



Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley

February 11, 1949 - January 14, 2026

Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley, 76, of Bowling Green, passed away Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at Pike County Memorial Hospital in Louisiana, Missouri.

A Memorial Mass for Larry will be held Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Clement Catholic Church in Bowling Green with Fr. Henry Ussher officiating. Burial will be in St. Clement Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 21, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the church. Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes and Crematory is handling the arrangements.

Larry was born February 11, 1949, in Bowling Green, Missouri to Clarence W. and Ella Lucy (Mudd) Finley. He was united in marriage to Virginia (Niemeyer) Schmidt on October 23, 2004. Virginia survives.

Also surviving are daughter, Carrie (Derry) Wiswall of Fayette, Missouri; grandchildren: Morgan and Raylen Dix, and Dawson (Skyler), Logan, and Owen Wiswall; brother, Al (Rosella) Finley of Mexico, Missouri; sisters, Pat Keller of St. Louis and Ginny Andrews of Bowling Green; along with many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Bob Andrews.

Larry lived in Pike County his entire life. He was a member of St. Clement Catholic Church. Larry proudly served his country during Vietnam in the Army. In his younger years, Larry was a member of the Jaycees and the St. Clement Knights of Columbus. He continued to serve on various committees at St. Clement including working at the fish fries, where he was well known for his hush puppies.

Larry spent most of his working years at the John Deere dealership. He had also spent some time working at Niemeyer Tractor in Bowling Green. He enjoyed his work and was very knowledgeable when it came to tractors.

In his free time, Larry enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as digging for roots. He liked metal detecting and was often called upon by friends and neighbors to help find lost items. He and Virginia loved to travel. They also enjoyed attending auctions and searching flea markets for lost treasures. His favorite pastime was spending time with his cherished family. The best was the huge 4th of July parties with lots of food, family, fun, and fireworks!

Memorials may be made to Pike County Home Health and Hospice, St. Clement Church, or To the Masses.

Cemetery Details

St. Clement Cemetery

St. Clement, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 21. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Clement Catholic Church
21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Memorial Funeral Mass

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

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21509 Hwy 161
Bowling Green, MO 63334
<http://www.stclementmo.org>

Burial

JAN 21 (CT)

St. Clement Cemetery
St. Clement, MO

Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Sending our sympathy and prayers, Stephen and Zenda Luebrecht.* ”



Stephen/Zenda Luebrecht - January 22 at 09:34 AM

NL

“ *Sorry for your loss. Larry was a wonderful man. Rest in peace.* ”



Nathan Lilley - January 21 at 11:04 AM

RW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Larry was such a sweet and kind person. Richard and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.* ”

Richard & Janis Worsham - January 20 at 07:09 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley.* ”



January 19 at 06:12 PM

SK

“ Susan King lit a candle in memory of
Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley



Susan king - January 18 at 02:59 PM

AM

“ Larry will be missed. He was a great man.

Aaron Moss - January 17 at 11:54 AM

PP

“ My deepest condolences to the family.



Peggy Perkins - January 17 at 10:37 AM

LC

“ Virginia,
Your years with Larry were such a gift for you and for him. I envied
how much you enjoyed each other! May God hold you in his arms
and comfort you and your family!
Linda McDannold Collins

Linda A Collins - January 17 at 09:44 AM

AC

“ *Ann Cannon lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley*



Ann Cannon - January 17 at 08:31 AM

AC

So sorry for your loss!

Ann Cannon - January 17 at 08:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley.*



January 17 at 12:29 AM

MB

“ *Hi Virginia,
We are so sorry for your loss. I remember the good old high school days with Larry. He always had a smile on his face and always seemed to be positive and motivated. He is in a better place, but will be missed. You always have the good memories.
God Bless 🙏
Monty and Debbie*

MONTY G BRANSTETTER - January 16 at 04:39 PM

BC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family in Larry's passing. Sending prayers.*

Barbara Creech - January 16 at 04:16 PM

TD

“ *Tom Jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Finley*



Tom Jean Dempsey - January 16 at 02:50 PM

TD

We are so sorry for your loss, prayers be with you and the family..

Tom Jean Dempsey - January 16 at 02:52 PM

TD

Tom and Jean

Tom Jean Dempsey - January 16 at 02:53 PM

TC

So sorry for your loss. Larry was a great guy.

Tim & Judy Clay - January 16 at 03:16 PM

TM

Virginia, I send you and your family all the blessings I can. I still remember all the fun and happy times we all had with Larry and you.

Tom Marshall

Tom Marshall - January 17 at 05:19 PM

SM

Was so sorry to hear about Larry but like Dennis he feels no more pain, remember the good times and keep going on one day at a time

Sue Moore - January 20 at 08:34 PM