



Larry C. Van Hoose

October 24, 1948 - February 14, 2025

Larry C. Van Hoose, 76, of Frankfort, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on February 14, 2025. He passed peacefully at home with his beloved wife, Vicki, by his side.

Seeing the end of his life is like seeing the horizon as the end of the ocean.

Born in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, on October 24, 1948, Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Billiter Harp and Edmond (Teddy) Van Hoose; his brother, Dewey Van Hoose; his grandson, Nicholas Likens; and his beloved Aunt Ern and Uncle Charlie Jacobs, who raised him as their own.

He is survived by his loving wife, Vicki Smith Van Hoose; his children, Shane Searcy (Lindsey), Shannon Stricklin (Andy), Paul Van Hoose (Amanda), and Edward Taylor Van Hoose (Kelly); his brother, Ed Van Hoose (Holly); ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and was eagerly anticipating the birth of twin great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind four very special nieces and nephews, along with his “brother by another mother,” Lanny Dean.

Larry’s life was defined by his deep faith and joy in Christ. He dearly loved his church and church family, serving as a Sunday School teacher for many years. He also found great joy in singing in the choir—though he was often lovingly told to sing a little more quietly.

Larry played softball for most of his adult life, forming lifelong friendships along the way. He also enjoyed playing volleyball, fishing, and watching the many birds in his backyard. A skilled pool player, he often joked that his talent came from a “misspent youth.”

Later in life, Larry discovered his passion for riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. He loved the freedom, the wind, the smells, the scenery, and, most of all, the camaraderie of his close friends and those he made along the way. In 2017, he and three of his closest friends made a month-long motorcycle trip to California, which he called “the trip of a lifetime.” This was in addition to countless trips to Sturgis, South Dakota, Florida, and

beyond. His greatest joy was riding with his dearest and closest friends—the "Monday Night Crew."

Larry also had a deep love for the land and farming, raising many a tobacco crop with his uncle Charlie and his father-in-law and dearest friend, Buddy Smith.

He had a remarkable ability to make friends, never meeting a stranger. His big-hearted smile reflected his passion for life, and his strong values of honesty and integrity were evident in the way he always made time for others—whether to lend an ear, a shoulder, or a helping hand.

Above all, Larry loved his Lord, his family, and his many cherished friends. He was an eternal optimist who instilled in his children and grandchildren the importance of living a life of service, love, gratitude, and forgiveness. He shared an especially close bond with his grandson, Karson, and took great pleasure in teaching him life lessons—especially how to drive.

Larry always believed in embracing life's joys and sharing them with others. His family asks that you do the same—find something that brings you great, heartfelt joy and share it with those around you. His legacy will live on forever in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Services will be held at Alton Christian Church, with visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. with funeral services at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2025 with Pastor Noal Cotton officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alton Christian Church (1686 Old Frankfort Rd., Lawrenceburg, KY 40342) or to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home and Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Alton Christian Church
1686 Old Frankfort Rd.
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

Alton Christian Church
1686 Old Frankfort Rd.
Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Jody Hellard lit a candle in memory of Larry C. Van Hoose



Jody Hellard - February 20, 2025 at 01:59 PM

JH

I met Larry when we played softball together Even back then, he was one of the nicest players I ever played with. He always had a smile and treated you like family when he was talking to you. He was an absolute joy to be around. He will be missed by many, especially by his family, but his warm personality will always be remembered.

Jody Hellard - February 20, 2025 at 02:06 PM

DS

I loved Larry from all the trip. We took With the cattleman's he was such a great friend so sorry that I am just seeing about his passing. But I will. See him in heaven one day. So very sorry Vicky Buddy and Sandy.

Donna Satterly - February 21, 2025 at 04:29 PM

TA

“ Tammie lit a candle in memory of Larry C. Van Hoose



Tammie - February 20, 2025 at 09:43 AM

DD

“ Larry you will be extremely missed down here. Thank you for always caring about others and being a great man and Christian. You are what we all need to strive to be like. Thank you for all you did for all of us. You were an angel on earth and I know you are laughing and singing with Jesus now!!

Destiny Drury - February 20, 2025 at 08:07 AM

BT

“ Barbara Toll lit a candle in memory of Larry C. Van Hoose



Barbara Toll - February 19, 2025 at 10:49 PM

BT

“ I meant Larry sometime ago at Alton Christian Church & can't ever recall seeing or having a conversation that he didn't have a warm smile. I love to listen to him teach about God's word. You could tell he loved the Lord and had such a understanding of the Bible. He always made folks feel like a friend. He will always be remember for his warm demeanor ❤️🙏 for his family

Barbara Toll - February 19, 2025 at 10:49 PM

MC

“ It was a true privilege to work with Larry. He always kept a cool composure when things were stressful. He was great counsel. Larry brightened the room with wisdom and a spirit of God's love. I will TRULY miss his weekly devotions and insights.

