



## Larry Crain

April 3, 1943 - November 9, 2020

Larry Crain, age 77 years, a former resident of Vienna, passed away Monday morning, November 9, 2020, at 3:11 AM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Larry was born April 3, 1943 in Metropolis, Illinois. He was the son of James Edwin Crain and Rose Mary (nee Hunt) Crain.

Larry is survived by: a brother – Michael Crain of Vienna; a sister – Patricia (Steve) Crain-Stroud of Raleigh, North Carolina; 2 step brothers – John E. (Carole) Orr of Star, Idaho and Robert L. (Mary) Orr of Couer d’Alene, Idaho; nieces and nephews – Robin (Jonathan) Anders of Raleigh, North Carolina, Granger Roseberry of Raleigh, North Carolina, Michaeline (Raymond) Schuetz of Goreville, Travis Crain of Phoenix, Arizona, and Blake Crain of Vienna; great nieces and great nephews – Michaela (Trevor) Blumenstock, Kaitlyn Schuetz, Rose Mary Anders, Ty Schuetz and Jack Anders; along with a host of extended family and many dear friends.

Larry was preceded in death by: his parents – James Edwin Crain and Rose Mary (Hunt) Crain Orr; and his stepfather – Harold Orr.

Larry spent his teenage years in Metropolis in the 1960’s and quickly came to know almost everyone in town. He had an infectious personality, a never

ending smile and instantly loved everybody he came in contact with, if they gave him ever as much as a quick, simple smile. Larry was a familiar and beloved figure around Vienna. Larry had several jobs over the years and often remarked that working was one of his favorite things to do. He worked at the Bob White Café in West Vienna in his teen years. He worked at that time for his Grandmother, Eva White. He also worked for 10 years delivering the Southern Illinoisan newspaper, rising at 4 AM for his route. He never once missed a day of work, was never late and never complained of the hours. Later, he worked at Ned's Shed restaurant as well as the Veach Short Stop, both in Vienna.

Greg Veach, a cousin of Larry, reminisced, "Larry Crain's impact on this earth far surpassed his limited intellectual and physical abilities. He knew more people, and more people knew him, than most. And most of those with whom he had contact appreciated his genuineness and humanity, different from theirs perhaps, but it was Larry and he brought joy and happiness to many in this world. He came into this life with little or nothing, but he passes on with a great deal, perhaps not money, but accomplishment in the happiness he brought to those with whom he had any contact."

Larry's interests were many and varied. He was a wealth of knowledge about anything Railroad. He could tell you anything that you wanted to know about any train track in Southern Illinois or Southeast Missouri. He knew the names of the trains that ran along those tracks, how many cars each train had and the speed at which each ran down the track, as well as the starting and stopping point for each train and the departure and arrival times. Larry was also a collector of marbles, loved books, and, from an early age, he had a love of riverboats. This was instilled in him by his Grandfather Crain who would take him to Fort Massac, overlooking the Ohio River, to watch the boats pass by. Larry enjoyed attending sports events. Larry enjoyed visiting with friends from store-to-store around the Vienna courthouse square. He is fondly

remembered for having never met a stranger.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 12 Noon – 3 PM Saturday, November 14, 2020, at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Private interment will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Williams Syndrome Association, 570 Kirts Boulevard, Suite 223, Troy, Michigan 48084-4156.

Those attending the gathering are reminded that customarily accepted social distancing requirements will apply. The wearing of a face mask or covering is strongly encouraged.

# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

NOV **14**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Crain*



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**Bailey Funeral Home** - November 14, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *Larry Crain*

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January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



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**Bobby Rentfro** - December 01, 2020 at 06:12 AM



“ *Please rest Larry. Thank you for being a joyful light in this world. To Larry's family and friends, thank you for loving him. He is at peace and he is smiling.*



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**Jason Threadgill** - November 17, 2020 at 01:34 AM

SG

“ *Sondra Goins lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



**Sondra Goins** - November 12, 2020 at 08:20 PM

TA

“ *Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



**Teresa Anderson** - November 12, 2020 at 07:29 PM

JW

“ *I first met Larry in the Spring of 1953 in Sunday School at the First Methodist Church in Vienna. From that time, we became lifelong friends. As I wrote to him two weeks ago, he was always one of my best “buddies” and a dearest friend. We shared many laughs together, and I will truly miss him.*  
*Judge James R. Williamson*

**Judge James R. Williamson** - November 12, 2020 at 07:11 PM

BR

*Thank you Judge for this tribute.*

**Bobby Rentfro** - April 03, 2024 at 03:25 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



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**Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney** - November 12, 2020 at 06:45 PM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



