



Lohse Larry

April 28, 2012

Larry Allen Lohse, 57, of rural Defiance, Ohio passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at his home. He was born September 22, 1954 in Wauseon, Ohio to the late Paul & Kathryn (Drittler) Lohse. On June 2, 1989, he married Lisa (Schaffter) Lohse. Larry worked in Maintenance at Handy & Harman, Archbold, for many years and most recently worked for Sauder Manufacturing in Stryker & Archbold. He was a lifelong member of St. John Lutheran Church, Stryker. Larry liked to garden, fish, and ride his Harley and loved to watch his children's activities. Larry is survived by his loving wife, Lisa, beloved son, Travis, 21, of Bowling Green, Ohio, and 17 year old treasured daughter, Tess of Defiance, brother, Paul (Shirley) Lohse of Goodyear, Arizona, and sisters; Linda (William) Hanawalt of Defiance, Shirley (Robert) Delbecq of Hicksville, and Mary (Dennis) Connor of The Villages, Florida and a brother-in-law, Richard Weber of La Mesa, California, mother-in-law, Janet Schaffter of Edon, brother-in-law, John Schaffter of Hamilton, Indiana, and brother & sister-in-law, Jeff & Jamie Schaffter of Edon, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Weber. A private burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Huntington's Society, American Cancer Society, or the St. John Stained Glass Window Fund, all care of Rodenberger Funeral Home PO BOX 166 Napoleon, OH 43545.

Tribute Wall



“ I am really very sad to hear of Larry’s passing. He was a good friend to me way back when. I am one of his old Ridgeville buddies who grew up and went to school with him since kindergarten in the same class. I moved off a couple years after high school and have not seen Larry since the early 70’s. We were close friends in those days. We were all a bunch of buddies who hung out and ran around together as teenagers and continued after High School until we all went our separate ways. There were about 6 or 8 of us close friends who did and went everywhere together. It was all in good fun, some stories I can’t mention here, but some I will in honor of my old buddy. I share this because they are good memories of Larry that I have carried with me for 40+ years. We all got our first motorcycles the same year and together rode them all over; this would be back around 1972. Larry’s first motorcycle was a Honda 450 4 cylinder, copper bronze in color, a beautiful bike. He had the only 4 cylinder, we all had only two. I was on my motorcycle cruising the road with him along with the rest of the gang, about six of us, when Larry was hit by a car and totaled out that fine bike. I saw him fly over the hood of the car 20’ into the air. When the dust settled we could not find Larry anywhere. He was not in the road but landed some distance away in ditch. I saw him lying in the creek moaning with his legs all twisted and his blue jeans torn in pieces, we just knew both legs were broken in several places. We all thought Larry was a goner then. They took Larry by ambulance to the hospital while we had to stay to fill out police reports. Later, to the surprise of all he survived with only minor bruises and not one broken bone. This happened on a Sunday afternoon cruise north in Michigan. Larry was out front leading our pack of motorcycles. A car met us and passed by. Larry was single back then and unattached, and he spotted a couple of pretty girls in the car. So out of the blue he just slammed on the brakes and made a u-turn in the middle of the road to go check out the chicks. None of the rest of us knew what was going on; it was just Larry who decided to go chase these hot babes. We all saw Larry braking and we hit the brakes, but the car behind us was not able to, and broadsided Larry as he made the u-turn in front of the

car. That's when Larry went airborne. It was quite a scare for all of us. Larry was not only a lot of fun, but a real survivor with a guardian angel. I could tell you more interesting details about this particular story, but another time. Another day we all also faced a narrow escape with Larry. Larry's first car was a Cougar late 60's - 67 or 68 model. All us buddies usually all met up for the weekend and went out somewhere or just went driving around cruising the streets. Different ones of us drove each night, and Larry happened to be driving his Cougar this particular night. Not much was happening and Larry for some reason fell into this macho high speed race car driver mood and began driving down this unknown country road about 90 miles an hour. We knew not why, just a guy thing maybe. I think we were somewhere between Bryan and Stryker where it's rather hilly. For the first time we all felt a bit scared riding with Larry, although none would admit it. It was pitch dark, the road became curvy and momentarily hilly, and then all of a sudden the car went air-borne, literally! We could all feel the car leave the ground and come back to the road with a hard thud. We felt the floor board hitting the road on our feet and then the car was screeching, bouncing and weaving back and forth. Larry did an excellent job of keeping the car under control however, but within a few minutes the engine started knocking, warning lights came on, and then the motor died. Come to find out the impact of being airborne and landing back on the road had scraped a hole in the bottom of the oil pan. All the oil had quickly leaked out and the engine gave up. I can't remember how we got home or what became of Larry.

May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa and kids, Please know that many are thinking of you and lifting you in prayer during this difficult time. May you cherish the memories.##imported-begin##Kim Stumpp##imported-end##

May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to your family. God Bless, Howard, Vicki Puehler and Daughters##imported-begin##Puehler Family##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Larry and I were friends when I was in high school in Archbold. I am very saddened to hear of his passing, and extend heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Lohse and their children. Pam Howell-Beach##imported-begin##Pam Howell-beach##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa, I was shocked and saddened to hear of your loss. I remember you and Larry, both, fondly from our days at H&H. My prayers will be with you in these difficult days, ahead. Truly, Herb##imported-begin##Herbert Saunders##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa, I am so very sorry to hear about Larry. He was a great person. I will keep you and your children in my prayers. Deb##imported-begin##Deb (wright) Apger##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa, Travis, and Tess - you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you the strength during this time of grief and loss. Please call if you need anything. Love Barb & Rick.##imported-begin##Barb Baden##imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa, Sorry to hear about Larry. God bless your family. Duane Sholl###imported-begin##Duane Sholl###imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear LisaMy deepest sympathies go out to you and your loved ones. I am truly sorry to hear of your husband's passing. Prayers of strength and peace are coming your way. Jill Thornton###imported-begin##Jill Thornton###imported-end##

May 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa, When I heard of your husband's passing away, I couldn't believe it. I am so sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through, but God will guide you on the way.###imported-begin##Vivian Allen###imported-end##

May 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa and family. I am so sorry about Larry's passing. My father was Harold Lohse and I am Larry's second cousin. I have many fond memories of my time with Larry as a child and am very saddened to hear of your loss. I remember all the fun we had playing when we visited. My sister, Dianne Zenz and I used to ride bicycles with Pat and Larry in the country. I remember the rides being long but we had lots of fun. We also had wonderful Lohse family reunions when we were little. At one reunion Larry was fishing and his line came back and hooked me in the wrist. That sure was a day to remember. I pray that God will give you peace and wonderful memories to help you through this time. Marlene (Lohse) Thomas##imported-begin##Marlene Lohse Thomas##imported-end##

May 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa so sorry to hear about Larry our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family##imported-begin##Denny Grine##imported-end##

April 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss, Lisa. My prayers are with you and your children. Rest in Peace, Larry.##imported-begin##Shelley##imported-end##

April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ lisa our sympathies go out to you & travis & lisa may god watch over you!! ken & sandy drittler##imported-begin##Ken Drittler##imported-end##

April 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Lisa, Travis and Tess, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength during this time of grief and loss. If you need anything please let us know. Love, Paula, Hannah, Brittany and Kayla Beaverson###imported-begin##Paula Beaverson##imported-end##

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