



Larry Hetrick

October 30, 1934 - November 11, 2021

Larry Hetrick passed on November 11, 2021 in Westerville, Ohio. Larry was born on October 30, 1934 in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Hilliard High School in 1952. He resided in the Columbus, Ohio area all of his life. This past year he was diagnosed with cancer and lost his battle with the disease.

Larry started his career with Shell Oil, eventually owning and operating three gas stations in the Upper Arlington area. At the age of 30 he joined the Columbus Ohio Fire Department as a fireman, then moved to the rescue squad and became a medic, retiring at age 55. After leaving the fire department, Larry opened the Oakland Park Garage, a mechanic's garage in Clintonville that he owned and operated for approximately 20 years. He eventually became an electrician at Settle-Muter Electric for a number of years before enjoying a more traditional retirement. Upon this retirement he became an avid cyclist, traveling throughout Ohio on any given day of the week. He approached this sport the same way he approached his work; with strategy and goals. He kept a journal to track his journeys, where he charted more than 36,000 traveled miles over the last five years with a longest ride of 90 miles in March of 2021.

While his work and cycling achievements are impressive, Larry's lasting legacy is his impact on the people most important to him; his family and friends. Larry was never hesitant to volunteer his assistance and expertise

anytime it was needed and his involvement usually made the outcome of projects and tasks far better, and at times far more complex, than initially intended. He was usually the first to arrive and the last to leave social gatherings and he had the rare ability to make anyone he met feel valued and important.

Preceded in death by his parents William and Olive Hetrick, (nee Mitchell) Brothers John Hetrick, David Hetrick (Freda), James Hetrick (Valerie) and sister Sylvia Lawson. Survived by his sister Sarah Macys (John) of Columbus, Ohio.

Survived by his wife Anita Hetrick (Abolins) of 49 years and 7 sons and daughters: Chuck Hetrick, Geneva Settle, Ruby Hetrick (Larry Butler), Jeff Hetrick (Andrea), Steven Wallace (Marybeth), Cynthia Ross and Michael Wallace. Grandchildren: William Miller, Tatum Hetrick, Daniel Settle (Alana), Charlie Hetrick, Amanda Herlihy (Kyle), Melissa Murphy (Justin Tiesch), Zachary Ross (Natalie), Alyssa Wallace, Tyler Wallace and Corryn Wallace. He is also survived by 12 great grandchildren.

Per Larry's wishes, private cremation will take place with arrangements made by Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home of Worthington, Ohio.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Hetrick*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ruby Hetrick - July 04, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences to Anita and the family. We were blessed to know Larry as a kind neighbor and pert. We always enjoyed our talks on the way back from getting the mail. I enjoyed being in our Maxtown bike “club” and riding with him and sharing a meal with him and the group after. He certainly left an impact on Will and me. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Will and Carol Eleby*

Carol and Will Eleby - November 16, 2021 at 10:37 PM

VG

“ Larry was our second father! I spent many weekends with Larry riding Rescue 16 with him; learning what it meant to make a difference. I fell in love with being a firefighter! It was his encouragement and support that Lead me to become a firefighter/paramedic in three different states in my career. Larry’s loss is impossible to put into words. He made a huge difference in my life. I lost my dad last month (larry was his best friend) and now Larry. My sympathies to the Hetricks and to HET, thank you for all you have done for me in my life. You were always one of my hero’s!

victor giovanetti - November 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM

CB

I am so sorry to hear of Larry’s passing. He was a fixture in my life since childhood. He was very much like a father figure especially in my first 18 years. He had a way of making you feel very welcome and special. His hugs were the best. His smile was contagious. His love of life was unstoppable. He was a hero to many and well deserved. My sympathy to all his family. He will be missed.

Christine Bolez - November 15, 2021 at 04:56 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Hetrick.



November 15, 2021 at 12:04 PM



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



November 15, 2021 at 10:54 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Larry Hetrick.*



November 15, 2021 at 10:29 AM