



Lawrence "Larry" Freeman Sullivan

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Larry was born on a very cold January morning. He weighed less than six pounds. He was born in Missouri, the show me state, which did not put weight or length on his birth certificate. Being small in stature has nothing nothing to do with strength or heart. No grass ever grew under his feet .Everything he did,he did it with gusto.Including attending T.U.and serving in the U.S. Navy And raising a family as well. He was devoted to his mother, as well as his wife and children. After graduating high school he was working full time for Gibson Electric and attending T.U. when his mother became a young widow with no marketable skills. So, he joined the navy to get a hardship allotment to help his mother .He served seven years from 1964 to 1971. He earned the highest rank available to a non commissioned officer.His dream was to be a navy pilot. But, due to total hearing loss in his left ear there was no chance of reaching his dream.He rose to Senior Petty Officer with E-7 Rank. He is a plank owner on the USS Sterret. After being discharged he came home and resided with his mother until he married. Raising two children and what a job he did.They always had his protection and love. But, he gave them wings. Both children are college graduates with families of their own. After living as a bachelor for several years Larry found a true loving companion Larry married the love of his life, Donna Rae Putnam, on May 21, 2005, at the Angels Among Us Wedding Chapel, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He and Donna Rae have enjoyed the last ten years together as husband and wife.He retired in 2010 and she retired in 2013. Larry is survived by his loving wife, Donna of the home; children: Jameesa Williams and husband, Darrin, Lawrence Joseph Sullivan and wife, Kara, Michael Frederick Starkey, and Selena Nichole Woods and husband, John; grandchildren, Kayla Williams, Noah Williams, Alden Sullivan, Rowan Sullivan, Sabrina Billbrey, Rae Starkey, and Logan Starkey; great-granddaughter, Ally; brother: Joe Sullivan and wife, Linda; sister: Martha Hughes and husband Robert Hughes; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and



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great nephews. Larry is preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of Larry's life will be held 12:30 pm, Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.



Tribute Wall

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KS

Kyle Shoemaker (Grandson Of Joe Sullivan) posted:

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September 29 at 8:12 AM

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September 29 at 4:05 AM

DF

Dawn (Sullivan) Fehri posted:

From as far back as I can remember, there was Uncle Larry. When I was a small girl growing up in Lakeside, California, I remember him visiting while he was in the navy, quite often bringing with him his best buddy, Fritz. When they got together with my dad, it was 'good time had by all and shenanigans as well'. Any occasion that included Uncle Larry was always more fun and much more laughter than when he wasn't there. We had some great talks after I lost my mom (his sister-in-law Catherine) and he really helped me through that. And boy! did he love his kids!!! He was extremely proud of them every day of his life. I love you, Uncle Larry,Dawn (Sullivan) Fehri

September 27 at 11:43 AM

KA

Ken Allen posted:

I have many great memories of Larry. He was always eager to help out, whether it was trimming a tree at my house or showing me how to price out a panelboard. We had some fun on business trips and spent many afternoons together on the golf course. He will be missed by many. My deepest sympathy to Donna & Larry's family.

September 25 at 3:10 PM



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Debbie posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Freeman Sullivan

September 25 at 5:23 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lawrence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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