



Larry Vossler

November 13, 2002

Larry L. Vossler, age 57, of Minnetonka. Vietnam Veteran, member of Hopkins V.F.W. Post #425 & V.V.A. #62. Survived by his wife, Judy; son, Peter Vossler; daughter, Jenny Aldana; grandchildren, Katie, Kristi, & Elisa Aldana; father, Ferdinand Vossler; sister, Lucy (Donald) Pfau; nephew, David Pfau. Visitation Wed 4-8 PM, VFW Ritual 7 PM at Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel, 1400 Mainstreet, Hopkins. Service Thurs 11 AM at Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson Chapel. Interment Friday, 2 pm, Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, assembly area #1. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad. Washburn-McReavy Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

Tribute Wall

EL

“ Since I moved from St Paul, I have missed VVA and all the guys. Certainly Larry was a big part of the experiences & people I hold in my heart. Without Larry's consistent commitment and his creativity in finding new solutions, I feel certain VVA #62 would have become yet another casualty, existing only in memory as so many of us faded into other things. Keepin' on keepin' on is hard work, and Larry never faltered on that long, hard road. We owe him a great deal.

My deepest sympathy to Judy and the children, and to all those who loved Larry. May you find peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Thanks to Rich, Ted, and Dave who, like Larry, have made an effort to keep me (at least a little bit) "in the loop", though I am now far away. You all are ever in my heart and my prayers.

Fondly, Elaine (Assoc Member since the early 80s)

~

Elaine Levine,

St Paul, Minnesota

Elaine Levine - December 03, 2002 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Thank you, Larry, for all your service to Vietnam Vets. You were there when others grew tired and had to move on. From reading the other remembrances listed here, I can see what you meant to so many people. As so many have said, we'll be together, again, one day.

~

David Fawcett,

Shakopee, Minnesota

David Fawcett - December 03, 2002 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *May we meet in the heavens God calls
us to.*

From the Pres. and Chapter members of 832.

~

Ed Gottschalk,

Dunnell, Minnesota

Ed Gottschalk - November 28, 2002 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *Dear Family, I remember Larry so well. He cared so much about his fellow brother and sister veterans and was a strong veteran's advocate. We met while working on gaining support to honor the women who served during the Vietnam war. Peace to Larry, and Peace to all of you. In sympathy,
Diane Carlson Evans and the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project.*

~

Diane Carlson Evans,

Helena, Montana

Diane Carlson Evans - November 19, 2002 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I did not know Larry, but I know he will be soley missed by everyone that new him. Just remember that he is in God hands know and he will be safe from now on.

Al Cummings

President

Mass.State Council

~

Al Cummings,

Turners Falls, Massachusetts

Al Cummings - November 16, 2002 at 12:00 AM

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LOREN ONEIL,

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota

LOREN ONEIL - November 16, 2002 at 12:00 AM



“ *I WANT TO THANK "GREG" THE FORK LIFT GUY FOR
MAINTAINING THE TRIBUTES TO LARRY VOSSLER.....THIS
MEANS SO MUCH TO THOSE OF US WHO ARE VIETNAM
VETERANS AND OTHERS WHO LOVED HIM.....THANKS GREG*

November 16, 2002 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO SIGNED THIS BOOK PREVIOUSLY AND IN THE FUTURE, LARRY HAD AN OUTSTANDING BURIAL AT FORT SNELLING CEMETARY. ALL VETERANS WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD. THE ANOKA RIFLE SQUAD EXTENDED A RIFLE SALUTE AND LARRY'S CHAPTER VVA 62 PRESENTED THE COLORS. THE COFFIN FLAG WAS PRESENTED TO HIS WIFE JUDY FROM A GREATFUL NATION. HIS FUNERAL SPOKE TO HOW HE LED HIS LIFE. WELL DONE LARRY, WELL DONE.

~

alvin thomas,

cornell, Wisconsin

alvin thomas - November 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Larry, 13 years ago when I first came to this part of the country you were one of the first Vietnam Vets I met. Thanks to you and your vision I am a proud member of Chapter 331. We always shared a laugh about being the "lowly GI," you a forklift operator, me a mechanic. I will miss your laugh and will carry on the tradition and your vision. Keep the faith, my friend.

~

Mark Sierzchulski,

Prescott, Wisconsin

Mark Sierzchulski - November 15, 2002 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Tennessee sends our thoughts and prayers to the family.
May he rest in peace.*

~

Charlie Richardson,

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Charlie Richardson - November 14, 2002 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *I never had the honor of meeting Larry but he was a brother.
May you rest in peace
Delaware State Council President*

~

Robert Corsa,

Millsboro, Delaware

Robert Corsa - November 14, 2002 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Larry and I met at one of VVA's National Conventions as few years back. Nice guy - told great jokes, too. See you up there one of these days.

