



# Larry Lawler

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**L**arry Lawler was called home on May 13, 2021, two days short of his 86th birthday. He was a recent resident of the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy, IL.

Larry was born on May 15, 1935 in Vandalia, IL, the sixth of seven children, son of George Nelson and Anna Bell (Stout) Lawler. Larry was baptized and confirmed in St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church. Larry served in the United States Marine Corps and fought in the Korean War. On August 12, 1955, Larry married Shelby J. Yarbrough, of Vandalia in Santa Anna, California. Born of this union were 3 daughters: Valerie (Bradley) Centola, Karla (Joseph) McAdam and Renee Lawler, all of Decatur, IL. Grandchildren: Christine Green, Justin (Angel) Centola, Crystal (Rusty) Chappell, Ryan McAdam, Brandon Brummitt, Nelson Lawler and Conner Hoagland. Great-grandchildren: Mason Green, Christian Green, Fallen Centola, and Silas Centola. Larry and Shelby celebrated over 65 years of marriage before his passing.

Following service duty, Larry and Shelby moved to Decatur, IL where he was accepted into the I.B.E.W. Local 146 Electrical Apprenticeship Program in 1956. Larry was a journeyman and served as Union Steward on various projects for Local 146 from 1960-1967. He was elected Vice-President of Local 146 from 1960-1961 and Business Manager of Local 146 from 1967-1979.

In 1979, Larry joined Kelly & Associates as Administrator Fund Manager for N.E.C.A.-I.B.E.W. Welfare and Pension Trust Fund. He later served as CEO of N.E.C.A.-I.B.E.W. Welfare and Pension Trust Fund until his retirement in 2000.

During his career, Larry held significant roles in organizations and committees including President of Decatur Building and Construction Trades from 1971-1978, Chairman of the Steering Committee representing union insurance for eight states from 1971-1978, a Labor Representative on two Illinois Governor's commissions - Governor Thompson's IL Commission of Atomic Energy and Governor Walker's IL Commission on Unemployment from 1977-1981. Larry was a Board Member of the Decatur Civic Center Authority responsible for the creation and



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construction of the Decatur Civic Center in 1980. He also served on the IL Health Care Cost Containment Committee from 1985-1999.

Boating, fishing, travel, and family get-togethers were his joys in life. His humor, friendly demeanor, and charming smile was loved by all who knew him and will forever live in the hearts of his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, and sister Jeannie Hohlt. Preceding him in death were his parents and siblings: Constance (Connie) Wilk, Robert (Bob) Lawler, Deloris Peckron, Richard (Dick) Lawler, and Jerald (Jerry) Lawler.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 18, 2021, from 4-7 pm at Graceland Fairlawn, 2091 N. Oakland Ave, Decatur, IL. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 11:00 am at St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church, 727 W Gallatin Street, Vandalia, IL. Interment will follow with military honors in Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia, IL.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff at Ft. Murphy Illinois Veterans Home Quincy (IVHQ) for their compassionate care. Memorials may be made to IVHQ Hammond Hall Activity Fund, 1707 N. 12th St., Quincy, IL 62301.

Please share condolences and memories at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).






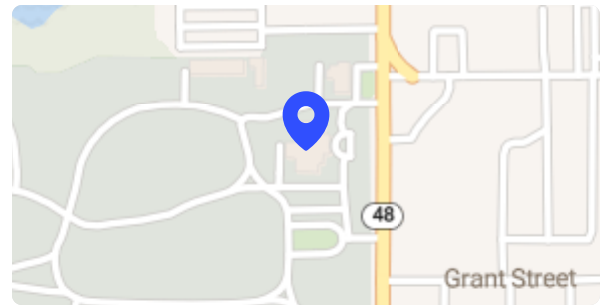
# Events

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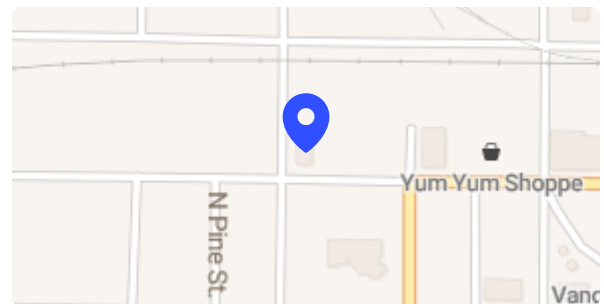
## Visitation

-  **Friday**, June 18, 2021
-  4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
-  **Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**  
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526





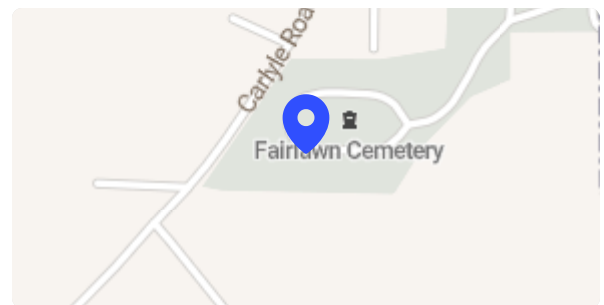
## Celebration of Life Memorial Service

-  **Saturday**, June 19, 2021
-  11:00 AM CT
-  **St. James Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
727 W. Gallatin Street, Vandalia IL 62471




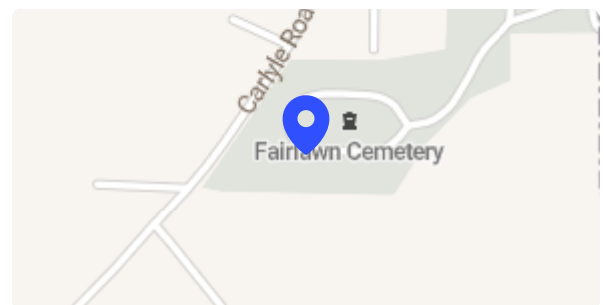
## Burial

-  **Saturday**, June 19, 2021
-  **Fairlawn Cemetery - Vandalia, IL**  
716 S. 5th Street, Vandalia IL 62471



## Cemetery Details

-  **Fairlawn Cemetery**  
716 South 5th Street, Vandalia IL 62471





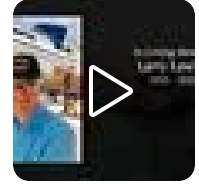
# Tribute Wall

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**Graceland Fairlawn** shared a **Video**.



June 16 at 12:21 PM



**Sandra R Schultz** posted:

We have fond, fun and great memoreis of time with Larry and beautiful Shelby. His smile, personality made anyone and everyone feel good and they also smiled and he could talk to you and truly know what he was talking about and my husband lovedd all thaat he learned from his conversations. Thinking of Shelby, his loved beautiful daughrers and grandchildren. Steve and Sandy Schutltz

June 18 at 9:08 AM



**Denny & Barb Bartison** posted:

We send our condolences to your family upon your loss of Larry. With Sympathy, Barb & Denny Bartison

June 17 at 7:49 PM



**Tamie Nihiser** posted:

Best boss ever! Hope you are all well. So sorry to hear of his passing. Thinking of you. Tamie Nihiser

June 17 at 4:22 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Lawler family.



June 15 at 4:25 PM



# Media

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

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