



## Larry John Thyen

June 19, 1950 - September 19, 2021

Larry J. Thyen, age 71, a lifelong resident of Hobart, passed away September 19, 2021, after an arduous battle with cancer. He graduated from Hobart High School in 1968. Larry was a laborious worker that served the people of Hobart for thirty years as a police officer. He was an active member of the F.O.P. Lodge 121. After serving for the Hobart Police Department, he served for twelve years as a police officer for Purdue University Calumet in Hammond. Prior to Larry's death, he was employed as a school bus driver for the School City of Hobart.

Larry was an avid sports fan and continued to attend as many Hobart High School football games as he could. He was an avid golfer that up until recently, still played in weekly golf leagues. Larry was a popular and gregarious man. He enjoyed maintaining social connections with former classmates, co-workers and colleagues. He will be deeply missed.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents-John and Louise (nee Maddosh) Thyen; sister-Joan Sopko; brother-in-law-Mike Sopko. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Visitation for Larry will be Tuesday, September 28, 2021 from 2:00 p.m., until the time of service at 6:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart, Pastor Dale Combs officiating. Cremation to follow service. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

SEP **28**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

GM

“ To the family of Larry J Thyen, my thoughts and prayers are with you today and always. R.I.P. my brother in Blue.

Gloria Mitchell - September 28, 2021 at 06:47 PM

JC

“ Larry was a HobartBrickie All the Way. He was active in supporting the Youth of Hobart. He will be missed.

Joe Casco - September 28, 2021 at 03:34 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry John Thyen.



September 27, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry John Thyen.



September 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry John Thyen.*



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September 25, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *Deepest sympathy and sincere condolences on Larry's passing from The Denslaw Family.*

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**David A. Denslaw** - September 25, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Thinking of Larry's family and friends.*

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**Vince Venturella** - September 25, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *We were very saddened to hear the news of Larry's passing. We enjoyed working with Larry at PNW. He was kind, funny and full of life for sure!*

*Laura and Jim Pardonek*

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**Laura and Jim Pardonek** - September 25, 2021 at 09:51 AM



“ *love you brother and you will be missed*

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**Duke Sakon** - September 25, 2021 at 08:04 AM

MC

“ Larry was a member of early Pop Warner teams that my Dad help found and coach. He always messed around with me and my brothers when were young and the friendship continued into adulthood. Larry was a good dude and will be missed by many whose lives he touched. Mike Clemens

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**Mike clemens** - September 24, 2021 at 05:24 PM

JB

“Larry Thyen and I basically grew up together, as did most of our fellow teammates from a close knit Hobart High School Football Class of 1968.

*As the other posts on this website show, Larry was a wonderful person with a winning personality and a heart as big as a house. “Horse,” as he was nicknamed, also happened to be a big, strong young man who could outrun opposing defensive backs. When Hobart’s legendary coach, Don Howell, noticed that Larry, who was our punter, scampered for a first down after a bad punt snap one Friday night, he told him the next Monday at practice “Thyen, you go practice with the backs.”*

*“But Coach,” Horse replied, “I’m a tight end.” To which Coach Howell replied, “Not anymore.” Everyone on the practice field had a good laugh over it. And so “Horse” was born.*

*Many of us from that 1968 Brickie squad have kept in touch with each other throughout our adult lives. And we have to deal with our grief in the best ways that we can.*

*As for me, when I remember Horse, it will be as a young man about 6’2” and 220 lbs. streaking down the sidelines ahead of some defensive backs who will never catch him.*

*And Coach Howell will be smiling on the sidelines.*

*God Bless You, Horse.*

*Jerry Badovinac*

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**Jerry Badovinac** - September 24, 2021 at 10:13 AM

TW

*I was blessed to meet uncle lar when I was about 18. He & Bobby Paulson skip Hansen sharkey etc all who I would call gentle giants who in my heart are all my dads. Larry was always kind always a smile on his face and a hug whenever you needed one. Heaven gained another angel💙*

tracie watson - September 25, 2021 at 09:21 AM

TA

“ *This is so sad. I knew him from driving the school bus. What a great guy... His stories were awesome and they made you laugh. In your honor Larry I bought mega millions and Powerball. ❤️❤️❤️*

Tammie - September 22, 2021 at 02:43 PM

GB

*I was Larry aide on the bus and the kids all love Larry we will miss you Larry. RIP Glennis Brooks*

Glennis Brooks - September 24, 2021 at 06:26 PM

GB

*I was Larry aide on the bus and all the kids love him we will miss you Larry. RIP*

Glennis Brooks - September 24, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ It was extremely sad to hear about the passing of Larry. We worked together at Purdue Police Department for almost 15 years. He had such a kind heart and was always full of jokes. I loved the way he tried to figure out the lottery, would always try to hit that big one on an instant ticket. Every payday you knew Larry would give it one more try with big dreams and hopes. We all knew how much his daughter meant to him, she was the apple of his eye. When he spoke of her it always came from the heart, you just knew how much love there was between them. Larry was a good guy and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. I am proud to say you were my friend. Rest in peace Larry you are now in Gods hands. You friends, Bryon and Kim Butala.

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**Kim Butala** - September 22, 2021 at 11:50 AM

LB

“ It is sad for me to write memories about Larry who has been called home. Larry was one of the good guys who had your back on the police department. I worked with Larry on the street and played FOP basketball with him. He had a great outside jump shot and when he stopped making the shot, you knew he was tired and came out to rest. I recall Larry to always be smiling and joking around. He was a friend and I shall miss him. It is my prayer that God wraps his mighty arms around Larry's loved ones and gives them the strength to carry on against such a loss. RIP my friend. \*Lance Burris

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**Lance Burris** - September 22, 2021 at 11:19 AM