



Greggory "Tank" R. Letner

April 24, 1958 - February 20, 2016

Mattoon, IL – Gregory R. “Tank” Letner, age 57, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 3:21 a.m., Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

The funeral service in his honor will begin at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL, 61938. Reverend Kelly Brewster, Reverend Dave Baldwin, and Reverend Steve Elder will officiate. Interment will be in Dodge Grove Cemetery, Mattoon, IL. Visitation will be held at the funeral home, Tuesday evening, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Masonic rites will be conducted at 8:00 p.m. by the Mattoon Masonic Lodge #260.

Tank was born April 24, 1958, in Mattoon, IL, the son of Wendell R. and Sara L. (Houchin) Letner. He married Doris A. Dow on November 17, 1990. He is survived by his loving wife of twenty-five years, Doris Letner of Mattoon, IL; three children: Adam Wayne Alvis and wife Jennifer of Mattoon, IL, Leah Marie Ramey and fiancé Paul of Louisville, KY, and Deacon Wendell Revere Letner of Mattoon, IL; one sister, Sally L. Letner of Mattoon, IL; and two brothers: Robert L. Ballinger and wife Sheryl of Mattoon, IL, and Ron E. Ballinger and wife Karla of Mattoon, IL. He leaves three grandchildren, Blake A. Alvis of Mattoon, IL, Connor E. Alvis of Mattoon, IL, and PJ LeGrande of Louisville, KY. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tank was the owner and operator of Bob's East Side Package. He formerly attended the Marshall Avenue Christian Church in Mattoon, IL. Memberships included the Masonic Lodge #260 of Mattoon, IL, Shriners Ainad Temple of East St. Louis, IL, Cornbelt Shrine Club Ansar of Charleston, IL, Scottish Rite Valley of Danville, IL, founding member of the East Side Knife and Gun Club of Mattoon, IL, and former member of the Mattoon Pranksters. He was a supporter of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program, Mattoon YMCA, and Camp New Hope.

Tank was an avid fan of the LA Dodgers, the Oakland Raiders, and the Fighting Illini. He was well known for his knowledge, selection, and collection of cabernet wines, and for being brutally honest. In his free time, he could be found enjoying the wind in his face on one of his three motorcycles - a Harley Fat Boy, a Harley Electra Glide, and a Triumph. Family, motorcycles, and music, were three of his greatest loves.

Memorials in his honor may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
Mattoon, IL 61938
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<https://www.mitchell-jerdan.com/>

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Greggory "Tank" R. Letner*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Just heard the sad news. Doris, you had one hell of a life partner. He is missed by so many and we will certainly miss him at our class reunion this year. I know the two of you always looked forward to coming to the events and were big supporters of our class. Tank will be there is spirit so please join us this year if you get the chance. Many blessings to you and your family.*

*Tamie Morton Kennedy
Class President 1976*

tamie morton kennedy - March 17, 2016 at 05:07 PM



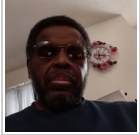
“ *To Doris and the rest of the family you have my deepest sympathies and condolences. We rode motorcycles and played lots of pool together. Tank's honest opinion and humor about everything was always appreciated and will be missed. RIP. Chris "Cisco" White*

Chris White - February 27, 2016 at 10:55 PM



“ *There are no words to express my sorrow . Prayers goes out to Doris, Deacon and Sally. Tank had a heart larger than the man he was and I have lost a true brother that will be missed dearly. RIP Godspeed my friend*

Griff - February 26, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ I like to express my condolences to the Lettner,family Greg was the best always willing to lend a helping hand and a good bullshitter,too,gonna miss you Tank...