*Paul Sutton, President
VVA NJ State Council, Inc.*

~

Paul Sutton,

Ocean View, New Jersey

Paul Sutton - November 14, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ I never had the privilege of knowing Larry, but I wish to honor him in his passing for his service to this nation and for leaving a giant footprint upon the earth. Rest in peace, Brother. My prayers go out to all who grieve for him at this time. Chapter 53-VVA

~

Matt Davison,

Rancho Palos Verdes, California

Matt Davison - November 14, 2002 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Larry and I were North Dakota men who went to war in Vietnam. We never thought too much about it. It just was what you did. Our country called and we went. Larry is now a casualty of that war, it was just delayed 33 years. My wife Jana and I were marching in the rain soaked parade in Wash. DC on Veterans Day when Rich Daniels told us the bad news. It was altogether fitting and proper that we were going to that hallowed Wall to honor another Brother who has left us. We grieved with the family at their loss of a husband, father, soulmate, loyal veteran and just a decent man. Jerry Kyser Pres. Mn. Vietnam Veterans of America

~

JERRY KYSER,

ROSEVILLE, Minnesota

JERRY KYSER - November 14, 2002 at 12:00 AM



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Harold Fosmo,

Spring Valley, Wisconsin

Harold Fosmo - November 14, 2002 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I met Larry around 1980, at Nott Co., where I would go to buy parts. He would always go that extra little bit to make sure that you got what you needed. Then in the early 90's I had the pleasure of working with him for 4 years and it never was a dull moment. Always had a joke ready, always willing to listen to one too, no matter how lame it was either. He looked out for me, a rookie, like no one else ever has. When I left the company, Larry continued to be my 'go to guy' for the parts I needed. I really believe that he forgot more about Hyster than Hyster ever remembered. Always with the notes about this change or that. Can't remember ever being let down by him either.

The world is a richer, better place because of him, and now, without him, just a little bit emptier too. I thank the good Lord for letting me know him, even if only for a scant 20+ years.

Farewell old friend, 'till we meet again in a better place.

~

Greg Neymeyer,

Northfield, Minnesota

Greg Neymeyer - November 13, 2002 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ LARRY AND GARY WOULD COME TO THE CHANHASSEN LEGION FOR BREAKFAST AND THE FISH FRIES THAT IS HOW I GOT TO KNOW HIM. HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING AND TEASING. WHEN I WOULD GO OVER TO THE VFW AND HE WAS THERE, HE ALWAYS WELCOMED YOU. HE WAS A GREAT PERSON. THEY GAVE ME THE NAME "WHISPERS" WHICH HAS SPREAD IN CHANHASSEN. THANK YOU LARRY FOR ALLOWING ME TO GET TO LAUGH WITH YOU.

~

DIANNE MURPHY,

MINNETONKA, Minnesota

DIANNE MURPHY - November 13, 2002 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Rich Daniels, Tom Asp, my wife Maureen and I were on our way to the WALL in DC when we got the news. We could not think of a more fitting person to leave a remembrance for than Larry. Everything Larry did was with the best interest of Veterans foremost in his mind, not himself. He worked tirelessly for us. I don't remember the day I met him, I think he was just always there.*

~

Mike MacDonald,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mike MacDonald - November 13, 2002 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ When it comes to inspiration and dedication to a cause, Larry was the brother that will always be remembered. We at Chapter 331 will never forget the love that he gave everyone in the brotherhood that he truly enjoyed. He will forever be the barometer that we will use whenever wanting to know the meaning of the phrase, "Welcome Home".....(Welcome Home, Larry)

~

Lyle & Judy Parin,

New Richmond, Wisconsin

Lyle & Judy Parin - November 13, 2002 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Larry - I had a thank you card that I was going to send to you thinking I still had some time to find the right words. So now I will do the best I can to let you know how much you mean to me.

I joined Chapter 62 VVA as an associate member 14+ years ago seeking answers to the many questions we all had about Vietnam. This is when I met you, Larry. You chose the role of leading our chapter as president at times when our volunteers were few to keep us going. You always helped in some capacity or another with benefit questions, lending support, guidance, leadership and most of all giving us your constant care and friendship and humor. You never sought recognition for all you did; you were too busy doing what needed to be done. When national changed the chapter by-laws, and the associates had to form their own organization, I felt like I was losing my family. You always reassured me and the other associate members that we would be a part of Chapter 62 & basically nothing would change. And so my family remained intact.

I gave you a card a couple months ago that said "Surviving is important. Thriving is elegant". You led your life with true elegance and determination. The last time I saw you was a week ago at George Constans's funeral. I was filled with pride as I watched my veteran friends walk down to the front of the church and were asked to give George a final salute. You walked down there with them to say goodbye to George. You lived your life filled with love, compassion, friendship and so much devotion to all of us, to your wife, Judy and your children. I was able that day to give you a hug and kiss hello and unknowing that day, also goodbye. I know the Angel of the White Light is holding you close and is watching over your family.

Thank you, Larry for every kindness you extended to me. I told you that we all love you that day. Your life was such a wonderful gift to us and we proudly remember you.