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**Dennis and Pat Harner** - November 12, 2020 at 10:16 AM

EB

“ *Erinn Bowman lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



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**Erinn Bowman** - November 12, 2020 at 05:58 AM

BM

“ Larry was a unique Vienna treasure. I grew up with Larry and his family. His mother Rose Mary and my parents were life long friends graduating in the Vienna High School class of '39. Larry loved and was loved by many members of our community. Of course I remember Larry working at Ned's Shed and delivering papers faithfully to his customers. But also how he shared his love for trains and marbles...oh so many marbles! Larry's mother was an extraordinary woman. Rose Mary had a wonderful accomplished life including her community involvement, her DAR accomplishments and her expertise of genealogy. She spread her love for many family members. She passed at the age of 98 and I know the saddest thing for her was leaving Larry behind. But Larry's family and especially his niece Mandy continued to give him love and support. May we continue to remember and share special memories of those like Larry Crain from our past.

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**Barb Mizell** - November 11, 2020 at 10:25 PM

BR

*Thank you Barb for this tribute.*

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**Bobby Rentfro** - April 03, 2024 at 03:25 PM

SH

“ Steve & Jeannie Housewright lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



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**Steve & Jeannie Housewright** - November 11, 2020 at 08:37 PM

BR

“ *Larry and Williams people have taught us how to live.  
Bruno - Brazil*

**Bruno** - November 11, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SF

“ *So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was a bright spot in my day when working at Faith Alive. I would always save the marbles for him. We could all learn something from Larry.*

**Sharon Farris** - November 11, 2020 at 12:30 PM

CW

“ *Carl Wells lit a candle in memory of Larry  
Crain*



**Carl Wells** - November 10, 2020 at 11:40 PM

BD

“ *I have so many wonderful childhood memories of Larry I can't even begin to count, but his smile is what I see when I think of him. I cannot count the number of conversations and laughs we had. Marbles , trains, books, back rubs and of course, his rabbit foot! 💜 I remember his excitement when he came to WV to see everyone and how he couldn't wait to do everything. Just go go go. He taught me so much as a child by being his wonderful self. My heart goes out to Uncle Mike and Mandy. Love to you both. Larry was one of a kind and I'm so glad he was part of my life.*

**Brenda Bennett Dawes** - November 10, 2020 at 07:31 PM

SL

“ I grew up seeing Larry all over town greeting people. He was such a great person. Loved people. Always said Hi and called me by name.



Steve&Kathy(Whiteside) Lay - November 10, 2020 at 06:25 PM

MM

“ Larry never met a stranger--and loved all things about trains, reading every book on the subject that was in the libraries of Southern Illinois. We borrowed many books for him through the library system.

Margaret Mathis  
Vienna Public Library

Margaret Mathis - November 10, 2020 at 04:18 PM

SC

“ I was blessed to know Larry. He taught me how to be a friend, and that there's nothing as good as short back rub! Thank you, Larry!!



Susan Cochran - November 10, 2020 at 02:18 PM

SM

“ Sherry Moore lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



sherry moore - November 10, 2020 at 02:05 PM

SM

“ Hi Mandy,  
 We both have shared a lot of good times together, and you always looked out for Larry & took care of him.  
 I remember him coming by the shop, he always needed a hug, I would always ask... your still my friend ... right??? Lol  
 And I would tell him always...  
 we know that Larry is in heaven rejoicing!  
 What a treasure he was.... and will be missed. Prayers for you and family  
 Love ya, girl!!!  
 Sherry rhymer moore

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**sherry moore** - November 10, 2020 at 01:53 PM



“ 30 years ago I met Larry He was our Town Ambassador For sure, Kindness and Smiles that lite up your day when you were Greeted by Larry as he would Say " Hi Buddy Your my Buddy right ! and lean in for you to pat his back ! Played Bingo with us at Galeener Apartments and would get so Excited when he got a Bingo We all were so glad that Mickey Brought him to be play. Rest In Peace Buddy You've got some amazing friends to meet In heaven !




