



## Lauren "Larry" Eugene Theis Sr.

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Lauren "Larry" E. Theis Sr. passed away suddenly on October 14, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by Sandra Stack Theis, who was his wife of 18 years and the love of his life; his children, Larry Jr. (Kelly) Theis; Kimberly (Thomas) Nanninga; Jennifer Leonard; Michelle (Billy) McGee; Michael (Stephanie) Leonard; Michelle "Missy" Kallevik; Michael Kallevik; Steven Kallevik; the proud and loving Grandfather of Michael (Julianna), Kassandra and Jackson Nanninga; Cody and Blake Leonard; Dylan, Ethan and Logan McGee; Bryson, Ryker and Kinsley Leonard; along with his Great Granddaughters Marilyn, Sofia and Zoe Nanninga. Siblings: Marjeanne King; Kevin Theis; Ronald Theis; Charmaine (Michael) Woodruff; along with his aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Eugene and Marjorie (Gauger) Theis, his brother Dennis Theis and niece Jessica Woodruff.

Larry was a longtime resident of Aurora and Boulder Hill, Illinois until he fulfilled his dream of moving to Florida where he resided in Leesburg. He was a proud member of Union Local #448 for 54 years, 35 of those being employed as a journeyman painter and paper hanger with Hanks Painting of

Aurora, Illinois. He was affectionately known as "Cowboy," loved all kinds of music, and was often found dancing to the beat. He enjoyed entertaining family and friends and hosted his annual Luau, Christmas Eve family dinners, and holiday parties. He cherished spending time with his sisters-in-law: Pat Ammenhauser, Donna (Mark) Tyler, brother-in-law Tim (Melanie) Stack, and his closest friends, Barbara and Michael Hauser and Janice and Michael Appel. He was happiest while taking care of others.

Please join us for A Celebration of Life, from 2pm to 6pm on November 12, 2022 at the Kickers Club located at 1015 Harvey Rd., Oswego, IL.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 12. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Kickers Club


# Tribute Wall

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“ I am still overwhelmed with the transition of Uncle Larry! What an Awesome Brother, Friend and Man of great Character & Honor! My wife, Jocelyn, parents, Big Jim & Zelma will always love his delightful and positive Energy & SMILE! Much love ALWAYS to the Family!

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**MAURICE THOMAS** - November 03, 2022 at 12:07 PM

 Kevin  
Theis

“ I love Bazooka Bubble Gum. Weird eh? Well, let me tell you why, at the age of 65, I still love it.  
Let's go back 62 years. Aurora, Illinois. Grove Street. 3 year old me. My big brother (Larry) would buy Bazooka by the handful from Raiders mini-store around the corner from our house. He was rarely not chewing it. He also loved his younger siblings and had no qualms about playing and hanging with us. That included hoisting me up to the handlebars of his bike and going for bike rides with him. Him and his Bazooka gum. Him peddling fast to make me giggle out of a combo of fear and sheer delight. The faster he peddled, the harder he breathed. And the smell of Bazooka would fill the air even going fast on his Schwinn. I'll never forget that experience and the delicious smell that is unique to that gum. I've bought a piece or two here and there over the next 6 decades out of homage to him and that memory.  
By the way, when was the last time YOU had a Bazooka bubble popped on your face?? Go get you some. Make a memory and smile. Cheers big brother.

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**Kevin Theis** - October 21, 2022 at 11:15 PM

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*Kim....sending you prayers and many hugs. Cherish your families closeness not for today, but following those day's that feel unbearable "You will be in our hearts"! Love and prayers for you and your family 🙏❤️🙏❤️*

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**sarah & Ray DAUGETTE** - October 22, 2022 at 09:58 AM

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*“ I met Larry when he was about 6 years old when he and the family moved in next door to us. We became good buddies and played together all the time. We walked to school together every day. Later he became my brother-in-law when I married his older brother, Dennis. I was so sad to hear of his passing but I'm so glad I got to see him in September and had a chance to visit with him one last time. Sending all My love and Prayers to all the family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Diane*

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**Diane Nolan** - October 21, 2022 at 10:35 PM