



## Larry J. Ashworth

July 11, 1946 - November 2, 2024

Larry J. Ashworth, age 78 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at his residence in Mattoon, IL.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Reverend Ron Dickinson will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. The visitation will be held from 9:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home.

Larry was born on July 11, 1946, in Mattoon, IL to the late Charles Clinton and Patricia "Patty" Ann (Patterson) Ashworth Jr. He married Vicky Sue Driskell-Gordon on August 7, 1965, in Mattoon, IL; she preceded him in death on August 17, 2018. He is survived by one son, Steven "Todd" Ashworth of Mattoon, IL; one daughter, Angela E. "Angi" Ashworth of Mattoon, IL; five grandchildren: Cody T. Ashworth, Austin C. Ashworth, and Mitchel B. Hirsch and significant other Kailey all of Mattoon, IL, Lakota "Shay" Ashworth of Neoga, IL, Clayton R. Hirsch and Kayla of Mattoon, IL; four great-grandchildren: Annabelle, Reese, Hazel, and Willow; one sister, Jeri L. Morris and husband Gary of Mattoon, IL. He was preceded in death by his mother and father-in-law, Bill and Phyllis Driskell.

Larry was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon, IL. He was a local crop farmer in the Mattoon area and raised hogs in the early 70's through the early 90's. In his early years he worked at Bill Rasmussen Chevrolet and Pontiac as an auto body man. He was a member of the Coles

County Farm Bureau of Coles County, IL, and was a contributing member of the Future Farmers of America.

Farming was a passion he loved to share with his children, grandchildren and anyone willing to learn. He taught and encouraged his children, Todd and Angi to raise and show hogs at local fairs as part of the Coles County 4-H and took pride in farming the land with Todd. He was diligent at crafting tractors and farm machinery out of sheet metal and wood, with the precision of making exact replicas.

A car enthusiast, Larry loved antique cars, race cars, and drag racing. He owned a Corvette for many years that he kept in his garage. He enjoyed snowmobiling, socializing, and participating in family volleyball games. Spending quality time with his grandchildren, teaching, and being a positive influence in their lives was one of many great qualities that Larry exuded. He was kind, dependable, and a man of great integrity. He will be deeply missed. Memorial donations in his honor may be made to SBL Regional Cancer Center, 1001 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street  
Mattoon, IL 61938

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
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## Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - November 08, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CS

“ *What a very fine man who was always supportive with his children’s education. He helped lay the foundation along with his wife for their children to stand upon. All of you are in my thoughts during this time.*

*Clyde Self*

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**Clyde Self** - November 07, 2024 at 07:43 AM

KC

“ *Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of Larry J. Ashworth*



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**kathi sewell cobble** - November 07, 2024 at 02:02 AM



“ 18 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home** - November 06, 2024 at 02:00 PM

SA

“ Seth & Ann purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum* for the family of *Larry J. Ashworth*.



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**Seth & Ann** - November 05, 2024 at 03:03 PM