



Larry Wayne Bozic

October 15, 1953 - December 29, 2020

Larry Wayne Bozic, age 67, of West Frankfort, IL passed away peacefully at 6:55 A.M. on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 in the Community Living Center a part of the Veteran's Hospital in Marion, IL.

He was born on Thursday, October 15, 1953 in Herrin, IL, the son of Henry and Nadine (Allen) Bozic.

Larry answered the call of his nation by enlisting in the United States Army on August 8, 1972. He proudly served his country until he was discharged on August 27, 1975. Larry was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and earned both an Expert Marksman Badge and a First Class Hand Grenade weapons qualification badge during his service to the country.

He was united in marriage to Lisa Harper on Saturday, January 9, 1988 at Second Baptist church in West Frankfort and they have been married for nearly 33 years. From this union they had a son, Bradley Bozic.

Larry was a businessman and over the course of his lifetime owned several successful businesses. His greatest passions were baseball and skydiving. He was an accomplished skydiver and even travelled to El Salvador to train troops in skydiving. Larry was a pilot for over 20 years and combined his love for skydiving and flying into his last business venture - teaching skydiving. When he was not working his other passion was fulfilled by working as both an Assistant and then volunteer pitching coach at Rend Lake College. He also enjoyed playing wherever he could find a team and with anyone that would let him play, often travelling all over the area just to play baseball. He had a love for being physically fit and enjoyed lifting weights, running 5 miles a day, rappelling down cliffs and biking. He even competed in the "All Around Athlete" event multiple times in West Frankfort, IL, as well as earning a black belt in Karate and mastering scuba diving. He lived his life to the fullest. Larry was a kind hearted, gentle person always ready to help anyone in need and possessed the ability to talk to any person about anything, no matter the topic; he loved learning about people's interests. The many memories that have been shared will now be cherished by those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa Bozic of West Frankfort, IL; his son, Bradley Bozic and Mirabella McKeown and their two daughters of West Frankfort, IL; mother and step father,

Nadine and Don Hoffmann of West Frankfort, IL; father and step mother, Henry and Kathy Bozic of Avon Park, FL; brother, Jeff Bozic of Marion, IL; brother Tim and his wife Michiko Bozic of Lakewood, CO; sister, Cathy Cooper of Bloomfield, MO and her son, Joshua and his wife Tara Webb and their 5 children of Portage, MI; and her daughter , Shannon and her husband Justin Somers, of Carbondale, IL; cousin, Victoria Hartley of Herrin, IL; other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Bradley Ray Bozic and his cousin Michael Hartley.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Stone Funeral Home, 1201 East Poplar Street, West Frankfort, IL. At this time, all services are private.

For additional information, call the funeral home at 618-932-2161.

Cemetery

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2775 Orient Road

West Frankfort, IL, 62896

Comments



“ Bozic Sensei was my first karate instructor. I just learned of his recent passing. I hadn't seen him in many years. A man with many interests and hobbies. He definitely was an influence on my life.



Eddie Vaughn - June 24 at 07:20 PM



“ I caught a lot of games with you on the mound--you won most of them. To a great teammate I say Rest in Peace. John Renik

JOHN RENIK - December 30, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ "I am so, so sorry- what a pitcher, player and fierce competitor- RIP Bitter, your team mate Slew Foot (Johnny Bayles)"

Johnny Bayles - December 30, 2020 at 04:03 PM



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Stone Funeral Home - December 30, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ Larry was definitely the stalwart of the staff in this, the last year many of us played Coal Belt baseball. Our first child was born later that year, and 19 years later, Larry pitched on the same team as that child, our older son Dustin. Larry was the epitome of longevity when it came to playing and loving the game. Larry will be greatly missed by all his teammates!

George Hopkins - December 31, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ Larry, I hope your fastball is over one hundred & your curve is breaking off the table! Eternal rest grant him, O Lord!!

Leonard Hopkins - December 30, 2020 at 10:50 AM