



## Larry Carnahan

April 3, 1937 - April 26, 2024

ONSTED- Larry Carnahan, 87 of Onsted (Sand Lake) passed peacefully in his home with his family by his side on April 26, 2024. He was born April 3, 1937, in Adrian, son of Dayle and Geraldine (Burnor) Carnahan.

Larry graduated in 1955 from Adrian High School. He then went on to Michigan State University for a short course, College of Agriculture.

Larry met his future wife, Sonnie, at a dance hall in Seneca. On April 19, 1959, he married Sondra (Wild) Carnahan at the First Presbyterian Church in Adrian. She survives him to cherish 65 years of memories and a life-time of dancing together. They were blessed with three children, Shawn, Renee and Kim.

In his early days, besides being a farm hand, picking corn by hand and mowing lawns, Larry was employed at Bridgeport Brass and then Industrial Electric. He retired from Citizens Gas Fuel Company after 34 years of service. He was proud to be a part of this company and enjoyed the people he worked with.

After retiring he and Sonnie moved to Sand Lake and renovated his grandmother's cottage to become their "forever home." This quickly became the gathering place for family and friends to celebrate holidays, special occasions or simply relax and enjoy the lake. In 2026, this cottage will be in the family for 100 years!

Larry attended West Adrian Community Church. He was a lifetime member of the Moose Club #1034 in Adrian. He loved flowers and landscaping, and his

lawns were always meticulously maintained. He loved all animals, especially cats and dogs and always had treats in the garage for those walking by with their pets. He was a collector of O27 gauge trains and had a special train room to house his massive display. This was complete with multiple train tracks, mountains and several small towns along its tracks.

In addition to his wife, Sonnie, he is survived by his son Shawn (Rose) Carnahan, daughters, Renee (Paul) Stewart and Kim (Mel) Herbert; grandchildren, Amy Dull, Kellie Berger, James Stewart, Elizabeth Bell, Cody Herbert, Shawna Herbert, and eleven great grandchildren. Larry was preceded in death by his parents Dayle and Geraldine (Burnor) Carnahan and sister, Diane Branch.

A memorial visitation will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian. Larry's memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Melany Chalker officiating.

We invite you to honor him with blooms of any kind, or memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, Lenawee Humane Society or West Adrian Community Church. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DP

“ My heart is breaking for you all, I've known you nearly my entire life, you are like a second family to me. Sonnie, you were lucky enough to have a "lifetime love", your soulmate, one that many of us can only dream for, with 65 years of marriage, wonderful children, and grandchildren. Please hold tight to the many beautiful memories you have to lift you when you are sad. Love you all, Doreen

Doreen Paquette - May 02, 2024 at 02:59 PM

BS

“ Our condolences to Sonnie and children on Larry's passing. Met Larry after working with Sonnie at the hospital and enjoying his company at Christmas parties. Always engaging and just a fine person. You will be greatly missed by many Larry. Bill & Brenda Sanderson

Bill Sanderson - May 02, 2024 at 07:25 AM

DF

“ Dan and Erin Foltz purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Larry Carnahan.



Dan and Erin Foltz - May 01, 2024 at 08:38 PM

LR

“ What a guy so enjoyed him & Sonnie gliding across the floor at many dances. He fought a courageous health battle and kept on going now he's at Peace.

Larry & Margie Reed - May 01, 2024 at 05:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Carnahan.*



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April 30, 2024 at 08:54 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Carnahan.*



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April 30, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Kim so sorry for the loss of your Father. Hugs for you*



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**Terry Griewahn** - April 29, 2024 at 06:20 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Carnahan.*



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April 29, 2024 at 01:39 PM

DT

“ *Dino and Patti Tomei planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Carnahan.*

Dino and Patti Tomei - April 29, 2024 at 01:39 PM

LT

“ *Love Mario and Jessica Tomei purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Larry Carnahan.*



Love Mario and Jessica Tomei - April 28, 2024 at 09:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Carnahan.*



April 28, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Carnahan.*



April 28, 2024 at 10:24 AM

MB

“ *Kim our prayers are with you and your family,  
Charles (Spanky) & Molly Baker*



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**Mary Baker** - April 27, 2024 at 11:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Larry Carnahan.*



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April 27, 2024 at 09:23 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the  
family of Larry Carnahan.*



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April 27, 2024 at 08:20 PM



“ Larry was the “Sheriff” to my husband because he knew all the goings on, on and around Sand Lake. To me Larry was my hero. I was fortunate to be able to express that to him a few weeks ago on my last visit with him.

*I got a phone call from Sonnie about 9 years ago, telling me there was no smoke coming from my chimney.... It was freezing outside. So, I drove out to fix the furnace. I asked Larry if he could come over and he said he would come over but wouldn't be much help because he couldn't lift anything heavy (he had recently had a heart attack) so he stood there by my side while I fixed it... I had just lost my father-in-law, whom I was very close to and this is something we would have done together. He didn't know at the time what a comfort it was just having him there. Larry has come to my rescue many times, just a few years ago I was taking my boat out for one last ride of the season, not knowing the muskrats had chewed up the steering wires, I was stranded. Larry and Shawn jumped in the cold water to save me and the boat. Those damn muskrats!*

*Dino and I are honored to be Sonnie and Larry's part time neighbors and grateful for the full-time friendship we share with Sonnie and Larry.*

*Our prayers are with you and your family,*

*Patti and Dino Tomei*

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**Patrice Tomei** - April 27, 2024 at 12:12 PM

ES

*My sympathies to Sonnie and family. I went to school with Larry and had many classes with him. He will be missed. Rest in peace Larry, you put up a valiant fight!*

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**Elaine Ann Stevenson** - May 02, 2024 at 02:19 PM

MM

“ Mike, Mechelle, Sabrina & Braeden Mahnke purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Larry Carnahan.



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**Mike, Mechelle, Sabrina & Braeden Mahnke** - April 27, 2024 at 10:53 AM

DM

“ Darlene Garry Morris lit a candle in memory of Larry Carnahan



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**Darlene and Garry Morris** - April 26, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DM

“ I'm so thankful to have memories of such a wonderful man. His love of life, his beautiful wife and family was such an inspiration to many. I'll always remember his love to dance and blessed to have even dance a few times with him. You'll be greatly missed by many, Larry. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sonnie and family. May the beautiful memories made, be of comfort in the days ahead. ❤️ 🙏

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**Darlene and Garry Morris** - April 26, 2024 at 08:05 PM

CS

“ So sorry for your loss. I loved watching Sonnie and Larry dance when our Line Dancing was over at the Moose. He would come at the end of our session and dancer her around the room!

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**Cheryl and Steve stout** - April 26, 2024 at 07:55 PM

RG

“ My condolences to Sonnie and the entire family. Larry was a great friend and former coworker. I worked with him many years at Citizens Gas and he was kind, funny, caring, fun-loving, helpful, .....just the epitamy of a " nice guy". Becky and I have met him and Sonnie at many summer music venues over the years and he was always dancing and having a great time. He will be missed by us and many,many others. God Bless you Larry.

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**Richard Gramling** - April 26, 2024 at 06:33 PM