Morgan Chapman - February 19, 2025 at 03:10 PM

CZ

“ Carol Zeigler lit a candle in memory of Larry C. Van Hoose



Carol Zeigler - February 19, 2025 at 01:35 PM

GD

“ Our BR Hippe family first met Larry walking up the road in Millville while visiting Mr and Mrs Jacobs. He was friendly and all smiles. I bumped into him a few times during the years and I'm sorry to hear about his passing. Prayers for the family. RIP Larry.



Gloria Hippe Donnell - February 19, 2025 at 08:23 AM

JC

“ Thank you Larry for being there for me when I needed a friend your never be forgotten

Jeff Cody

Jeff Cody - February 18, 2025 at 07:51 PM

MW

“ I remember Larry being a great football star at FHS ❤️ Larry would want you to stay strong Vicki, he loved you very much !!

With sorrow in my heart 💜

Love Marjorie

Marjorie Willis - February 18, 2025 at 01:08 PM

DM

“ I just don't have words. My heart is broken. That laugh, hugs and pure joy. We sure are going to miss you Larry. Love forever until we meet up again.

Danielle McGeorge - February 18, 2025 at 11:41 AM

TN

“ Larry was a friend to all. He was always so nice, friendly and funny. I enjoyed going to church with him years ago. He will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for the family.

Tammy Napier - February 18, 2025 at 11:37 AM

TH

I met Larry before I was going into my sophomore year. He and his friend, Lanny Dean, had been in an car accident and they were still in the hospital but they were bored and was hollering out the window at any girl going by and me and another girl happened to be one of them. We cut up with him and Lanny for awhile Little did I know I would end up having a class with him later that year. Believe me, the class was not boring We all had a good time along with the teacher Larry will be truly missed but heaven has gained a fantastic angel. Lots of love Larry.

Tina Harrod - February 20, 2025 at 10:28 AM

MD

“ Karson, your Granddad loved you very much, he always talked highly, & proudly smiled when talking about YOU. I know he will live on through all of you, may God give all of you strength, & peace. Love Marlisa Drury

Marlisa Drury - February 17, 2025 at 10:30 PM

GT

“ PRAYERS go out to all the family of this good, Christian, Man. Larry was a friend who I enjoyed playing a lot of volleyball with and anytime I needed him to fix something at my home he was there. He will be missed but Heaven just got a wonderful addition!

Gary Lee Thurman - February 17, 2025 at 10:24 PM

MS

“ I knew Larry for many many many years, in fact when he worked at Jan's Shoes Store on Main Street in Frantfort, with Henry Adam's they would stand outside on the side walk and joke with people as they pass by. LARRY ALWAYS HAD A BIG SMILE ON HIS FACE. I know he loved Baseball and Volleyball and riding his motorcycle. He had a big heart and always hugging you. He will be highly miss. Prayers to the Family especially his Son Tate and kids.

MARSHIA Sanderson - February 17, 2025 at 09:56 PM

BD

Whenever I thought of Larry passing away, I would push it out of my mind because I just could not comprehend life without Larry VanHoose in it. He truly was the most remarkable man I believe I have ever met. He was always so positive always had a joke or smile, and that laugh was like heaven to hear. When Lanny had his last motorcycle accident and lost his leg, Larry came down and stayed for almost a month to make sure that Lanny was OK. I'm sure that he will be very much missed by everyone who ever came in contact with him, they will never forget him. He would make friends just checking out at Walmart. Everywhere he went he would make people smile. I loved him dearly and I love Vickey. My heart is broken for her. I am positive that our God welcomed him in his arms and his house.

Brenda Dean - February 17, 2025 at 11:34 PM

LJ

I met Larry through Vicki in the late 80's and felt like I had known him all my life. We both have never met a stranger. My favorite times with Larry and Vicki were spent in Mexico Beach or at his brother Ed and Holly's house during bike week. During some of those nights were some deep conversations about our Lord and Savior, teaching me the Bible, oh so grateful. Matter of fact the last time I was at his house I got another Bible lesson from him. Always ready to teach the word. Larry you will be missed my brother. Take care of Wayne and Randy for me. I just can't imagine that reunion ❤️ I promise to look after Vicki for you, a sister from another mother. Love that whole family like my own. Will be lifting you all up in prayer for peace and comfort during this difficult time. God Speed❤️✝️

Lisa Jordan - February 18, 2025 at 01:19 AM

BD

“ I don't really know where to begin here? Larry was a true role model and such a genuine man that could light up any room with his infectious smile!! He was also someone you could confide in and you truly felt like you knew him your whole life like he was part of your family. I knew that when I seen him either at church or just out and about, it was always gonna be a genuine and authentic moment. Larry always made you feel like you could just be yourself and not hold back. This world would be a million times better if everyone had the love, compassion, laughter and faith that Larry had! Larry, I love you and can't wait to see you in Heaven one day!! Thanks for taking the time in this short life to acknowledge me and get to know me! You will forever live on in my heart for sure my brother in Christ!

