



## Lawrence "Larry" David Verga

July 11, 1962 - January 1, 2023

Lawrence "Larry" David Verga, Jr., age 60, of Bad Axe, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

He was born on July 11, 1962 in Flint, MI, son of the late Lawrence and Barbara (Sword) Verga, Sr. Larry married Jani Brady on September 11, 1987 in Flint.

Larry was a proud member of the United States Air Force, joining immediately after he graduated from high school. Larry retired from the Michigan State Police force after 30 years. He was currently employed by the Birch Run Police Department. He was an avid sportsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He enjoyed motorcycle riding and was a proud member of the Untouchables MC. Larry was the Okimaw (Leader) of the Saginaw Chippewa Anishinabe Ogtchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society. He was very involved in the traditional Native culture, participating in and organizing many events involving the local pow-wows.

Larry was a very social guy, well-known and respected within the community, who will be deeply missed by family and friends alike.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Jani Verga of Bad Axe.

His annoying children, Larry Verga III of California and Torri Verga of Bad Axe.

He will be sorely missed by Sophie Butt and Screwy Louie.

Services for Larry will be held on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 11 am at the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe. Burial with full military honors will be in Colfax Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 from 2 – 8 pm or Friday from 10 am until the service time at 11 am at the funeral home.

A sacred fire ceremony is being held at 5615 Krawczyk Rd., Pinconning, MI and will continue until noon on Thursday.

# Cemetery Details

## Colfax Township

Bad Axe, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kaufman & Co. Funeral Home, Inc.  
84 Westland Dr  
Bad Axe, MI 48413  
(989) 269-3000  
kaufmanfuneralhome@gmail.com

## Visitation

JAN 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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JAN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence "Larry" David Verga*

January 28, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Jani and family - I am so sorry for your loss! Larry was so much fun to work with when I came to the "Nasty Hatchet". He will be dearly missed!*

*Michelle Robinson*

**Michelle Robinson** - January 17, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *My Deepest Condolences! Sending Prayers During This Difficult Time!*



**Amy Sageman** - January 15, 2023 at 03:30 PM



“ *His laugh, his smile and his soothing voice, a special man and good friend to many.*

*Our heart goes out to all of his family and friends.  
Peace be with you brother...*

**Dale & Kelly Ricker** - January 06, 2023 at 08:40 AM



*A wonderful friend with a gentle soul...*

**Linda Janowiak** - January 07, 2023 at 03:32 PM

DM

“ *Our Deepest Condolences for your loss  
Duane and Linda Maxwell (A1Tire)*



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**Duane Maxwell** - January 06, 2023 at 08:25 AM

RI

“ *I'm glad I had the opportunity to talk with you brother at the Rumble!  
I will miss our conversations and the way you would look at me and  
say....Rico...I got a cigarette for you...let's talk man.*

*You helped me when I needed help and I will never forgot that.  
Thanks brother.*

*I will miss you man.....until we meet again sir.*

*Love you brother!*

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**rico** - January 05, 2023 at 09:19 PM

JB

“ *A huge smile everytime we saw him, be it in town or when he snuck  
up on us at a concert in Mt Pleasant. Met and worked on a school  
project with Larry many years ago that turned into a friendship. Was  
always a good visit and hug when I (we) seen him. Hearts dropped  
when the news broke and we hurt for Jani, Larry, and Tori. No words  
can express..... Hugs, Love! - Jeremy "Lil Ice Man", Tamera "Mama  
Bear" Feldhouse, Rebecca "Pudden" Bouvrette - Abate of Michigan*

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**Jeremy B Bouvrette** - January 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



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January 05, 2023 at 09:07 AM



“ I always felt privileged when Larry invited my Mom and I to a pow-wow more than 30 years ago. It's an experience I'll never forget. So sorry to hear of his passing. Sincere condolences to Jani and family.

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**MJ Wilhite** - January 05, 2023 at 12:55 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



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January 04, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ My Deepest Sympathy for your loss.. I enjoyed chatting with Larry when he brought Tori to HR 4-H. Years ago.. He always had a smile and kind word.

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**Nancy Wolfe** - January 04, 2023 at 09:07 AM

MB

“ Mom (Jean Brady) purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



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**Mom (Jean Brady)** - January 04, 2023 at 06:48 AM

OC

“ Very sad to hear this. Prayers to Larry's family. Godspeed my friend. From a Carman High School graduate friend.  
Olen Cudd

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**Olen Cudd** - January 03, 2023 at 09:42 PM

SO

“ When I first met Larry at a Pow Wow, I had just moved to Michigan. As a veteran, he took me in and shared as much as I could comprehend-teaching native customs and respects. His kindness and effortless way of showing love, friendship, and more than anything acceptance will be sorely missed. I wish we would've had more time to get to know each other. My hope is that we can make him proud in the veteran community. Many prayers to his family and loved ones.

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**SFC Brenda Ojibway** - January 03, 2023 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ Will miss his smiling face and kindness at our cultural gatherings.

