



Larry W. Acton

August 26, 1937 - March 20, 2013

Larry W. Acton, age 75, of Clare, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 20, at MidMichigan Medical Center in Clare. He was born the son of Lester and Jean (McCune) Acton on August 26, 1937, in St. Louis, Michigan. He served with the Michigan National Guard for almost 10 years from 1955 to 1964. He married Laurene Woodward on August 30, 1958 in Clare and she survives him. Larry was a Multi Skilled Master craftsman with Dow Chemical for 40 years retiring in 1995. He was an avid snowskier and had served with the National Ski Patrol for more than 30 years. He had coached Little League Baseball in Clare during the late 70's and early 80's. He also served as Scout Master for several years. Larry was Clare President and Michigan Vice President of The Jaycees of America.

Larry is survived by his wife Laurene, sons, Larry (Donna) Acton of Midland, Kirk Acton (Kimberlynn Brown) of Beaverton, Darren Acton (Jenn Ferry) of Clare, his brother, Ronald (Sandee) Acton, and sister, Carolyn (Ron) Feltman all of St. Louis, Mich. Also surviving are his legacys, his grandchildren, Duane (Jesse) Acton and Brent Acton of Midland, Bretton Acton of Beaverton, Lauren Acton of Kalamazoo, Alise and Alexis Cronin of Clare and Amanda Hoffman. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his mother and father-in-law, Janetta and Laurie L. Woodward.

Funeral services for Larry will be held on Monday, March 25, at 1:30 PM at the Clare United Methodist Church with Pastor Dennis Bromley officiating. Burial will be in the Cherry Grove Cemetery. Friends may meet with the family at the

Clare Chapel of Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Saturday evening from 6 to 8 PM and on Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM.

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanhf@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

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MAR **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAR **25**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Clare United Methodist Church
105 E. Seventh Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

LZ

“ *Laurene and family...many prayers and thoughts are with you at this time...God Bless.*

Linda Zemko

Linda Zemko - March 26, 2013 at 08:44 AM

JT

“ *MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS IS WITH THE ACTON FAMILY I REMEMBER LARRYS 58 CHEV. ALSO HIS OTHER HOT RODS JACK TUBBS ENGLEWOOD FLORDIA*

JOHN TUBBS - March 25, 2013 at 11:51 AM

TD

“ *Laurene and family...*

We have had many memories of Larry, you and your family over many, many years... One that comes to mind is when Larry and his sons came to Colorado to ski the Rocky Mountains ... I believe Larry was smiling 24 hours a day and skied from early morning to dusk ... And as we have known the entire Acton Family for more years than we can count, have had lots of good times together.

Deepest Sympathy,

The DeWinter Family

Terry and Pat

Te

Terry DeWinter - March 25, 2013 at 08:58 AM

MB

“ We will be keeping you all in our prayers. I know you will hear people advise that "time will Heal" What they mean is that there will come a time when you think of him and smile, remembering all the great things he was, taking over the grief you are feeling now. We will be praying to help get you through this tough time.
Matt & Lisa Benic

matt benic - March 24, 2013 at 09:46 PM



“ Prayers rising for the entire Acton family.. He will be missed!

Lori Bluhm - March 24, 2013 at 07:48 PM

ML

“ May God comfort you during this time of sorrow. *Maxine Lago*

Maxine Lago - March 24, 2013 at 05:57 PM



“ So many memories made with the Acton Family....at the ski hill, in the pool, gathered around the dining room table or in the garage. Larry always provided sound advice, a hug when needed or a kick in the pants when that was necessary. Loved by many, including the Burns Family.

Christine Burns - March 24, 2013 at 08:18 AM

DB

“ Peace be with you in these times of loss of the head of your household. Larry was a community leader, good husband, and father I was proud to live next to 30 years ago. Larry will be missed by our close community of Clare. Thoughts & prayers with you at this time.

Doug, Jane, Marci (Fritz), & Jillian Bouchey

Doug Bouchey - March 22, 2013 at 06:24 PM

SK

“ My dear Acton family--I was so sorry to hear of Larrys' passing. I have known Larry since the forth grade. We have always been friends, and shared many hours together on the ski patrol. He was so helpful and always tried to do the best he knew, happy and enjoyed all the people he associated with. We have had many memories with his family and of course with Larry. My love to all and he will always have a space in my memories.