Tim Shaw - February 26, 2016 at 10:13 AM



“ Greg my friend of 40 + yrs an Masonic Brother. When our paths crossed thru the years I was glad to see you for your forever friendly smile. My friend I will miss seeing that. But it is forever etched in my mind.Thank you! Greg you are a mountain of a man with the heart as BRIGHT as the sun. Your are truly sadly missed by all those hearts you've touched. Fraternaly yours,
Kevin Malone

Kevin Malone - February 24, 2016 at 08:23 PM



“ Dear Doris and Sally , I'm so sorry to hear of your loss ! I can't believe all these years have flown by ! John and I are praying for you and your family . Love you ! John and peg



Peg Henry - February 24, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ My thoughts are with you Doris and Sally along with all of Gregs family . Greg was a very good man and true friend , he will be missed . Bill Hildreth

Bill - February 24, 2016 at 10:26 AM

BM

“ My heart goes out to the entire family and friends, but especially to one of my long childhood friends, Leah Marie!!!! I am so proud of you and all your accomplishments, and I know your Dad is too!!! I did not know him well, but what I do know is that he was an amazing person that will be truly missed. He lived his life the way he wanted to and was always true to his family and friends! But most importantly himself!!! He did not know a stranger! I lost my father too, but he will always be with you in spirit!!! But most importantly, you were able to give him the best gift of all. PJ!!! He truly was a gentle giant!!! Full of love!!!



My Condolences,

Brittany Miller

Brittany Miller - February 23, 2016 at 07:54 PM


Marsha
Eaton

“ *Marsha Eaton lit a candle in memory of
Greggory "Tank" R. Letner*



Marsha Eaton - February 23, 2016 at 07:22 PM

JL

“ *What a wonderful man - a big guy with a bigger heart. My connection with Tank was through my brother, Tommy Armstrong . Having lived in Alabama for 35 years I didn't see Tank often, but did speak to him and stopped to see him last summer. He was never too busy to share memories & offer kind and loving words. I'll miss him, but there's one more angel with great big wings. Enjoy your ride, dear Tank. JoBeth Armstrong Lamb, Geneva, AL*

JoBeth Lamb - February 23, 2016 at 04:38 PM



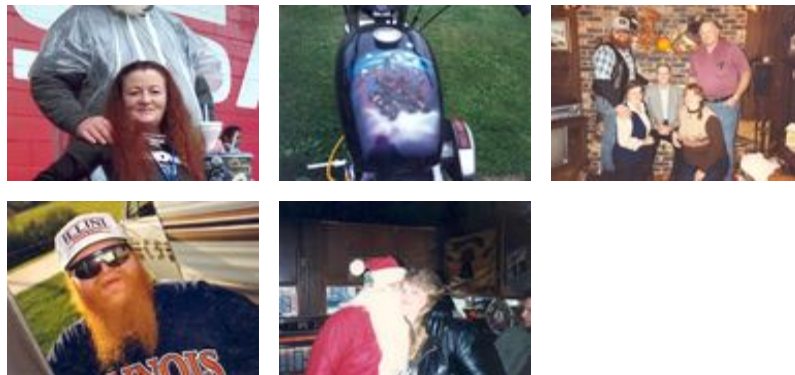
“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gregory "Tank" R. Letner.*



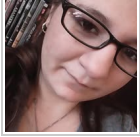
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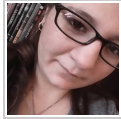
Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - February 23, 2016 at 02:54 PM



“ *Hannah Bobby Jones lit a candle in memory of Greggory "Tank" R. Letner*



Hannah Bobby Jones - February 23, 2016 at 12:40 PM



He will be missed so much...he was always a very kind man to me and my family...its going to be weird not seeing the big man not sitting behind the counter at bobs in the morning not watching his soaps in...or the kind laugh he had...

Hannah Bobby Jones - February 23, 2016 at 12:43 PM

DW

“ *Debbie Williams lit a candle in memory of Greggory "Tank" R. Letner*



Debbie Williams - February 23, 2016 at 12:01 PM

DW

Such a nice man so sorry for your loss!

