



Larry Nourie

October 3, 1951 - March 17, 2009

Larry A. Nourie, 57, of Kankakee, died Tuesday (March 17, 2009) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A memorial Mass will follow at 11 a.m. at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Kankakee. Father Tom Cargo will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Teresa Catholic Church, where he was a member. Mr. Nourie was employed at Napleton Auto Group and formerly employed by Uptown Sales, Bergeron Inc. and O'Brien Auto Group. He was born Oct. 3, 1951, in Watseka, the son of Marvin and Anita Mercier Nourie. He enjoyed bowling and dirt track racing. Surviving are his wife, the former Susie Berns, whom he married June 15, 1974, at St. Teresa Catholic Church; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Gordon and Sandi Nourie of Ottawa, Terry and Cheryl Nourie of Normal, Jan Vazquez of Kankakee; one sister and brother-in-law, Karen and John Duffin of Urbana; several nieces and nephews, including Chrissie Vazquez of Kankakee; great-nieces and great-nephews. Deceased are his parents; and stepfather, James Barber.

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“ SUZY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT LARRY HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND WE ALL HAD GOOD AND BAD TIME TOGETHER RACING YOU ALWAYS THINK THERE IS MORE TIME TO DO WHAT WE WANT BUT NEVER IS. YOU NEVER GET TIME TO SEE PEOPLE OR TALK BECAUSE THERE TIME SOME OTHER DAY BUT IT NEVER IS HOPE YOU KNOW YOU TWO WERE REAL FUN TO BE WITH LARRY WILL REALLY BE MISSED TAKE CARE HOPE TO SEE YOU WHEN I GET HOME FOR THE RACE IN JULY
i; ½DANIEL WALKUP##imported-begin##daniel walkup##imported-end##

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“ *Uncle Lar You will be sadly missed. You will always be with us at the track. Suzie you and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Tami Dixon Goodwin##imported-end##*

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“ NULL##imported-begin##STEVE EMBREE##imported-end##

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“ We were so saddened to hear of Lar's passing. ĩ ħ½I have not seen him in quite a few years, but have so many great memories of him. I know my daughter, Kelsey Kuntz thought the world of him. ĩ ħ½I will always remember Lar as one of the nicest friends I came across while living in the area. ĩ ħ½During the time I was married to Jerry, Lar & Sus were a constant friend in our lives. ĩ ħ½Lar always had a contagious smile and was rarely in a bad mood....unless ofcourse a race didn't go his way!!! ĩ ħ½He will be sadly missed by many, many people, and I am certain there will forever be a void at all the dirt tracks Lar loved. ĩ ħ½

Our thoughts & prayers are with your family Lar, and Susie I am so, so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Kelly (Kuntz) Darby##imported-end##

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“ We have fond memories of Larry & Susie at the race tracks from our days with Tom Rients. ĩ ħ½Our deepest sympathy to everyone.##imported-begin##Judy & Clarence##imported-end##

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“ Larry- a very special person to us. He will be missed for seasons to come. Our thoughts are with Susie, Jan & Chrissy.##imported-begin##Chuck & Nancy Dixon##imported-end##

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“ Susie,,im sorry i could not make the service.As you know Larry and i went way back ,high school band and hanging out in those early years. Im very sorry ,life is to short and you must always remember the good and fun times.you had together..i know i will.

ï¿½ï¿½Andy Thomas###imported-begin###Andy Thomas###imported-end##

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“ I met Larry(and Suzie)at SanteFe Speedway many years ago through my brother Art and my Dad, Art Sr. ï¿½Knowing Larry has been one of life's greatest gifts. ï¿½He was kind and sincere and so much fun to be with. ï¿½Have you ever shared a "private joke" with someone special? ï¿½ï¿½That dumb joke that makes you laugh out right out loud everytime it comes up. ï¿½Sometimes Lar and I would just look at each other and bust up laughing. ï¿½And... when things in life weren't so funny, Lar always knew exactly what to say to make you feel better. ï¿½He was the best and I absolutely adored him.