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**Judy Pamp** - January 03, 2023 at 03:01 PM

AE

“ Our hearts go to you Jani and family for the loss of Larry. He was a very kind person with a huge heart. He will be missed by all those that knew him. Al and Ellen Engler

Al Engler - January 03, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



January 03, 2023 at 08:55 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



January 03, 2023 at 06:17 AM

JR

“ So sorry and sad for your loss. I used to wait on Larry when he was with the MSP and would come into Pizza Hut. We always had a few laughs. He was a great guy. Sending hugs and prayers to his family. R.I.P. Larry

Judy (Britt) Rinnert

Judy A Rinnert - January 02, 2023 at 10:51 PM

UN

“ UNTOUCHABLES MC NATION purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



UNTOUCHABLES MC NATION - January 02, 2023 at 09:59 PM

HE

“ The thoughts and prayers of the Missouri / Kansas Chapter of Untouchables Motor Cycle Club are with Larry "Bad Axe" Verga's family. BTTE

Heff - January 02, 2023 at 09:07 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



January 02, 2023 at 08:46 PM

WC

“ Badaxe, his road name with the Untouchable MC. Till we're in the wind again. ❤️👊 LUDU. RIP Brother

Woody UMC Colorado - January 02, 2023 at 08:46 PM

GJ

“ Sorry for your loss prayers for you and the family Larry was wonderful guy anytime I ran in to him he was always talkative and the time me and him went to Canada fishing RIP Larry

Greg Talaski jr - January 02, 2023 at 07:07 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences to Jani and her children. So very unfortunate to learn of Larry’s passing. He was a funny and witty man, taken way too soon. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Lisa Grifka** - January 02, 2023 at 06:38 PM

DM

“ I just want to express my deepest condolences to Jani and her children. I didn’t know Larry personally but I have always heard great things about him with his many years of service. I am so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace and may God bring comfort to his family and many friends.

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**Deb Mausolf** - January 02, 2023 at 06:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



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January 02, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PM

“ Police Officers Association of Michigan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



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**Police Officers Association of Michigan** - January 02, 2023 at 03:52 PM

WJ

“ Larry was a great friend. I just texted him on Christmas Day and thanked him for all of his efforts on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Anishinabe Ogitchedaw Veteran and Warrior Society. He was thoroughly dedicated to the group, his cultural responsibilities and being a warrior for the people. The AOVWS is truly stronger due to his commitment and hard work. I will miss his gentle smile and fierce determination. His leadership will remain an inspiration to me. I'm wishing Larry a beautiful journey into the Spirit World. May his/our ancestors greet him and embrace him. Much love to Jani, family and friends.

William Johnson - January 02, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" David Verga.



January 02, 2023 at 03:28 PM

MA

“ Jani I am so so sorry for the loss of Larry. Everyone was having such a good time on Saturday night and who knew. My heart and prayers go out to you and you kids. May Larry Rest In Piece ❤️🙏  
❤️🙏

Marge - January 02, 2023 at 01:30 PM

MK

“ *Jani,  
I am so shocked sadden by the news of Larry's passing. I have many fond memories of him from our years working together, he was such a great guy and will be missed by many. Please accept my condolences and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Mary Krohn*

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**Mary Krohn** - January 02, 2023 at 12:17 PM

LI

*I can't believe this I am so sorry jani and tori and little larry hugs I just was talking to him*

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**linda** - January 02, 2023 at 01:02 PM

MM

*Very sad to hear this news, it just doesn't seem real. Jani, little Larry and Torri. And Larry's family, please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. The McAleers*

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**Mark D. and Maggie McAleer** - January 02, 2023 at 01:09 PM

KL

*Jani, Lar, Tori, Sophie, Louie, I'm very very sorry. He was a special character and we were all so fortunate to have him with us for such a short time. I love each of you ❤️*

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**Karen Lada** - January 02, 2023 at 02:07 PM

DL

*Sorry to hear. Bro Cecil John was one of the 'Gitchidawg' members, and also my grson Ant, who is with the Sag, City police dept, knew Larry from the road when he was with the Sag Sheriff dept.*

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**DOLORES LABAN** - January 02, 2023 at 02:14 PM

CW

*Jani and family. I am so sad to hear of your loss. Thoughts and prayers with you and yours.*

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**Colette Ward** - January 02, 2023 at 05:08 PM

JS

*Larry is a respected Elder of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and a warrior with a heart for his family and community. Through his leadership, the AOVWS will continue to be there in service.*

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**Joseph V. Sowmick** - January 03, 2023 at 09:08 AM

NC

*So sorry to hear this, prayers to all of his family. RIP Mr. Verga.*

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**Nancy Chippewa** - January 04, 2023 at 09:24 AM

KK

*I remember Larry from when he was with the MSP in Bad Axe and he would come into the convenience store for coffee or Mountain Dew. Just the sweetest guy. The world is a sadder place now.*

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**Kathy K** - January 05, 2023 at 11:26 AM