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**Carol Bryant** - November 10, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RE

“ Rick Emery lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain




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**Rick Emery** - November 10, 2020 at 11:39 AM

SC

“ Sherryl Case lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Sherryl Case - November 10, 2020 at 10:47 AM

DH

“ Dallas & Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Crain



Dallas & Charlene Harner - November 10, 2020 at 08:00 AM

RD

*I was happy to see Larry when I came to town. This is most beautiful obituary I have ever read.*

Ruth Dunn - November 10, 2020 at 10:00 AM

DR

“ Debbie Reinhardt lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Debbie Reinhardt - November 10, 2020 at 07:57 AM

AT

“ Jerry & Ann Toler



Ann Hunter Toler - November 10, 2020 at 06:29 AM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Teresa Richerson - November 09, 2020 at 09:16 PM

KJ

“ As a teenager, I worked at Bob Whites restaurant. Larry worked there too. He was always so kind. He did love showing off his new marbles. Larry will be so missed .

kathy jennings - November 09, 2020 at 08:06 PM

DP

“ Davis And Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Davis and Pat Prewitt - November 09, 2020 at 07:03 PM

CH

“ I will always remember Larry for a sweet funny man. I remember when I was little and had to go to the dentist (Dr.Akridge), Larry was always there. Heaven gained a great man.

Crystal Hastings - November 09, 2020 at 06:54 PM

RH

“ When my son was a baby, I cleaned house for Rosemary. I talked with Larry remembering his train magazines and marbles in his bedroom. He is probably the only person in Vienna that knew everyone. Anytime we seen each other we'd stop to talk and I'd ask how his mother was. His chats were short, had too many people to say hi to. My husband and I were talking about him about a week ago wondering where he was. Our prayers are with his family 🙏.



Russ & Karla Hale - November 09, 2020 at 06:25 PM

GB

“ So very sad! Larry was a wonderful Man! The Burgess family sure loved to stop and talk to him everytime we was in Vienna. Heaven definitely got a wonderful Man



Gary & Mary Burgess - November 09, 2020 at 06:09 PM

JT

“ Janis Tapley lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Janis Tapley - November 09, 2020 at 04:11 PM

JE

“ Loved seeing him and his brother while I worked. Always a smile on his face! Definitely would light up a room!! He will truly be missed.



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**Jennifer** - November 09, 2020 at 02:55 PM

JH

“ Larry was a good friend and best paper boy I ever had.

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**Jim Hodges** - November 09, 2020 at 01:59 PM

JS

“ John Slack sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Crain



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**John Slack** - November 09, 2020 at 01:58 PM

BR

“ I have many fond memories of Larry and our conversations about trains. If Vienna ever had a Goodwill Ambassador, it would have been Larry.



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**Bobby Rentfro** - November 09, 2020 at 01:19 PM

SN

“ Sam Riley & Deb Newton lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Sam Riley & Deb Newton - November 09, 2020 at 01:10 PM

TA

“ Teresa Anderson lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Teresa Anderson - November 09, 2020 at 12:56 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Mike Crews - November 09, 2020 at 12:45 PM

J)

“ JOHN THOMAS (J. C. ) lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



JOHN THOMAS (J. C. ) - November 09, 2020 at 12:36 PM

JW

“ Jane Ross Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Crain



Jane Ross Wright - November 09, 2020 at 12:18 PM

JW

So sorry to all his family and it is a great loss to Vienna. Larry was an icon to our town. Everyone knew Larry. He always greeted me with “hie are you doing friend. You are my friend”. He was a part of our teenage years at Ned’s parking lot. He will always be a fond memory of ours. Rest in peace Larry.

Clearon and Jane (Ross) Wright

Jane Ross Wright - November 09, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MF

“ Michael Favors lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Michael favors - November 09, 2020 at 12:13 PM

VW

“ Valerie Kinkade Warmath lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain



Valerie Kinkade Warmath - November 09, 2020 at 11:53 AM

JM

“ Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of  
Larry Crain



Jeannie McCall - November 09, 2020 at 11:52 AM

DM

“ Dayle & Patty Morse lit a candle in memory of  
Larry Crain



Dayle & Patty Morse - November 09, 2020 at 11:02 AM

BW

“ Bill And Barb Warmack lit a candle in memory  
of Larry Crain



Bill and Barb Warmack - November 09, 2020 at 10:34 AM

TM

“ Tom And Carmen Murrie lit a candle in  
memory of Larry Crain



Tom and Carmen Murrie - November 09, 2020 at 09:50 AM

TM

*Prayers for all. Larry was a friend to everyone.*

**Tom and Carmen Murrie** - November 09, 2020 at 09:51 AM

TM

“ *I'm So Sorry to hear about this.....Sending Prayers for ALL of You!!*



**Theresa Mckenzie-Trovillion** - November 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM

PS

“ *Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Larry Crain*



**Paula Sullivan** - November 09, 2020 at 09:22 AM