



Larry D. Bennett

September 3, 1943 - October 26, 2025

In Loving Memory of Larry Bennett

A Life Marked by Dedication, Adventure, and Heart

Larry Bennett's journey began in the close-knit community of Burnham, where he attended a one-room schoolhouse through the eighth grade. These formative years instilled in Larry a deep appreciation for hard work and simple joys, values he carried with him throughout life. He later graduated from Willow Springs School, laying the foundation for a life defined by resilience and determination.

After his schooling, Larry proudly served his country in the United States Navy. His years in the service shaped his sense of duty and adventure, preparing him for the road ahead, both literally and figuratively.

Larry's lifelong career as a semi driver was nothing short of extraordinary. Specializing in oversize and heavy loads, he became a respected figure in the trucking community. His work took him to remarkable places, including contributing to the construction of the legendary Alaskan Pipeline, a testament to his skill and courage. Before his well-earned retirement, Larry helped transport windmill blades, playing a role in the growth of renewable energy and leaving his mark on the landscape in more ways than one.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Larry's heart was always open to four-legged companions. His love for cats and dogs was evident to all who knew him, and at Shepherds View in Alton, he formed a special bond with a spirited abandoned kitten who became a constant source of comfort and joy. Larry would get up before daylight to make sure it was fed and watered.

Larry's warmth extended to his family, especially his beloved nieces and nephews. His affection and playful spirit left lasting memories, and he was always ready with a kind word or a helping hand.

One of his favorite pastimes was golfing. He carried his golf clubs with him on his semi so if he had the chance to hit the course while out on the road, he would. He loved his sister Dana and wanted her to go golfing with him, but she didn't know how to golf. No excuses, he paid for her to have golfing lessons so she could go golfing when he was in off the road.

As we remember Larry, we celebrate a life lived with integrity, generosity, and a gentle sense of humor. In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. Those who knew Larry are invited to honor his memory by sharing stories, treasuring the bonds of family, and perhaps giving a scratch behind the ears to a favorite pet in his name.

Larry Bennett's legacy endures in the roads he traveled, the projects he helped build, and the hearts of those who loved him. He will be dearly missed.

Always Faithful Memorial Services, West Plains, Mo

Tribute Wall

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“ *Debbie Aldridge lit a candle in memory of
Larry D. Bennett* ”



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