



Lawrence "Larry" D. Gifford

October 21, 1940 - October 7, 2023

Lawrence "Larry" D. Gifford, age 82, of DeMotte and formerly of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away October 7, 2023 with his family by his side.

Lifelong Jasper County resident, Larry, was born in Rensselaer on October 21, 1940 to Gerald and Lora (George) Gifford.

Larry married the love of his life, Muriel Tomczak, on March 28, 1960 in his mother's home.

Growing up, Larry enjoyed monkeying around with cars and mechanics and was an avid fisherman. He attended college in Chicago, earning his Associate's degree, and later became a systems analyst for NIPSCO. He retired after 20 years with the company. As he got older, he loved being around his grand and great-grandchildren and being an active member of Hebron Christian Church.

Larry is survived by his wife of 63 years; Muriel Gifford, children; Valerie (Daniel) Christopher, Lora (Dennis) Mendenhall, and Larry (Deborah) Gifford. Grandchildren; Benjamin (Molly) Mendenhall, Lawrence III (Emma) Gifford, and Paige (Mike) Gifford. Great-grandchildren; Evan, Willow, Mack, and Rosie Gifford.

Larry is reunited in heaven with his parents and all of his siblings.

Family and friends are invited to Jackson Funeral Services in DeMotte on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 for a visitation from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Funeral services will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home and burial to follow at Holland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Hebron Christian Church located at 202 E Sigler St., Hebron, IN 46341.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence "Larry" D. Gifford



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 09, 2023 at 02:45 PM

VC

“ I will forever be thankful to God. He provided me with what I needed in life. He gave me you as a dad. I love you with all my heart! Val

Val Christopher - October 16, 2023 at 07:00 AM

KK

“ Uncle Larry was a wonderful man! I have lots of memories of times spent with him and his family. I will miss him! Love and prayers to the family!

Kathy Kaiser - October 11, 2023 at 11:58 AM

GK

“ George & Joan Kanne



George & Joan Kanne - October 10, 2023 at 11:27 AM

DM

“Grandpa” exemplified what God wanted in a Father, Grandfather, Husband and Father-In-Law. He always listened and provided sound advice. He was unselfish if you ever needed help and put his family above all else. He always strived to do the right thing as he sought to please God and not people. I gave him many reasons to give-up on me, but he never did. Love and miss you Grandpa.
-Dennis Mendenhall

Dennis Mendenhall - October 09, 2023 at 06:55 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" D. Gifford.



October 09, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" D. Gifford.



October 09, 2023 at 04:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence "Larry" D. Gifford.

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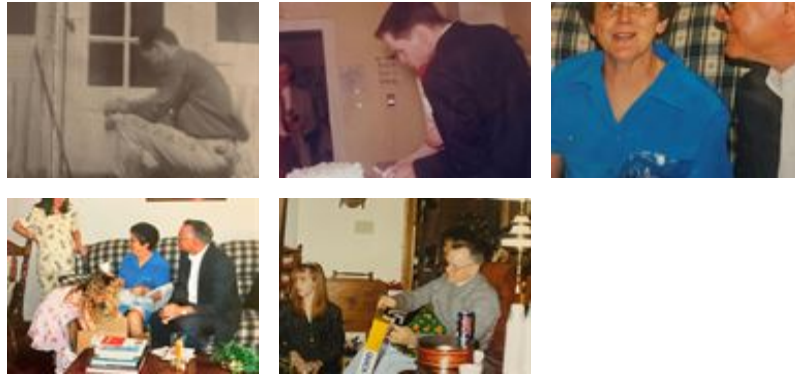
“ *I couldn't have prayed for a better Dad and Grandfather to our son. You are forever loved and cherished.*

-Lora Mendenhall

Lora Mendenhall - October 09, 2023 at 03:44 PM



“ *57 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - October 09, 2023 at 02:37 PM

LJ

“ *He taught and showed me the beautiful UP of Michigan fishing. From when I was a kid to now. This will always be our place and the times up there are unforgettable. Thank you for being a wonderful father. You are truly loved and will be missed.*

Larry Jr.

Larry Gifford Jr - October 09, 2023 at 01:45 PM