Loving thoughts, Shirley Kinnear

Shirley Kinnear - March 22, 2013 at 05:32 PM

 Rick
Tetsworth

“ God's Blessings to Darren and all of the Acton Family and friends. You are all in our thoughts and prayers...
Rick & Karen Tetsworth - Scottville Clown Band

Rick Tetsworth - March 22, 2013 at 04:43 PM

 Bill
Gould

“ My condolences to Larry's family. I had the pleasure to know him for a good number of years and he will be missed. R.I.P. Larry. Bill Gould (Gladwin)

Bill Gould - March 22, 2013 at 03:42 PM



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



March 22, 2013 at 07:00 AM



“ *Acton Family - for the happiness Larry brought and the lessons he taught, for the way that he cared and the wisdom he shared, I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to call him a friend. May he rest peacefully!*

Deanna (Swan) Fountain

Deanna Fountain - March 22, 2013 at 05:56 AM



“ *Acton Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.*

The DeRoche's - Pete, Melissa and Peter

DeRoche Family - March 21, 2013 at 09:22 PM



“ *Acton Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless.*

The DeRoche Family - March 21, 2013 at 09:20 PM

WN

“ *Laurene, Larry, Kirk, and Darren - Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of loss. Your entire family are a part of many of our best memories of our time in Clare. God be with you in this your time of need.*

William Newkirk - March 21, 2013 at 07:45 PM

BS

“ *Laurene,
My deepest sympathy for your loss. Larry was truly an incredible person and fellow patroller. He will be deeply missed by his whole patrol family of which there are many. What a dedicated family man. Even when he was unable to help out, he was there supporting you. My thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.*

Barb Starr-Apple Mountain Ski Patrol

Barb Starr - March 21, 2013 at 07:11 PM

TF

“ *Although we only had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Larry for a short time, it was evident that he was a special man with a loving and giving heart. Our lives are greater having known him.*

The Luna Family - March 21, 2013 at 05:16 PM

TF

“ *Larry was not only a wonderful family friend to all three generations but truly a gift from God. He had an especial place in each heart. Those twinkling eyes and that quick smile will be missed.
Our Love to You All, The Thering-Ballou Family*

Thering Ballou Family - March 21, 2013 at 03:39 PM

RK

“ Mrs. Acton & Family, So sorry to hear of the passing of your husband & father. You are in my prayers and thoughts during and after these difficult times.

Ranee Krocker & Family

Ranee Krocker - March 21, 2013 at 03:39 PM

MS

“ On behalf of Marty Hueber, National Ski Patrol Alumni Advisor and myself as his Deputy, we send our sincere sympathy in the passing of a truly dedicated Ski Patroller. Over 30 years is a long time to dedicate so many volunteer hours to an organization. We truly appreciate his willingness to serve and to his family & fellow patrollers who have supported him we give many thanks.

*Sincerely,
Mary Shaffer*

Mary Shaffer - March 21, 2013 at 02:02 PM

CP

“ I will always remember working with Larry through the NSP. His passion for the patrol is immeasurable and he will be missed. May God grant his family some extra Grace and Peace.

Chuck Povlitz

Chuck Povlitz - March 21, 2013 at 01:52 PM

JK

“ Larry, Donna and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Know that I am thinking of you, and wishing you strength as you deal with your grief. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Janice Kuk - March 21, 2013 at 01:19 PM

MK

“ *MARCY KIRKSEY lit a candle in memory of Larry W. Acton*



MARCY KIRKSEY - March 21, 2013 at 01:09 PM

MK

“ *Larry will be remembered as a compassionate person who had a positive outlook and was always ready to help fellow patrollers improve their skills. Rest In Peace Larry and may your glades be covered in fresh powder on a sunny day.*
Mark Kuehl

Mark Kuehl - March 21, 2013 at 12:54 PM

GW

My condolences to Darren and the entire family of Larry. May he rest in peace.

Gordy Witucki - March 22, 2013 at 10:15 AM