



Laird E. "Larry" Kieft

November 23, 1942 - October 9, 2025

Laird Edward "Larry" Kieft of Harrietta passed away Thursday, October 9, 2025 at his home. He was 82. Larry was born on November 23, 1942 in Grand Haven, Michigan to Edward G. & Harriet C. (Hoebeke) Kieft.

In 1961 he graduated from Grand Haven High School and went on to get his Associate's Degree from Grand Rapids Junior College. Larry started his career with the Michigan State Police in 1965 and retired in 1996. He was a member of the Michigan State Police Troopers Association for many years. In 2002 Larry moved to Harrietta. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening and anything outdoors as well as spending time with his family. Larry attended the Harrietta United Methodist Church and was active in the Harrietta community.

In September of 2017, he married the former Joanna Purdy and she survives him along with his children, Michele (Brant) Phillips of Franktown, Colorado and Randy (Julie) Kieft of Byron Center, Michigan; step-children: Dedee (Ken) Reece of Traverse City, Michigan, Steven Purdy of Detroit, Michigan, and Scott (Bethany) Purdy of Birmingham, Michigan; 14 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren; and his brother, Roger (Jessie) Kieft of Greenwood Village, Colorado. In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by an infant brother, Norman Douglas Kieft.

Funeral services will be held 12 Noon Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at the Harrietta United Methodist Church with Pastor Juile Lawhead officiating.

Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until services at 12 Noon. Burial will be at

Lake Forest Cemetery in Grand Haven, Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Lake Forest Cemetery

Grand Haven, MI 49617

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Harrietta United Methodist
116 Davis Ave
Harrietta, MI 49638-5100
(231) 389-0267

Funeral Service

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM.

Harrietta United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall

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“ We both entered the Michigan State Police in 1965, and after serving at two different locations each, we were both transferred to the Rockford Post in the Spring of 1969. We met on the front steps of the post and he asked me if I had my fishing poles with me to which I replied yes. We went down to the Rouge River in Rockford and wet a few lines. We were in the same squad for about 6 years. In 1975 we were both promoted to Sgt, and transferred to two different locations.

We spent many days camping and fishing with our families at Mitchell State park in Cadillac. Fish fries were the best.

Deer hunting was a great time and we (along with the Munch Bunch) were able to introduce our sons to deer camp. My boys always referred to him as "Uncle Larry"

As our families grew older, both became involved in many different activities.

As the years went by we still kept somewhat in touch.

We send our sympathies to the Kieft family during their time of sorry.

Jake, Gloria, and sons.

Jake Toering - October 16, 2025 at 01:03 PM

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“ We had a wonderful conversation with Roger and Jessie yesterday sharing childhood memories and fun, family times together.

We were sad to hear of Larry's passing And pray for the family as they mourn their loss.

Ken & Yvonne Kieft

Ken & Yvonne Kieft - October 14, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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“ Laura K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laird E. "Larry" Kieft.

Laura K. - October 13, 2025 at 09:02 PM

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“ The Goodman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laird E. "Larry" Kieft.

The Goodman Family - October 13, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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“ The Goodman Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Laird E. "Larry" Kieft.



The Goodman Family - October 13, 2025 at 12:47 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laird E. "Larry" Kieft.



October 13, 2025 at 11:19 AM

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“ Annette Bryant purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Laird E. "Larry" Kieft.



Annette Bryant - October 13, 2025 at 11:01 AM

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“ Camping group, Hockin, Renzema & Ridge purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Laird E. "Larry" Kieft.



Camping group, Hockin, Renzema & Ridge - October 12, 2025 at 07:13 PM