

## YMCA JULY MEMBER OF THE MONTH

### Larry Reberry

Being that Independence Day is in the month of July, we find it suitable that our member of the month is someone that fought for our freedom. Although, it is with heavy hearts to announce, our dear friend and cherished member Larry Wesley Reberry, passed away May 19, 2018. This month the Southern Boone Area YMCA would like to pay our respects to Larry Reberry and his family. Larry was a valued member and true friend to everyone at the Y. His good spirit, drive, and stories will certainly be missed. Below are some memories that our Directors wanted to share about Larry.

I only recently had gotten to know Larry, I had been coming to the YMCA for almost two years and I would see him in the gym every morning. It wasn't until I started working at the Y that I finally got to sit and speak with Larry. Larry was a man who had seen and done it all but was very humble about his life experiences. The first time I spoke with Larry he told me about the time he was shot. Thinking that Larry probably only spoke to other vets and dear friends about his military experiences, I instantly felt that I had a brother like connection with him. Larry was persistent, he would come to the gym everyday rain or shine. He told me one day he was feeling ill and couldn't get over being sick and I looked at him and thought, how in the world is he up here working out? He was convinced that he was going to sweat it out. Larry's drive and determination has greatly influenced my life. To see a man who was thrown every curveball in life and to come up swinging inspires me to never give up and to keep pressing forward. Life never got too tough for Larry, Larry got too tough for life.

Rest easy Sir,

Derek Mordica

Larry Reberry will truly be missed. There wasn't a day that went by that Larry missed a workout at the Y. He loved being in here with the afternoon crowd and loved to give Troy Lowrey a hard time. He had many stories from his military days and I wished I would have had more time to listen to all of them. We often take our time on Earth for granted but I truly feel that Larry lived his life to the fullest.

RIP,  
Kip Batye

I had the pleasure of getting to know Larry over the last three years at the YMCA. I remember when I would be walking back and forth from the front desk to my office if Larry was here working out he would always yell at me to come over and chat with him. Larry, always enjoyed talking about his Body Building Days and how fitness meant so much to him. One time he even brought in a picture of him when he was competing and won a trophy. I always admired his determination when working out. Larry's had an enormous impact on our Y-Family and it will not be easily forgotten. Thank you for all you have done for us.

Nabrina Evans

- *A hero in his friend and family's heart, he will be greatly missed.*