



Larry Allen Carver

December 4, 1943 - May 21, 2025

Larry Allen Carver, age 81, of Pierce City, Missouri, passed away on May 21, 2025, at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa, surrounded by the love of his family.

Larry was born on December 4, 1943, in Newton County, Missouri, the son of Ray and Mildred (Reynolds) Carver. On June 12, 1965, he was united in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony with Pat Heidlage. Together, they shared nearly 60 years of marriage and were blessed with three children: Lee, Kim, and Lynn.

Larry faithfully served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1970 and later continued his service in the Army National Guard for over 20 years, retiring in 2014.

He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Missouri and later completed a Ph.D. in Animal Nutrition Research at the University of Tennessee. Larry's career in agricultural science and cattle nutrition spanned several states—including Mississippi, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin—before he retired in Pierce City.

A man of deep faith, Larry was a devoted member of SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Monett, Missouri. He loved researching family history,

serving others, and supporting his community. He generously gave his time through service on the Pierce City Senior Citizens, the Library Board, and the local Fire Protection Committee.

More than anything, Larry cherished his role as a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. His greatest joy was being present in the lives of his family.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Pat Carver, and his large, loving family.

His son, Lee Carver of Hampton, Virginia; granddaughter, Elizabeth (Lucas) Jocewicz; and great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Kathleen Jocewicz.

His daughter, Kim Smith of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; grandsons, Ryan (Jean Marie) Smith and Dalton (Halle) Smith; and great-grandchild, Scottie Rae Smith.

His daughter, Lynn (John) Guhin of Bettendorf, Iowa; grandsons, Dillon (Kayla) Maxwell, Chase (Jess) Maxwell, and Dolan (Taylor) Guhin; and great-grandchildren, Mason, Addi, and Carson Dawson; Brexlyn and Baker Allen Maxwell; and Florence Guhin.

He is also survived by his sister, Kay Hanson of Palm Springs, California; his brother, Garry (Linda) Carver of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; sisters-in-law, Jan (Lowell) Haddock and Donna Burrows; and brother-in-law, Paul (Deb) Heidlage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Mildred Carver; his brother-in-law, Gerry Burrows; and his sister-in-law, Teresa Heidlage.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 24, 2025, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 2951 FR 2040, Monett, MO. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will take place at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Pierce City, Missouri. Services are under the care of Lakin Funeral Home, Pierce City.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Pierce City Senior Citizen's Center, SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church Building Fund, or Genesis Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." –
2 Timothy 4:7

Cemetery Details

St Patrick's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
Highway 97 & FR 2040
Pulaskifield, MO 65723
(417) 476-2463?

Funeral Mass

MAY 24. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Carver Family, I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I remember him well and all the fun we had growing up as neighbors, playing basketball, football and riding horses. Gary, I'm sure you remember those fun times. He will be well remembered.

Ben Kutz - May 30, 2025 at 11:05 AM

MV

“ Michael Velten-Heeter lit a candle in memory of Larry Carver



Michael Velten-Heeter - May 27, 2025 at 12:58 PM

RJ

“ Regina Jasumback sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Carver



Regina Jasumback - May 24, 2025 at 07:34 PM

RS

“ Memories of Larry stretch from my childhood in the 1950's to the present. My condolences to his family.

Randy Staponski - May 24, 2025 at 08:10 AM

RJ

So sorry for your loss!!!

Regina Jasumback - May 24, 2025 at 07:35 PM