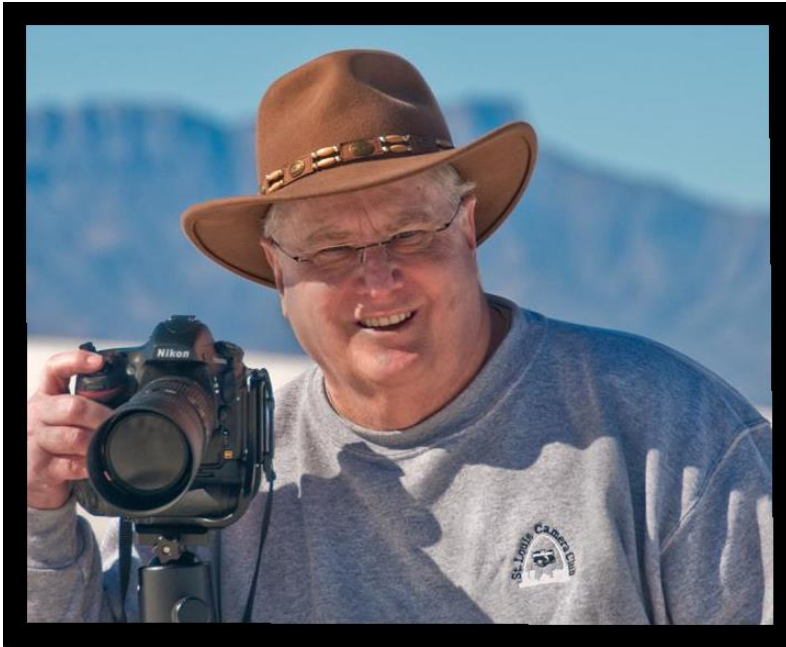


Larry Leslie Von Behren (1943-2020)



Born 11 October, 1943 in Hermann, Gasconade County, Missouri, passed 18 June 2020 St. Louis County, Missouri (age 76). His parents were Leslie Michael and Stella Selma (Schaumburg) Von Behren. Larry had one sister Shirley Emma (Von Behren) Oberg (Curtis Wayne). Larry was christened at Swiss Evangelical Reform Church in Swiss, Gasconade County, Missouri, attended church in Hermann, at the St. Paul Evangelical Church, was confirmed there.

Larry's grade school is now a museum, "Historic Hermann Museum". He began his freshman year at Hermann High School. In 1958 his family relocated to St. Louis City, Missouri. Larry finished high school at Cleveland High School. While in high school he was on the tract team as a pole vaulter and was a coach to several ladies soccer teams. Larry then went on to attend St. Louis Community College and Washington University.

Attending Trinity Evangelical & Reform Church, which became a United Church of Christ, he attended Sunday School and sang in the choir, where he met and married Nancy Carolyn Terry on 14 October 1961 years. They later belonged to St. Lucas United Church of Christ.

During high school he worked at Calamon Shoe Company and worked for a neighbor manufacturing parts. After high school he started work at Anheuser-Busch; first in Traffic Department, then to Bakery Products, and to the Computer Area where he was a Burster Boy, main frame operator, shift supervisor, supervisor, and manager, retiring after 40 years in 2000. Through the years Larry played softball at Anheuser Busch and on several other teams, played golf, love to hunt and fish, and took many vacations with family camping, hiking enjoying the outdoors, scuba diving. Loving to photograph his travels and especially nature close ups.

Larry and Nancy have a son, David Edmund Von Behren, wife Linda Marie (Rohan) David's children are, KaDee Marie Rosner (Elmer William (Billy) Rosner III), Kourtney Ellen Von Behren, KC Mitchell Von Behren, and Madison Rae Holliday, and a great grandson Elmer William (Will) Rosner IV.

Larry farmed on both his parent's farm and after Nancy's father passed, managed and farmed their farm. When his dad, Leslie, passed they purchased the farm from his stepmother, Margie. When Nancy's mother, Garnett passed, they became owners of two farms, one in Danby, MO and one in Rhineland, MO. In 1999 they sold the farm in Jefferson and Ste. Genevieve County.

Larry traced his Von Behren family line back to 1590, to his 8th Great Grandfather, living at Nordhemmern, Westphalen, Prussia, Germany. His Schaumburg family line traces to his 5th Great Grandfather in Vollmarshausen, Kassel, Hesse, Germany. His 2nd Great Grandfather was sent to America in the Hessian Army under General Ralls in the American Revolution and was at the Battle of Trenton. He returned to Hesse, but most of his children came to America. Larry thought himself to be 100% German until he found Great Grandfather Michael Wettling was born in Soultz-sous-Forets, Alsace, Bias-Rhine, France. Great Grandmother Mary Jane (Fenton) Hale/ Wettling was born in Tremont, Clark County, Ohio, her family goes back to his 3rd Great Grandfather William Fenton born in Ireland and her maternal side goes back to a 6th Great Grandfather, Johann Georg Pence or Bentz from Virginia. Also there is a 2nd Great Grandfather Heinrich Ulrich Hoffer (Hofer) born in Canton Aargau, Switzerland.

Larry took up playing the harmonica, guitar, banjo, and ukulele, joining the St. Louis Banjo Club at the Turners Hall and the belonging to the SLUG as a lifetime member. He was a member of the St. Louis Camera Club, giving many programs and heading the Mississippi Valley Salon for 2 years. Larry was able to hang a photo at the Sheldon for the St. Louis Camera Club 100 Years exhibition. Larry was a member of Missouri Nature and Environmental Photographers and gave programs for them. Larry was a member of the German- St. Louis Research Group; St. Louis Genealogical Society; the old German Genealogy Special Interest Group; Civil War Museum; Bosque de Apache Wildlife Refuge; Gateway Metal Detecting Club; Gasconade Historical Society; and, US Grant #68 Sons of Union Veterans of the CivilWar, though his Great Grandfather Michael Wettling.

Larry was buried at Swiss Evangelical Cemetery, Swiss, Gasconade County, MO. Memorials may be made to Swiss Evangelical Reformed Cemetery, American Cancer Society. C/O Toedtman & Grosse Funeral Home