



Larry Alexander Raptis

September 2, 1954 - April 12, 2015

LARRY ALEXANDER RAPTIS 1954-2015

Larry Alexander Raptis, 59, of Cambridge, passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday (April 12, 2015) following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 2, 1954, in Cambridge, and was the son of Aileen (Jerles) Raptis and the late Richard Raptis SR. "Dick" of Cambridge.

He was a 1972 graduate of Cambridge High School where he earned the nickname of "Tank" for his athletic ability on the football field and in wrestling. Following high school, Larry apprenticed with his father's construction company, Dick Raptis Construction and Sons, and became a master mason/brick layer. He loved his profession and continued in it for the next 41 years. He also founded Tank Productions which provided live entertainment weekend events in the Raptis Field. He will be lovingly remembered for his kind gentle soul which he exhibited daily.

He is survived by his mother, Aileen (Jerles) Raptis of Cambridge; four brothers, Richard "Dick" JR. and wife Nancy Raptis, Ralph "Tony" also known as "Moose," Willard "Willie" and Robert, all of Cambridge; three sisters, Cathy (Raptis) Ferrari and husband Craig Ferrari of Cambridge, Deborah Raptis of Las Vegas, Nev., and Connie (Raptis) Arnold of Kansas City, Mo.; two uncles, Thomas Talbert of Cambridge and Clem Jerles of Indiana; four aunts, Deanna

(Jerles) Talbert of Cambridge, Ramona (Raptis) St. Clair of Cambridge, Mary Jane Jerles of Senecaville, Patti Jerles of Byesville. Also, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and cousins from all over the country.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Leo Raptis "Dick;" a brother, Daniel Bishop Raptis; maternal grandparents, Ralph and Thelma Jerles of Byesville; paternal grandparents, Alexander and Inez Raptis of Cambridge; three uncles, Wilbur "Uncle Wibby" Jerles of Byesville, Stanley Jerles of Byesville, Earl Jerles of Byesville; an aunt, Susan Jerles of Indiana. He is also preceded in death most recently by his beloved cousin, David Talbert of Cambridge.

Larry exhibited strength and dignity throughout his illness never complaining despite his suffering. He is in heaven now, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. We love you Larry, rest in peace now.

Larry wished to be cremated with a private service for family. There will be "A Celebration of Life Reception" for family and friends at the home of Dick and Nancy Raptis (Raptis Homestead), 67827 Lofland Road, Cambridge, also known as Raptis Addition, on Saturday, April 25, from 3 to 6 p.m.