On behalf of my entire family... Betty & Art Fehrman Sr., my brothers Bill and Art "Fireball" Fehrman...we would like to express our deepest sympathy to Suzie and the rest of Larry's loved ones. ï¿½He was a great man and his memory will live on forever.

Kathy Fehrman (Fireball's Sister)

PS to Larry: ï¿½"HEY!!! ï¿½Aren't you that guy on my brother's pit crew?"###imported-begin###Kathy Fehrman###imported-end##

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“ God has called him to take his hand and be in a better place. Only now can he know that all loved him even when we are sometimes far away. We love you Larry and will always have you in our hearts. Hopefully you will be with your fathers and all that will come. God bless and keep you.

Love Always,

Pat Barber and Jolene###imported-begin###Patrick James Barber###imported-end##

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“ SUSIE...HE WAS A GREAT PERSON AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY..HE WAS LIKE PART OF THE FAMILY..HE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ANYONE AND WE WILL MISS HIM ALOT!!###imported-begin###JIM PATRICK###imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin###jacob howard###imported-end##

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“ Suzie..Words cannot begin to express how sad we were to hear about "Uncle Lar" passing. He was one of an kind!! We will forever remember the many times we all shared together at the races. Although we were many miles apart, and we not able to make it home to the races as much as we would have like to we always knew that "Uncle Lar" was one constant fixture we could look forward to seeing at the track. He was a sweet, kind and genuine person. He will be sadly missed by ALL. Although, we were unable to make it home for his memorial, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

"Uncle Lar"--Godspeed my friend, til we meet again. You were Loved!!! Now we have an angel to watch over us!

Love,

Kenneth, Brenda and Branson Hill###imported-begin###Brenda Walkup-Hill###imported-end###

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“ Larry was a very special person. Some of

my fondest and funniest memories go back

some 30 years to our time together at

Uptown Sales. Larry always had a smile and

always seemed to get the people around him

to smile too. He will be greatly missed.

Susie, our thoughts and prayers go out to

you.

Pat & Laura Gillespie###imported-begin###Pat & Laura Gillespie###imported-end###

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“ I knew Larry through his brother, Terry, one of my closest, lifelong friends.

Mostly I saw Larry at Nourie family gatherings. Like all the Nouries, he was gracious, friendly, caring and totally genuine.

I talked with Larry whenever I saw him, and it was like picking up on a perpetual conversation. We'd always recall the good ol' memories, exchange updates and share new stories about brother Terry.

I know nothing about car racing and all that metal under the hood, but I'd always ask Larry about his work and passion. I'd ask, because Larry could explain in an interesting way, helping me to understand his excitement with racing and getting a smile on my face as he peppered talk with some funny anecdotes.

The world needs more people like Larry Nourie. He cared and he gave. Always.

My wife and I extend our condolences to Larry's wife, Susie, and to Terry, Gordon and Sandi and the entire family.

Our love,

Randy and Eileen Swikle##imported-begin##Randy and Eileen Swikle##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##KENNY AND PATTI BLAKE##imported-end##

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“ Herman Nourie you are the best. I remember when you moved to the neighbor hood and you worked on all those cars at your house. What a mess. Remember when Jeff and I set you and Susie up? We had a lot of gret times together. We will always remember the times you talked in your sleep from forgetting your purse at the KC hall, to the time you told Bryan that Mickey Mouse called and you guys needed to fix the lights at the castle. I miss u so much, your laugh, smile and you. Rest my friend. Thank you for taking my sister out and marring her and for being my fried. I will truely miss making you cookies(double chocolate chip)On Tuesday Night heaven was a happy place. The stars were so bright and happy. All of us here are very sad.

Love you Lar

Jan XO###imported-begin###Jan###imported-end###

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Our thoughts and prayers are with Susie and the entire Nourie family. Kathleen said it all... Larry will be deeply missed

Godspeed, Larry

"In coelo quies est" - In Heaven there is Rest.

