



## Lawrence "Larry" Charles LaVen

January 22, 2014

Lawrence "Larry" Charles LaVen, 77, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri passed away Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau. He was born January 28, 1936 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Lawrence and Helen Sims LaVen. He and Ellen Obermeyer were married September 14, 1985 at Kinnear, Wyoming. Larry proudly served his country in the US Marine Corps from 1953 to 1957. He loved the outdoors, and enjoyed playing golf, hunting, and fishing. He was a charter member of the Marine Corps League, Hudson, Wyoming, and past member of the Elks Lodges in Riverton, Wyoming and Cape Girardeau. His career included professional, industrial and entrepreneurial endeavors. Larry had a vibrant personality, was full of humor, and he loved life and all living things. He easily made friendships that lasted a lifetime, and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his loving wife, Ellen, of Cape Girardeau, his children, Barbara (Tom) Bolitho of Watertown, Wisconsin, Lawrence LaVen of Waupaca, Wisconsin and Patrick (Rachel) LaVen of Lebanon, Wisconsin, brother Roger (Julie) LaVen of Leesburg, Florida, 6 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. He is further survived by sister-in-law Jane Zillmer of Mercer, Wisconsin, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. There will be a private gathering held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Friday-Truan Marine Corps League Detachment 683, P.O. Box 308, Hudson, WY 82515. Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).



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“ My name is Paul Glatzel. I knew Larry while we worked together at Durant Digital Instruments (later a Cutler Hammer company and later yet, an Eaton company) in Watertown Wisconsin. I started working at the Watertown facility in 1973 and worked there until 1984 developing a strong friendship with him over those years. Larry was a hard worker and contributed to the success of Durant and it's products. He had an unending sense of humor and played as hard as he worked. I learned a good deal about life from Larry, learning how to laugh and how to stand up and be counted on when one should. We lived in the Lake Country area, fishing there on a number of occasions as well as commuting together, to and from work. During fishing and commuting there were more opportunities to learn from Larry. He helped me plant my family's first garden, shared his knowledge of birds, nature and such things, including the significance of the Sun rising and setting. I wish Larry good fortune on his journey to the Ever After in which he will succeed. More importantly, I express here my deepest condolences to his wife and family. He will be missed but never forgotten. I will never forget him and I know I am a much better person for having known him.  
Sincerely, Paul Glatzel [pglatzel@wi.rr.com](mailto:pglatzel@wi.rr.com)

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**Paul Glatzel** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM