



Larry R. Longsworth

February 18, 1950 - June 11, 2012

Former Auglaize County Sheriff Larry R. Longsworth, 62, of Wapakoneta, passed away 12:55 a.m., Mon. June 11, 2012, at The Wexner Medical Center at Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, surrounded by his loving family. Larry was born Feb. 18, 1950, in Mercer Co., OH, the son of Robert & Bernice (Nuss) Longsworth. His father survives in Wapakoneta, and his mother preceded him in death. He is also survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Janice (Haehn) Longsworth. Other survivors include a son, Aaron (Alicia) Longsworth, a daughter, Missy Longsworth (Casey) Crisp, 2 grandchildren, Alden & Allison Longsworth, and 2 brothers, Dennis (Gayla) Longsworth and Gary (Paula) Longsworth. Larry honorably served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War where he was awarded 3 Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. Larry dedicated 31 years of service, law enforcement, and leadership to the Auglaize County Sheriff's Office, the last 16 years as Sheriff. He was instrumental in bringing the DARE program to all county schools, the building of the new Sheriff's Office and jail, and in the creation of the Grand Lake Task Force and the Special Response Team. Larry was a devoted and loving husband, father, and papa. Retiring in 2005, Larry spent his time traveling with his wife Janice, tending to his wetlands area he created on his property, and serving as a source of quiet strength for his children, grandchildren, extended family, and friends. He enjoyed waterfowl hunting and loved nature and the outdoors. A 1968 graduate of Wapakoneta High School, his memberships included the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445, the

American Legion Post #330, Moulton Gun Club, and held life memberships in the Amvets Post #333 and the Buckeye State Sheriff's Assn. He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds and enjoyed watching the Weather Channel.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Fri. June 15, 2012, at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, St. Rt. 501, Wapakoneta, Pastor Joy Miller, Sheriff Allen Solomon, & Deputy James Wachauf officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Thurs. and 1 hr. prior to the service, Fri. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be directed to Auglaize County DARE Program.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Longsworth family, I spent a lot of time growing up around Larry at the fair helping dad. Larry was a great guy and he will be deeply missed. I just talked to him at dad's retirement party in December. My deepest sympathy goes out to your entire family!

Jamie Lenhart Kreitzer - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DF

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. Larry was an exceptional man and it was an honor to know him.

Dennis P. Faller - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DK

“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Larry was a kind person to all.

Dennis & Barb Kohler - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss--it is the entire community's loss. Larry was a great influence on the community, his children and grandchildren. He will be so missed.

Judy Clark Walter - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

RS

“ DEAR JANICE & FAMILY, So very sorry for your loss. From your neighbors.

Rick & Kim Stolzenburg - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

TD

“ Sheriff Longworth was a kind, caring, gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with the Longworth and Haehn families.

Terrie Dillon - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

NC

“ Janice, Please accept my heartfelt condolences for Larry's loss; it is way too soon to lose such a good person. I wish you and your family strength, peace and love. Nell

Nell (Doenges) Chadwick - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

AF

“ My sincere condolences to the Longworth family! May you find comfort and peace from God during this sad time of your life. And may you find happiness and joy in your most fondest memories. God bless and comfort you all!

Anna Frederick - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

NG

“ Hi Janice, so sorry to hear of the loss of your husband, Larry. Prayers coming your way.

Nancy Neumeier Gutman - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

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“ Janice, Aaron, & Missy & families, Our deepest sympathy to all of you in your loss.

Wapakoneta High School Class of 1968 - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

MP

“ To all the Longsworth family, The loss of a loved one is the hardest thing that we have to face in life. Please know that many people are thinking of all of you at this time and many prayers are sent to Larry and all of the family.

Marilyn Plikerd - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DF

“ My Thoughts and Prayers to you Janice The Longsworth Family and Haehn Family... There is nothing I can say to ease the pain of the loss of a loved one.. I am so sorry for your loss... If there is anything I can do, I know you are surrounded by all your family and children at this time...Love and Prayers.... Debbie

Debbie Faulkner - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

KK

“ To the family of Sheriff Larry R. Longsworth. Our County, State, and Nation has lost a very distinguished public servant and we offer our sincere sympathy to you at this very difficult time. Sheriff Longsworth served our County, State, and Nation with distinction and with a love of country and his fellow man. He truly made our community a better place in which to live, work, and play. May he rest in peace and may he be welcomed into God's heavenly kingdom.

Kurt, Donna, Adam, Greg, & Nathan Kuffner - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

SO

“ I knew Larry in high school and I knew his wife Janice when we were children and later when she was older. My deepest sympathies to the family.

Sandy Oakley - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM

DG

“ *Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. Cherish the memories. The Garrison Family Dan, Carolyn and Grace*

Dan & Carolyn Garrison - July 10, 2015 at 03:56 PM