Debbie Williams - February 23, 2016 at 12:02 PM

RS

“ *I remember sharing stories with Greg about sports. Ron Strong*

Ron Strong - February 23, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ *My father knew Tank for years and every time I went to the store I would always be greeted by his smile... When I moved home from Alaska, I was looking for a wine and Tank found a distributor to get it in the store. The next time I went into the store to pick it up he referred to it as The Nectar of the Gods. He would tell me people would come to the store asking for the Alaska wine even though it was just because it was some girl that lived in Alaska that had a great man carry it for her... This is always how I will remember him, his customers were treated as family.*



Nina Harris - February 23, 2016 at 08:26 AM

RH

“ *I knew a great man , his name was Tank, When I read in the paper he'd passed, my heart sank. I met him several years ago, while riding my bike, Riding free on our Harley's and doing what we liked. He told me he owned a liquor store down on Dewitt, I can see him in Heaven and on his bike he does sit. Just riding on a sunny day or going on a poker run, He's waiting for the rest of us, our lives to be done. Richard L. Hollonbeck. 2616 Moultrie Ave. Mattoon. 217-273-6765*

Richard L Hollonbeck - February 23, 2016 at 07:58 AM

JK

My condolences.

Jamie Carter Kashon

Jamie kashon - February 23, 2016 at 11:59 AM

JG

“ *Rest in peace Greg.*



jim griffin - February 23, 2016 at 06:52 AM

HO

“ *HOOVER lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Tank" R. Letner*



HOOVER - February 23, 2016 at 06:37 AM

HO

“ *Oh Doris! I'm so sorry to hear this news! I could fill up pages and pages of memories with you and Tank! I love you so much and am sending all the love and strength in my heart!*
HOOVER

HOOVER - February 23, 2016 at 06:31 AM

TL

“ *I remember walking in Ice House and Tank stopped me soon as I walked in...He had a grin from ear to ear! You're never gonna believe it Toni...DORIS IS PREGNANT! I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT he said! I don't think that big smile ever left his face again! He had a heart of gold and was a big Teddy Bear! Love these people!*

Toni Lytle - February 23, 2016 at 12:12 AM

CA

“ Tank was such a great & funny guy--I first met him when I had my bar on S.Lakeland Blvd...I had an all girls Pool Team & Tank played for "Reds" on Broadway--I got to play him (most my team was afraid) but it was the best time we had---so much laughter --Tank mouthed off something to me about pool "me being short & better to hit more balls---told him not --bring it on "short isn't always best" Soo funny Tank played the rest of our game on his knees---nope don't remember who won----probably Tank--miss you sweetie keep your eyes on your friends & family----I'll be catching up with you -- hugs & so much love--Cat

Cathy - February 22, 2016 at 11:13 PM

CO

“ Connie lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Tank" R. Letner



connie - February 22, 2016 at 09:21 PM

CB

R.I.P Greg (TANK) sorry for your loss doris. The Boyer family.

connie boyer bales - February 22, 2016 at 09:24 PM

RC

Everyone loved tank. He has been part of our family since birth. I Remember sitting at their lake cabin and just enjoying trading stories and having a beer.he was like a huge bear but gentle as a lamb and as sweet as pie. We will all miss this good natured man. God rest his soul. Sincerely, Maurice and Becky craig

rebecca craig - February 23, 2016 at 07:19 AM

JH

“ Tank was always kind to me. Rest in Peace... Joe Haskins

Joe Haskins - February 22, 2016 at 08:43 PM

CO

“ Cindy Ohmen-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Tank" R. Letner

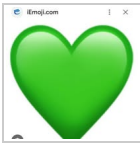


Cindy Ohmen-Johnson - February 22, 2016 at 07:48 PM

CO

Doris, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family.

Cindy Ohmen-Johnson - February 22, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ Little did I know Friday night how serious Tank was. I am so sorry. Kathy , Perry Moore



Kathy Moore - February 22, 2016 at 07:11 PM

CH

“ Connie Howell lit a candle in memory of Gregory "Tank" R. Letner



Connie Howell - February 22, 2016 at 05:37 PM

CH

“ *one great man will sadly missed Bob & Conie Howell*

Connie Howell - February 22, 2016 at 05:36 PM