*Love,
Sherry*

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Sherry Black,

Rockford, Minnesota

Sherry Black - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Larry answered his countrys call to serve in Vietnam when many of his fellow countrymen were burning their draft cards and chanting hell no, I won't go and waving the NVA/VC flags. He did his duty and he often told me he was proud of his service. Like Al Thomas, I went to my first Chapter 62 meeting, I was wondering what type of Vets I would meet. Larry was the first one I met and he welcomed me,that was in 1987. Through out the years Larry was a guiding hand in our Chapter.When my military training took over, like, lets just blow them away, Larry always managed to calm me down. It was an honor to know Larry. I know his family will miss him however, they should know that Larry had an extended family of Vietnam Veterans who will also miss him. Take care my friend.

~

Sgt. Major Edward Komac,

Maplewood, Minnesota

Sgt. Major Edward Komac - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Larry, you were a friend and a brother. How you hated to wear a boonie hat in parades because you didn't think you looked good in one. You always had a friendly smile. Always making a joke about something. VVA should give you a medal. You did more to promote VVA than anyone I have ever known. I remember my early days in VVA. You ran the "store". Always at every gun show or any other show where you might sell a few bucks worth to pins. You were the one that found me a MAAG pin. Always asking where my leggings were. (a direct reference to my age) We will miss you old buddy. God's speed, soldier.

Gary Lindsay

~

Gary Lindsay,

North Mankato, Minnesota

Gary Lindsay - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ AS ONE OF THE FEW MINORITY MEMBERS OF VIETNAM VETERANS CHAPTER 62, I WILL MISS LARRY. IN 1985 WHEN I JOINED CHAPTER 62, LARRY WAS ONE OF THE FIRST VETERANS THAT I MET. UPON MEETING HIM I KNEW I WAS HOME. WE LAUGHED OVER THE YEARS, ABOUT ANOTHER MEMBER COMPLAINING THAT NOT ENOUGH BLACK AMERICANS BELONGED TO THE CHAPTER. AS THE PERSON SAID IT, I WALKED INTO THE CHAPTER MEETING AND LARRY SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT HERE IS ONE NOW. JUST AS HE MADE ME FEEL AT HOME IN CHAPTER 62, HE IS ALSO AT HOME, WAITING FOR THE REST OF US. GOD BLESS HIS FAMILY AND HELP EASE THERE LOST. WE WILL ALL MISS HIM, BUT I KNOW THEY WILL THE MOST. WE WILL NEVER FORGET HIM. I MOVED HERE TO CORNELL WISCONSIN LAST NOVEMBER AND THIS NOVEMBER JOINED THE COMBINED AMERICAN LEGION/VFW. WHEN I THOUGHT OF LARRY AND THE HOPKINS VFW POST I COULD NOT TRANSFER THAT MEMBERSHIP. I WILL ALWAYS BE A MEMBER OF THE HOPKINS VFW DUE TO PEOPLE LIKE LARRY. I USED TO DRIVE FROM DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS TO HOPKINS TO THE MEETINGS, NOW I DRIVE FROM CORNELL WISCONSIN. WHEN I SEE THE COMMENTMENT THAT VETERANS LIKE LARRY HAD THROUGH OUT THE YEARS, IT IS THE LEAST THAT I CAN DO.

~

Alvin Thomas,

Cornell, Wisconsin

Alvin Thomas - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ God put all of us here to take care of one another. You understood that better than anybody else I have ever known. Along with your unwavering love of your family, You were in deed your brothers keeper. I will miss your laughter on my porch swing. Until we stand watch together once more. Rest your oars. God bless and comfort your family. Ron

~

Ron/Nancy Cleveland,

Spring Valley, Wisconsin

Ron/Nancy Cleveland - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Larry was the best. He was just simply, the best!* ”

~

Terry Fitzgerald,

Hopkins, Minnesota

Terry Fitzgerald - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *Larry was a good dear friend, we will all miss him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

~

Peter Martin,

River Falls, Wisconsin

Peter Martin - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *My prayers & thoughts are with his family. You will be dearly missed by you brother vets!*

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phillip herzog,

apple valley, Minnesota

phillip herzog - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ We knew Larry through our local VVA Chapter 331 and our close mutual friend Patty Fenstermaker

~

Robert & Allegra Swanson,

River Falls, Wisconsin

Robert & Allegra Swanson - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We will always remember you Larry in our thoughts and prayers.
You touched our hearts in many ways. You will be sadly missed until
we meet again.

~

Doug and Audrey Schulte,

Mesa, Arizona

Doug and Audrey Schulte - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Larry was a strong supporter of Veterans and their families. He will be missed. His memory will live on. God Bless--*

~

Randall & Marlene Weiss,

Hudson, Wisconsin

Randall & Marlene Weiss - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

HV

“ We have many fond memories of Larry as he was growing up and we share in your sorrow. We are so glad we had time to visit in Oct.. May God comfort you in your sorrow.

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Harley and Idella Vossler,

Wishek, North Dakota

Harley and Idella Vossler - November 12, 2002 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *I worked with Larry at Nott Company in the St. Cloud office. Our prayers are with you.*

~

Sandie Laudenbach,

St Cloud, Minnesota

Sandie Laudenbach - November 11, 2002 at 12:00 AM