



Larry L. Reid

October 4, 1939 - December 17, 2021

Larry L. Reid died Friday, December 17, 2021 at the age of 82 at his home in Alton, IL. Born October 4, 1939 in Alton, he was the son of Roy and Louise (Wardlow) Reid. He graduated from Bunker Hill High School in 1957 where he was a star athlete. On August 19, 1961 he married the former Karen “Jan” Korilko in Alton. She survives. Also surviving is a son, Todd Reid (Amy) of Houston, TX, a daughter, Amy Turell (Robert) of Littleton, CO, four grandchildren, Samuel Reid, Will Reid (fiancé Emily Hood), Michael Turell, and Jenna Turell, one brother, Tom Reid (Pat) of Marietta, GA, and a sister, Darlene Crawford (Paul) of Baton Rouge, LA, sisters-in-law Judith Jeffery of St. Louis, MO, Linda Korilko and Kathy Grapperhaus of Alton, IL and many nieces and nephews.

Larry and Jan were members of First Christian Church in Alton, IL where they married and faithfully attended with their family. Larry was a church leader, teacher and elder.

He received his Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree from SIUE and worked on his PHD. Larry worked for the Alton School District from 1961-1993 when he retired. He was a physical education teacher, drivers ed teacher and he coached track, cross country, football, and basketball.

Host of “Outdoors with Larry Reid” on WBGZ Radio for 35 years, along with his wife Jan. In 1994 the Outdoors Writers of Illinois named him as Outdoor Broadcaster of the Year. As an author he wrote for numerous outdoor publications.

His love for his wife and hunting inspired him to create the "Mated for Life" ring which simulates a goose band. He was a charter member of the Migratory Waterfowl Hunters and volunteered in many organizations. Larry was truly blessed to spend his retirement years fishing and waterfowl hunting all over the continent. His second home was Mark Twain Lake with his fishing partner Jan. He shared his love of the great outdoors with all he met. He never met a stranger. He passed these passions onto his kids and grandkids. When he wasn't "doing" the outdoors, he was at the baseball field or in a hockey rink cheering on his grandkids.

Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 23, 2021 at the First Christian Church in Alton. Jim Johnston will officiate. Burial will be at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church of Alton, The Wounded Warrior Project or The Audubon Center at Riverlands. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
College Avenue
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry L. Reid*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Larry L. Reid*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *I always enjoyed talking with Larry when I worked at Riverlands. I learned a lot from him and his passion for the outdoors and our great River couldn't be matched! My condolences to the family. I know he will be greatly missed by so many. - Kimberly Rea, former Riverlands USACE Recreation Manager*

Kimberly Rea - December 26, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Larry - the genuine article. Larry was always helpful promoting positive youth development. He loved Jan and always made sure everyone knew! Angels are rejoicing in Heaven. I'm praying for peace & comfort for Jan and all of Larry's family at this time.*

Tom Turpin - December 26, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *Jan, Amy, Todd and family,
Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers for you all.*

Paige Allen - December 23, 2021 at 03:46 PM

MM

“ Larry and Jan have been dear family friends for decades. When young I had opportunities to learn basketball and fishing from Larry, but didn't do well. Before that, however, I was in his swimming class. He encouraged me to jump in water over my head for the first time. I'll always be indebted because swimming and SCUBA became great joys even now late in life.

Mike Murrie - December 22, 2021 at 09:06 PM

SM

“ Our hearts are with Larry's friends and family. It was an honor to care for him. -Unity Hospice



Shannon McGinn-Corona - December 21, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry L. Reid.



December 21, 2021 at 03:36 PM

RF

“ Rick Clary and Mary Jane Fortin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry L. Reid.



Rick Clary and Mary Jane Fortin - December 21, 2021 at 09:39 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry L. Reid.*



December 21, 2021 at 12:26 AM



“ *Jan I'm so sorry to hear about Larry...What a shock to see this... One thing for sure Larry is definitely walking with the Lord.. He was truly a fine man..I always like the both of you...*

Gene Trail - December 20, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ *Larry and I became friends at TNI. He became our John Olin Historian. His love of the history of our Riverbend area and his love of the outdoors will be missed . I benefited from his knowledge and friendship. I hope he gets to sit down with all of the men and women he loved teaching about and sharing campfire stories of the big one that got away! Patti Brown*

Patricia Brown - December 20, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry L. Reid.*



December 20, 2021 at 02:49 PM

JW

“ *Mr Reid was an awesome teacher. I had him at Irving the first year he taught. 15 years ago I was working at a local bank and he asked how my brother was and of course me too! He remembered my brothers name too! Remarkable mind and person. He was the best!!*

Janet (Shade) Weber - December 20, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry L. Reid.*



December 20, 2021 at 12:38 PM

SS

“ *Suzie and Don Sinclair purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Larry L. Reid.*



Suzie and Don Sinclair - December 20, 2021 at 11:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry L. Reid.*



December 20, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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“ Pat & Tom Reid & family purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Larry L. Reid.



Pat & Tom Reid & family - December 20, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry L. Reid.



December 19, 2021 at 07:18 PM

RT

“ My sincere condolences to Jan, Todd, Amy and all family members. I knew Larry for over 50 years. First as a teacher at East Junior High School in the early 1970's and then as a customer, friend and often times an advisor (to me) when I worked at a bank in the early 2000's. There is not a more honest, sincere and spiritual person I have ever known. His love for his family always showed in our conversations and also his love for his long-time friend, Larry O, who was also a friend/teacher of mine. RIP my friend. With sorrow but fond memories, R.J.

R.J. Tolliver - December 19, 2021 at 02:37 PM