Bill Fehrman & Family###imported-begin###Bill Fehrman###imported-end###

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He was a great guy, We'll miss him.###imported-begin###Rick and Mary Mccutchan###imported-end###

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“ Suzie, We are all shocked to hear of "Uncle Lar's" passing. Our hearts go out to you and your families. Lar will be greatly missed by all. He truly touched so many lives. You could count on seeing Uncle Lar at every race or event...he never missed. Sorry we missed the services but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are going to miss Ol' Unlce Lar and his Big Bear Hugs! Take Care. Tom "Earl", Pam, Denver Hedrick and Brooke, Jason & Lainie Welborn. God Bless!###imported-begin##Tom & Pam Hedrick##imported-end##

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“ NULL###imported-begin##Creepor Corbin##imported-end##

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“ Uncle Lar

We will miss you very much, we worked many years together and stayed friends many years. Sus stay safe and we will keep you in our prayer's. ÿ½ÿ½###imported-begin##John & Kathy Eigenheer##imported-end##

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“ What a great guy and friend . We are all going to miss him so much !!! Napletons will not be the same with no Lar .So sorry for your loss .

Rick & Linda Drazy###imported-begin##Rick & Linda Drazy##imported-end##

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“ Suz we were so sorry to hear of Lar's passing. He was a wonderful man and will truly be missed. You are in all of our thoughts and prayers. Please take care of yourself.##imported-begin##Shelly and Chuck Bukowski##imported-end##

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“ From all of us at the Napleton Auto Group, please accept our deepest sympathies. Larry will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Bill Wilusz##imported-end##

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“ Larry Nourie was a good guy. I only knew him for a year, but, in that time, I came to the realization that this man had a huge heart and a bright soul. He will be missed but not forgotten. i;½My thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Susie and family.##imported-begin##Brad Coyer##imported-end##

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“ (Uncle Lar) will be sadly missed, but he will always be watching over us. Our thoughts and prayer are with you.##imported-begin##Travis Kohler and family##imported-end##

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“ Susie--We will miss Larry very much at the FALS. i½He was truly one of the most FUN people we have been around. i½What a great guy! i½I guess God needed a drummer for his band and he sure got a good one! i½Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Todd and Becky Webster##imported-end##

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“ Larry will be missed. He was always smiling, warm and friendly. I will truly miss his hellos and gracious ways.

##imported-begin##Brian Bitsky##imported-end##

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“ Susie: i½Sending you all my love, we are going to miss him! It is not going to be the same at FALS without him. i½

Love Sherrie##imported-begin##Sherrie Schmidgall##imported-end##

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“ i enjoyed working with Larry and discussing the weekend's NASCAR race with him. i½I could always count on him to wish me a good night or a good weekend. i½I will especially miss bringing him chocolate chip cookies, because they were his favorite. i½##imported-begin##Laura Siemsen##imported-end##

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“ Dear Susie,

We are very sorry to hear about Larry. i¿½He will be greatly missed. i¿½You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Sally i¿½& William Bell##imported-end##

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“ Our very deepest sympathies to the family on you loss.##imported-begin##Don and Alice Anderson##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Lar.. we will miss seeing him at the race parties and the race track..

he's now "racing in heaven"

need anything, please let us know

Jeb, Connie, Braytin, Camdyn and Calley Friedman

#4 racing##imported-begin##Jeb and Connie Friedman##imported-end##

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“ may god bless all of you during this difficult time , even when me and larry didnt see eye to eye on things all the time it was always great to see him supporting dirt track racing like he did he was a definite fixture at the tracks he will be greatly missed god bless you and thanks for letting me share my thoughts##imported-begin##tony izzo jr##imported-end##

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“ Our family is deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend.
½Larry was truly "One of a kind". ½A more sincere friend you will never find. ½Every holiday we looked forward to his call and when the phone rang we laughed because we all knew it was Lar. ½We were grateful to have known him as a racing mechanic and also as a true friend. He has touched not only our lives but our childrens and grandchildren. ½The races won't be the same without you. ½Godspeed.

Love....All of us at Friedman Racing

Roger, Jan, Daren, Kelly, Austin, Carson, Easton, Jeb, Connie, Braytin, Camdyn, Calley, Kara & Andrew##imported-begin##Roger & Jan Friedman##imported-end##

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“ Larry was wonderful man with a loving and joyful heart. ½He always had a smile and a good word for everyone.

