



## Larry E. Soltis

November 18, 1947 - December 7, 2017

Larry E. Soltis, age 70, of Crestwood, passed away Thursday, December 7, 2017 at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Larry was born November 18, 1947 in Chicago, the son of Edward & Wanda Marie Knapkiewicz Soltis.

He was the retired owner & operator of Fifth Avenue Car Wash in Kankakee.

Larry was a graduate of St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, IN. He enjoyed scuba diving and golfing.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Vietnam Era.

Surviving are his life partner, Elizabeth "Sue" Meegan of Crestwood; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Diane Soltis Mathis of New Bern, NC and Gale Lindsay & Randy Deboise of Fernandina Beach, FL; three nieces, Jenna, Laura, and Hannah; and one nephew, Jack.

Cemetery services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

Memorials may be made to Northwestern University Alzheimer's Disease Center.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais.

# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road  
Elwood, IL 60421

# Previous Events

## Cemetery Chapel Service

DEC 11. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Elwood, IL 60421

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Larry loved life, his family and his friends! He was a kind and generous guy. He went out of his way for people. Rest in peace Larry please watch over us!*  
*We will miss you*  
*Colleen Dykas*

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**colleen Dykas** - December 11, 2017 at 03:43 PM

LW

“ *Dear Diane and family, I only met Larry once - probably 45 years ago - on a boat trip, but I clearly remember him to be a charming, sweet, fun-loving young man. My deepest sympathy to all he left behind.. Laurie*

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**Laurie Wilkins** - December 10, 2017 at 04:38 PM

ED

“ *Larry was a friend of mine at Leo High School. am sorry to hear of his passing.*  
*Gene Daly*

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**Eugene Daly** - December 10, 2017 at 03:57 PM

DE

“ *I haven't seen or talked to Larry since grade school days but thanks to Marilyn I have kept up with his life and that of his family. I am very sorry that his life is over put glad his suffering and that of his family is.*

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**Delphine** - December 10, 2017 at 01:24 PM

MG

“ Knew Larry since we were kids on Sawyer Ave. I remember when Larry would occasionally come with Di and I to see Horror movies at the Marquette or Colony theaters & scream along with us before going to Gerties for ice cream. He was always fun to be around. Through the years he always managed to retain that same good humor. I will always remember his terrific smile and great laugh, I know he will be greatly missed by Sue, Di, Gayle and their families. I can't help but think how much he would have enjoyed flying with his nephew Jack as pilot.

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**Marilyn Grudzien** - December 09, 2017 at 08:25 PM

JP

“ Have known Larry longer than any other friend. We met in first grade at St. Denis elementary school in Chicago in 1953. College roommates at St. Joe's....the best man at our wedding, and many more shared adventures. He was truly a lifelong friend. He lived life to the fullest and brought happiness to those he touched. His bright spirit will be missed by many.

*Till we meet again "Pepper That" I look forward to our next reunion  
"Ma Put Coffee"*

*Jim and Marie Pacetti*

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**Jim Pacetti** - December 09, 2017 at 03:20 PM

DH

“ I feel very grateful and warm inside to have known and work with Larry. He was one the hardest working people I have ever known. My good thoughts of him and prayers go out to Diane and his family. Hope to see you some day Larry, your friend Dave

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**David Hansing** - December 09, 2017 at 10:26 AM

VD

“ *I do not have enough words to tell you how sorry I am about Larry. It was a joy when he came in the store every day with that beautiful smile. My love thoughts and prayers to Sue and all of Larrys family*



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**Virginia R Dominick** - December 08, 2017 at 08:38 AM