



Larry Behnfeldt

March 1, 1943 - August 24, 2022

Larry L. Behnfeldt, 79, of McClure, Ohio passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at Bridge Hospice in Bowling Green surrounded by his family. He was born in Napoleon on March 1, 1943 to Ernest and Hildegard (Bostelman) Behnfeldt. He married Sandra (McClure) Hale in November 1966 and they remained close friends through the years as they shared many family events as parents and grandparents.

Larry was a graduate of McClure High School, Class of 1961. He graduated from International Business College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and Defiance College. Larry proudly served in the US Air Force from 1964-1970, where he was stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas and served overseas in North Africa. He was a member of American Legion Post 332 for over 50 years.

Larry worked for over 28 years for Diehl Inc in Defiance, Ohio in accounting and computer programming. Additionally, he was a part-time farmer his entire life, learning first from his father, Ernest. Later, he and his brother, Bob, formed B&L Farms, which has recently been a partnership between he and his son, Chad.

Larry was a lifelong Detroit Tigers fan and took great joy in cheering on his four grandchildren at all of their sporting events. He enjoyed living a life of activity; he walked along his country road every day, was an avid golfer and was very active in the community of his winter home in Arcadia Villages in Arcadia, Florida. He considered his friends and neighbors in Florida his extended family.

Larry was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in McClure, Ohio his entire life. He served the church well over his lifetime in a variety of ways. He was also a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Arcadia, Florida during his snowbird months of the year.

He is survived by his children, Christine Melton of Mansfield, Texas, and Chad (Sarah) Behnfeldt of McClure, Ohio; grandchildren, Alex Melton, Austin Melton, Ben Ruder, and Grace Behnfeldt; brother, Virgil (Jean) Behnfeldt; sister, Carlyn Northrup; and sister-in-law, Nancy Behnfeldt. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Behnfeldt; infant sons, Bradley and Mark Behnfeldt; son-in-law, Bill Melton; and brother-in-law, David Northrup. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 29th at St. Paul Lutheran Church, McClure, Ohio. Interment will follow at Hockman Cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the McClure American Legion. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 1-6 p.m. at Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home in McClure, Ohio and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of McClure, Ohio or Lutheran Social Services of Northwestern Ohio.

Cemetery Details

Hockman Cemetery

100 Township HWY O4
Corner of County Road O4 and Township
Road 3A
McClure, OH 43534

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClure Funeral Home
310 Frank Street
McClure, OH 43534
(419) 748-8011
help@rodenbergergray.com

Visitation

AUG 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, McClure
155 Depot St.
McClure, OH 43534

Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JR

“ Chad and family you have our deepest sympathy.

John & Tresa Rowland - August 29, 2022 at 09:24 PM

JS

“ Chad, We are so sorry to hear of your Dad passing. Our thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.

Jack and Marjorie Spangler - August 29, 2022 at 11:11 AM

CB

“ He always had a smile to share and brightened my day.

Cindy Brooks - August 29, 2022 at 10:26 AM



“ Meat & Cheese Wooden Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Larry Behnfeldt.



August 28, 2022 at 04:12 PM



“ You will be missed Larry. Such a pleasant man we had the pleasure of having for a neighbor in Arcadia Village. God Bless and RIP. The Fraziers.

Doris Frazier - August 28, 2022 at 01:02 PM

RJ

“ I was so sorry to hear of his passing. He was a great classmate that always keep us laughing.

Ray Johnson - August 27, 2022 at 11:08 AM

VK

“ My deepest sympathy to Larry's family. We shares many Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners together in Arcadia Village and Larry always brought the rolls. Will truly miss him in the Village. Rest in Peace my friend.

Vicky Klopfenstein - August 26, 2022 at 09:13 PM

AW

“ I have many fond memories of Larry, first we played golf with him and then many games of euchre on Monday evenings. Also we shared his love for Ohio State football and basketball. We will miss him a great deal. Our prayers are with his family, we will miss him.

Al Wiens - August 26, 2022 at 08:46 PM

SA

“ I enjoyed playing shuffleboard with Lsrry. I always wanted to call him Henry. He would laugh. We will miss him. Sandra McLauchlan.

Sandra - August 26, 2022 at 05:27 PM

GW

“ After my sister, Nancy married his brother, Bob, our family went to visit them in McClure. I met Larry then, and we became instant buddies. We had a great time together walking all over McClure and pestering all the adults.

I'll miss you, old buddy, but one day I hope we'll meet again.

George Walden

George Walden - August 26, 2022 at 03:48 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry Behnfeldt.



August 26, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DS

“ I have played shuffleboard for years with Larry in Arcadia Village . I am so saddened to hear this news this morning. He will really be missed. I'm proud to call him my friend, Mike Snyder

donna snyder - August 26, 2022 at 11:55 AM

DB

“ Larry was such a nice man, Always stopped to say hello with a smile. Deepest Condolences to Larry's family

Denise Beaulieu - August 26, 2022 at 11:26 AM

LG

“ We are praying for you all as you grieve (with hope) the loss of your husband, dad, friend and granddad.
With love Howard and Lisa Gottlieb

Lisa Gottlieb - August 26, 2022 at 10:33 AM

LG

“ We are so sorry to hear this. Larry was such a funny, kind, man. He could really take the dirt the men of Arcadia Village poured on him! I will miss him at Euchre in Arcadia Village.

Linda Gromen - August 26, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Behnfeldt.



August 26, 2022 at 10:29 AM

BB

“ Such sad news! Larry and Chet were great Tiger fans usually rehashing the games on Sunday morning at church (armchair coaches) RIP!

Bonnie Brenneman - August 26, 2022 at 08:40 AM

TA

“ To Larry's family, I knew Larry from Arcadia Florida. There were not many nicer men in the village. He was a darn good euchre player as well.

Tom Adams - August 26, 2022 at 08:14 AM

EA

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of Larry. We were friends with him at Arcadia and Grace Lutheran in FL. He and I share a common bond with our Choclear Implants. May God comfort you.

Eunice & Jim Arrington - August 26, 2022 at 07:39 AM