Our friendship began as members of the Eastridge High School Band in 1966. ½½It's been 12 years since I've seen Larry, but he was happy with his life, and wanted to know how my family was. ½Our 40 year class reunion is this summer, and he'll be greatly missed.

He was a special friend and I feel blessed to have known him. ½

##imported-begin##Jane (Blankenberg) Lambert##imported-end##

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“ My father bowled on a league team with Larry and on the occasion I was home from school I would join my dad for a few games after league. Larry would often sit there with us, making conversation and helping me develop my own game.

Aside from his obvious level of sincerity, Larry always stuck me as an extremely genuine person. He asked how I was doing not simply to make conversation but because he actually cared. Being around him made me want to try and be a better person like he already was.

My limited exposure to Larry inhibits me from commenting further, but I can say that the amount of time spent with Larry compared to what I learned from him is insurmountable. I know he is in a better place right now, and I pray that his spirit continues to inspire as it has already done so for me.##imported-begin##Adam Joines##imported-end##

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“ We lost a good man and a good racer...He will be missed by all..I think of him often, now I am so far away.

From Nancy

His smiling face we will always remember. I don't think Lar ever knew a stranger or had an enemy. Had a heart of gold and all that knew him loved him. A sweet man.##imported-begin##Herb & Nancy Jensen##imported-end##

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“ Each time I went to Fairbury, the first thing I did was look up Larry and the Kankakee Gang. ĩ½Great times and lots of stories. ĩ½Then there was Farmer City, Daytona, Volusia and many more. ĩ½You were not only a good friend, great racing fan, but always willing to lend a hand. ĩ½You will be missed but

the memories I will treasure. ĩ½Your support of the Rients 49 gang and Aaron Rickets as he started his career will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Tom Quinn##imported-end##

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“ Mark worked with Larry for years. We both enjoyed Larry's sense of humor. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Mark & Nancy Diefenbach##imported-end##

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“ No words can begin to express Lar's passing. ĩ½Although we were miles apart, he was always with us. ĩ½He always called to check on us or would leave

funny messages on the answering machine when he didn't reach us. ĩ½Every holiday he called to wish a Happy or Merry one. ĩ½In the ten years since I met Lar, he never missed one holiday. ĩ½Bryan so cherished their friendship, and misses him very much. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with you Suz. ĩ½We love you.##imported-begin##Bryan and Sharon Dunaway##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family and Friends of Larry,

Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss of your dear family and friend. How I wish I could be there for you this weekend. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you this day.

I pray that God keep you ever comforted in His Mercy and Kindness. May He engulf you in His Precious Heart and shine His Peace upon you. May your thoughts also turn to gentle smiles as you remember soft moments of touch and treasured and shared love.

My deepest sorrow.

Kaylyn
Anderson##imported-begin##Kaylyn Anderson##imported-end##

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“ I very sorry for your loss. I have known Larry since I was 18 when I got my first job at Uptown Sales. I have a lot of great memories and laughs. I will sadly miss my friend.
##imported-begin##Todd Monney##imported-end##

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“ I've never met a nicer person. If I needed help when I was working with him he would help. Even after I no longer worked with him and I needed help with a car he would offer help and advice. He was a just such a kind, good natured person, he was a real joy to be around. In 6 years of working with him I can't think of one time I saw him mad. He was also the only person I ever saw able to sleep standing up. A great man, a great friend, I will miss him.##imported-begin##Harry ONeil##imported-end##

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“ i will miss you 'Uncle Lar'!!!!

he was my
'cupcake'##imported-begin##Leslie DeFries##imported-end##

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“ Larry will be sadly missed by all....we will always remember his wonderful smile and the fun times we shared with him. ĩ½We are also going to miss our great email buddy. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family, we all now have another guardian angel watching over us.

 ĩ½Our deepest sympathy,

 ĩ½Tom and Carol Rients

 ĩ½and the whole 49 crew##imported-begin##Tom and Carol Rients##imported-end##

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“ Susie,

We were very saddened to hear of Uncle Lar's passing. He was truly one of a kind! Our water fights won't be the same.

##imported-begin##Ronnie, Debbie and Jessica Bull##imported-end##

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