Brandon Drury - February 17, 2025 at 09:37 PM

WC

I CAN'T BEGIN TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL THE TIMES LARRY HAS BEEN THERE FOR ALL OF US. BUT I CAN TELL YOU IT'S GOING TO BE EVEN GREATER UP THERE. PRAYERS FOR FAMILY.

WAYNE CHISM - February 17, 2025 at 10:05 PM

BJ

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Butch Jacobs

2 hours ago

Larry was to me a role model as I was growing up, always positive and encouraging. He lived what he believed by loving his fellow man and women. His strong faith followed him and continued to minister to me personally in these recent years. We should all be challenged by his leadership and life to love and live with respect for others while honoring our lord and savior! Thank you Cuz for making time in your life for me and the forever impact you made on me. I'm comforted only by knowing that you are in heaven waiting for all those that you impacted to join you there!! Much Love Cuz!

Butch Jacobs - February 17, 2025 at 08:37 PM

MW

“ I am sorry for your loss. I enjoyed the years of working around and for Larry. Saying he was one of a kind is an under statement. We always had a great time talking about family and laughing about life in general. Always waived when ever we passed on the road. I am deeply saddened but I can't help but smile when I think of him. Prayers for the Vanhooose family

Mark Wilson - February 17, 2025 at 08:03 PM

JG

“ Dear Vicki,

I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of Larry. His spirit was as vibrant as the roar of his motorcycle, and he brought joy to everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

In this time of sorrow, I want you to know that you are surrounded by love and support. Larry may have left this world, but his spirit will forever ride alongside you, reminding you to embrace life fully and cherish every moment.

Please take care of yourself, and lean on God and those around you for comfort and support.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Jenny Goss, St. Pete Beach, Florida

Jennifer Goss - February 17, 2025 at 07:29 PM

KT

“ Koryn Troxell lit a candle in memory of Larry C. Van Hoose



Koryn Troxell - February 17, 2025 at 06:59 PM

JA

“ Jane lit a candle in memory of Larry C. Van Hoose



Jane - February 17, 2025 at 05:21 PM

JA

Larry was like a brother to me when I was growing up. I hold a special place in my heart for Larry.

Jane - February 17, 2025 at 05:40 PM

DD

“ He was very into the Lord Jesus Christ and worshiped him religiously, a mans man!! I loved him like my brother!!! God speed Larry YOU WILL BE MISSED THANKS for being my friend TOO!!
God speed....

David Darnell - February 17, 2025 at 04:25 PM

LC

“ Larry was the sweetest, kindness person I have ever met. I met Larry when he worked for Adam's Shoe downtown. He along with Heny Adams. They were two of a kind. Vicki and Larry picked me up ever Monday night for our Monday night crew dinner. It was such a shock to hear of his passing . Vicki is a special young woman, that I know is having a hard time. I pray for her everyday for some closure. Larry will be missed by everyone 😞 Did Lord please help Vicki through this. Love her with all my heart.

Lois Chambers - February 17, 2025 at 03:50 PM

GC

I also met Larry when he worked with Henry Adams at Adams' Shoe Store. I know I bought more shoes than I should have because they both made visiting the store such a pleasure. Larry's smile and personality were engaging. He truly never seemed to meet a stranger. Vicki I don't believe we ever met but my prayers are with you and all your loved ones. Larry's memory will live on and we will meet Larry again and what a joyful reunion it will be.

Gelonda Casey - February 17, 2025 at 06:03 PM

CM

“ Having known Larry since I was in middle school and knowing what a stand-up guy he was - always willing to help out when help was needed. I am heartbroken to learn he's passed away. Vicki and I became friends working together in the same office for many years and I will always consider her a dear friend. I am so sad to learn of Larry's passing because through thick and thin, Vicki and Larry were always the couple you could count on loving each other and being together. If ever there were soul mates, these two were it. I'm thinking back to many good times and will never ever forget Larry VanHoose.

Ceci Mitchell - February 17, 2025 at 03:29 PM

BJ

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Butch Jacobs - February 17, 2025 at 06:28 PM

GW

Broke my heart when I got the message . I live in Fl and we reconnected a few years back . Planned to connect at bike week at some time . Sorry we never got to . He would send me a verse and invite me to church every Sunday morning . One of a kind for sure . I am sure Vicki has lots of their friends for support during this tuff time . Yes he's gone but his memories rumble on . Ride In Peace 🙏🙏🙏

Gary Willis - February 17, 2025 at 08:15 PM