



Larry Dean Rowe

September 28, 1939 - January 25, 2019

Larry Dean Rowe, 79, of Springport, formerly of Elkhart, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of Friday, January 25, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on September 28, 1939 in Elkhart, IN, a son of the late James and Dorothy (Sharkey) Rowe.

Larry was raised in Elkhart, IN, where he was hired as a Call Boy by the New York Central Railroad at the young age of 14. After many years in the railroad industry, he retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad in 2002 as an Engineer. Larry was very talented with his hands and restored old cars, especially the Ford Model A and Model T. He also enjoyed woodworking, fishing, camping and watching the wild life at home around his pond. Larry raised various types of geese, ducks, chickens and fed many other animals.

He had a loving heart and was passionate for people without expecting anything in return. Larry helped his neighbors by plowing their driveways in the winter and volunteered at God's Grain Bin in New Castle.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Sharron (Bunner) Rowe; four children, Robin Rowe of New Castle, Amy (husband: Jerry Jr.) Jarvis of New Castle, Scott Rowe of Springport and Mandy (husband: Dale) Fleming of New Castle; fourteen grandchildren, Megan, Wesley, Matthew, Sara, Katie, Kelcie, Nikki, Zachary, Hannah, Cory, Tony, Noah, Courtney and Aubry; nine great-grandchildren and a sister, Helen Leach of Elkhart.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Laurie Ann Rowe; seven sisters and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to God's Grain Bin or the American Cancer Society.

The family will have a memorial service held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in New Castle.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com

The Sproles family and staff is honored to serve the family of Larry Rowe.

Comments



“ my dear dad. a real long time ago you made easter bunny feet to show us kids when lived in michigan that the easter bunny did really exist!! we walked that long drive way looking at the bunny prints that u said "the easter bunny" was in fact real!!!! i have always treasured that memory!! i love you my dearest dad, the things that you did to make sure us kids could believe in those things when we were young are priceless!! your here with me always! i love you dad.

Robin Rowe - January 31, 2019 at 06:13 PM



“ Never could imagine that the day would come. From sitting on the old lawn mower in Elkhart, to spending your last hours/minutes with you. You gave and have given me so much hope throughout these past few years where I have been able to mature and been able to listen to what you had to say about life. You were the strongest man I've ever met in my life filled with good thoughts and love towards me. When you gave me your old watch that you used on the railroad, that meant the whole world to me because I knew how much you love,desired, and cared so much about it. Then it made me feel like you were telling me that's how much I meant to you. Never ever going to be able to hear you call me noahey again is so tough to think of but You're the one human being on this planet who I would never thought of losing and it hurting so bad. I love you so so much grandpa, and I hope it is great for you up there now that you are without pain and can see greatly again just please to make sure to look down on me every step of the way through life. I love you

Your loving grandson
"Noahey"

Noah Aul - January 31, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Michele Howe lit a candle in memory of Larry Dean Rowe



Michele Howe - January 28, 2019 at 11:41 PM



“ thank u michelle, that means soo much!

Robin - January 31, 2019 at 06:17 PM



“ Robin and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. With love Rene'

rene raines - January 28, 2019 at 03:47 PM



“ thank u so much 4 your kind words rene. it means sooo much to me. dads death was just so sudden, i havent grasped it all yet. but you ve always been so kind and your prayers mean alot!

Robin - January 31, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ Where to begin.

Growing up, nothing was more exciting than going and staying with you in Elkhart. Us grandkids had the time of our lives there. You were full of immense wisdom and never cared to share it. The smile you would wear on your face when talking about something you love, or just seeing your family, was unrivaled. I always viewed you as someone who knew something about everything and would have supreme joy being able to help someone out. Stingy wasn't in your vocabulary, and you were helping others until your last second. Retrospect makes all these traits overly clear to anyone who was involved in your life, in any way.

Very little can match sitting around the pond with you, just talking about anything and everything. How happy you were just being there, with the geese and dogs. Your compassion has yet to be fully appreciated. I just hope I can someday carry on the wisdom, bravery, and joy you had, just in everyday life. You will be missed more than any language could fully express. The void is tremendous, but just taking solace that I can relive any of the many memories you allowed us all to have with you. I love you, Grandpa.

Your grandson,
Wesley

Wesley Michael Lester - January 26, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ absolutely beautiful wesley!!

Robin - January 31, 2019 at 06:19 PM