



# Larry Neal Dyer

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**L**arry Neal Dyer, age 85, of Greenville went to be with the Lord on April 13, 2021 at Spectrum Health United Hospital. He was born to Otis and Ora (Dopp) Dyer on July 11, 1935 in Vestaburg, where he was raised and graduated from high school with the class of 1953.

He served his country honorably in the United States Army from 1955-1957 during the cold war. Larry married the love of his life, Dolores Otto on November 8, 1957 at the home of Rev. Vernon Johnson in McBride. He attended the Chicago Trade Institute and was employed as a certified mechanic at Crawford Farms for 35 years.

Larry enjoyed hunting, camping, rabbit chasing with his dog, bird and people watching, and helping his fellow veterans. He was a member of the American Legion posts in Stanton, Barryton, and Edmore for more than 40 years and the Am Vets post 588 in Edmore for more than 14 years.

Larry is survived by his children, Lawrence "Ike" (Ronda) Dyer of Greenville, Denise (Glen Giesken) Wensink of Big Rapids, Lorna (Douglas) Merrifield of Sidney, Luci Dyer of Greenville, and Neal (Gerylnn Renne) Dyer of Big Rapids; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was the last of a great generation for our family, preceded in death by his wife, Dolores; parents; and siblings, Laverne (Lyle) Brownridge, Ruth (Willard) Britton, Ivan (Audrey) Dyer, Kenneth (Kay) Dyer, and Lee (Beth) Dyer.

A funeral service with military honors will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at Brigham Funeral Chapel in Edmore with Pastor Bernard Loew officiating. The family will greet friends from 12:00 PM until the time of service. A private interment will follow.

Those wishing to donate in Larry's memory are asked to consider the Am Vets post 588 in Edmore. Condolences may be made by utilizing the guestbook at

[www.brighamfuneralchapel.com](http://www.brighamfuneralchapel.com)



## Tribute Wall

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RM

**Ronald Moon** posted:

I'm an old friend Ronald Moon, he used to be a very good friend of My mother Marleen and brother Robert. We miss him and we hope for the best for the family.

November 12 at 8:00 PM

ID

**Ike Dyer** posted:

One of Dad's memorable accomplishments is life was his driving career. From Dumptrucks to loggers, bulk taters to long haul semis, he was all over the United States. He had the traditional Chauffeur license issued, before the days of CDL. Just a few years ago he went in for cataract surgery. After the surgery, he reported to SecOState for a license renewal. Passed with flying colors. As the Clerk looked over his papers. She made the observation " Mr Dyer, I see here that you've had your license over 65 years." Yes Ma'am. " Mr Dyer, you've never had a ticket". Yes Ma'am. She said of all her years in service to the State, she'd never seen that.

April 16 at 8:00 PM

ID

**Ike Dyer** posted:

Dad had a lot of stories to tell. He had a full life to brag about. His big Brother Ken signed for his driver's license at 14 years old. His first job was driving a dump truck for Dyer Construction in the gravel pits of Montcalm County. 'Bout 1952, a family member donated property in Crystal, and the Dyer Business went to work building a racetrack. Dad was driving and dumping rich red clay for the banked raceway. As anyone knows, the best way to pack red clay is to drive heavy hot trucks on it. SO o o o . . . Teenager in a dump truck on a race track. Yes, Ladies and Gentlemen, the very first race at Crystal Motor Speedway was NOT Imca Modifieds, it was Dyer Construction Company sponsored dump trucks !

April 16 at 8:00 PM

VK

**Voorhees Edgcombe Kathy** posted:

Prayers to the family

April 15 at 8:00 PM

TI

**Timber Irwin** posted:

Larry did a lot behind the scenes for a lot of people.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



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**Linda Custer** posted:

Larry Dyer was a fascinating gentleman. I so enjoyed sitting and chatting with him about his life experiences. His love for his wife and family was both amazing and obvious. He was very proud the military service provided by his family. He was truly a member of our country's "Greatest Generation". He will be missed.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



**Eric** posted:

Larry was a quiet man who said a lot. He was a leader. He will be missed.

April 15 at 8:00 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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