017 at 01:22 PM



“ *Dear Todd, Jud, Stacy, Shannon and your families-- I am very sorry to hear about your Dad. I always recall Larry coaching us as the Cardinals, on the baseball field at Henry St. diamonds. He was always quick with an encouraging comment and smile. The times spent on 16th Street, at Central, in Middletown, and Fosterburg - what a great way to grow up. I am sorry I am not in town to see you guys but my heart is with you. All the best to your family. -- Pat and Meg Miller family*

**Pat and Meg Miller** - February 08, 2017 at 06:55 PM

LJ

“ Barb - I wanted to be able to see you at the memorial but was not possible today. I am so very sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful guy - loved playing golf with you and Larry at Westlake. He will be truly missed but his bubbly personality will live on forever. God Bless Ya - Keep in Touch - Linda & Bob Jones

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**Linda Jones** - February 08, 2017 at 06:17 PM

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“ *Admire Family -*

*My deepest prayers and condolences go out to all family during this most difficult time. As I've experienced my own losses with both parents, family is everything in life. I have good memories with the Admire's growing up in Alton, Alton High, playing sports, weekend parties, and most of all - playing with Todd in "The Avon Ladies". I know Larry was a good man, father, and husband. Take this time with family together and share the special stories and memories from all the years. You're all in my thoughts.*

*Kevin St. Cin*

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**Kevin St. Cin** - February 08, 2017 at 02:25 PM

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“ *The Home Depot - District 307 purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.*



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**The Home Depot - District 307** - February 07, 2017 at 03:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.



February 06, 2017 at 07:59 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.



February 06, 2017 at 04:11 PM



“ *Stacey S. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray* for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.



**Stacey S.** - February 06, 2017 at 01:23 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.



February 06, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.*



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February 06, 2017 at 10:05 AM



“ *The Home Depot purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Ronald Admire.*



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**The Home Depot** - February 06, 2017 at 09:07 AM



“ *Blessed to call this funny, generous, sweet guy my Father in Law.. well really, outlaw... here he is with his Chloe! We laughed more than we cried over these past 20 + years but we are crying now. Jesus keep him until we see him! Love you Larry Admire*



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**Mary Admire** - February 05, 2017 at 02:18 PM