



## Lynn F. "Farmer" Holze

November 12, 1950 - November 10, 2024

Lynn F. "Farmer" Holze, 73, of Rockford, formerly of Hampshire, passed away Sunday, November 10, 2024, at his home. He was born November 12, 1950, in Elgin, the son of Lester and Genevieve (Schneider) Holze.

Farmer grew up on the Holze Farm on Allen Road in Hampshire, IL. He went to grade school at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, and graduated from Hampshire High School in 1969. Farmer was a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Vietnam War as a tank operator. After his service he worked at Jeraminski Machine Shop in Woodstock, and then drove semi-truck for Burren's Transfer in Elgin, and later, drove his semi-truck and dump trailer leased to Remmer Schuetz Trucking in Dundee. Farmer lived in rural Burlington for years, then on Melms Road in Hampshire and eventually moved to Cherry Valley, IL. He has many close friends and enjoyed going to the Indy 500 races for years, as well as the Talladega races in Alabama and Bonneville Salt Flat races in Utah.

He is survived by his siblings, Sister Charles Marie OSB, Shirley (Doug) Sorenson, Dr. Lester "Casey" Holze, Lloyd "Sparky" Holze, and Lonnie Holze; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial visitation will be held from 10 – 12 pm on Wednesday, November

20th at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park St. in Hampshire followed by graveside services and Military Honors at St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery in Hampshire.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery

Getzelman Road  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home  
284 Park St.  
Hampshire, IL 60140  
(847) 683-2711  
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

## Graveside Service

NOV 20. 12:30 PM (CT)

St. Charles Borromeo Cemetery  
Getzelman Road  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family and friends of Trooper Holze, please accept the condolences of the Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry's veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Lynn was a dedicated and courageous warrior, one of us, one of our own. He served courageously with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment, ever a leader. Lynn Holze will be remembered as an honorable trooper whose very presence brought comfort and support to his fellow troopers. He will be included on the Honor Role of our combat veterans as his service highlighted his bravery and valor and was guided with the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. As grateful Americans we should all pause and salute a man who was willing to put his life on the line for his country. As our Funeral Mass Burial liturgy states: “ ... his life has not ended, merely changed ...” and as we were together then in Vietnam, we will be together again in the life hereafter, warmly embraced in the arms of our Heavenly Father. Chaplain Bill, 11th ACVVC (Vietnam 71-72)

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**Chaplain Bill** - June 25, 2025 at 02:51 PM

LC

“ We were blessed to be Farmer's neighbor in Cherry Valley for many years. He had a generous heart and was very kind. Sharing food and funny stories and sometimes deep concerns was a good thing. We will miss him.

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**Larry & Joanie Cesa** - November 22, 2024 at 05:01 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Lynn F. "Farmer" Holze.*



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November 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lynn F. "Farmer" Holze.

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November 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM



“ *Ross and Sally Barrows purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lynn F. "Farmer" Holze.*



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**Ross and Sally Barrows** - November 19, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Farmer you were more than just a cousin you were a best friend and you will be deeply missed. Larry Schneider*

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**Mary A Schneider** - November 15, 2024 at 10:47 PM

MB

“ *RIP Cousin. Didn't see each other much but you always had a contagious smile and a caring heart. Sympathy to the family*



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**Melody A Brown** - November 15, 2024 at 08:41 AM

JM

“ *The best way to have a friend, is to be a friend. Farmer did that better than anyone I've ever known.....*

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**Jim Miler** - November 14, 2024 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Thinking of Farmer and remembering going to the Prom with him my Freshman year in high school. My heart goes out to Sparky all those in his family.*

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**Susan Thornhill** - November 13, 2024 at 11:04 PM

DJ

“ *I met Farmer when we were 10 years old and we remained friends for all those years. The last time I saw him was in the Family Restaurant in Kirkland. I was already there and as he walked in the door with the bright outside at his back, all I could see was a silhouette, But I could tell it was Farmer. He was one of a kind. R.I.P., my friend.*

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**Darrel Johnson** - November 13, 2024 at 06:51 PM

MS

*Cousin Larry Schneider had lots of fun with farmer you were more than just farmer to Larry you were a very good friend and a special friend. You will be deeply missed*

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**Mary A Schneider** - November 15, 2024 at 08:15 PM