



## Larry Phillip Waldon

March 7, 1962 - February 2, 2021

Larry Phillip Waldon, 58, passed away on February 2, 2021 with his loving sister, Tammy, and wife, Karen holding him close. Born in Kansas City, the town that would always be "home" is also where he spent his last days.

Larry graduated from North Kansas City High School and Central Missouri University with a B.S. in Graphic Arts. His early career was in the printing industry with jobs at Chromagraphics and Hallmark Cards. It was at Hallmark where he met his wife, Karen Dickinson. After moving to Colorado in the late '90s, Larry held purchasing and contracts positions at Current, Sanmina-SCI, Honeywell, and KBR Wyle.

Karen and Larry moved to Colorado to be closer to her family, but Kansas City would always hold his heart. He had a varied and large collection of friends and had a gift for bringing people together from all parts of his life. He loved a good party and staying up late while playing his favorite songs. He was a runner for most of his adult life. Running as a Hash House Harrier, Larry connected with others who shared a love of running, beer, and good people. Larry also had the gift of seeing and making things beautiful. His portrait photography was personal and intentional. The extra touches he added to his home, and even camping trips with linen tablecloths and candles demonstrated his artistic and romantic aesthetic. He also loved a good road trip and travel was always on his mind. His time as an exchange student in

Kenya would shape his world view and desire to see more.

Larry's life was full of women who loved him: his mother and sisters, his many women friends, and wife, and two daughters - Jennie and Eleanor. His close relationship with his sister Tammy grounded him for all his days. These women will always be Larry's Girls. He knew how to make each one feel special and beautiful. Larry's tight-knit male buddies might even say the same thing and will remember him as mild-mannered, easy and fun to be with, and always ready to help. Larry was a true gentleman and "gentle man".

This beautiful man left us too soon. His heart was full of love and also a lot of pain. In his passing, his family hopes that we can learn to choose love and help in times of need. Larry's legacy: do not take life too seriously, learn one karaoke song really well (Harper Valley PTA was his), surround yourself with beautiful things, stay out of judgment, and his two beautiful daughters.

Larry is survived by his wife, Karen Dickinson Waldon, his daughters Jennie R. Waldon and Eleanor C. Waldon, his sisters Tammy Waldon and Sherryl Waldon, and many loving nieces and nephews. His parents, Rose Corinne and Phil Waldon preceded him in death.

Services: The family will be hosting a casual virtual event on March 7, 2021. If you would like to be included please send contact information to [lpwaldon@gmail.com](mailto:lpwaldon@gmail.com). A future in-person celebration of life will be held in Kansas City this summer.

Suggested Donation: If inclined, please make a donation to the charity of your choice in Larry's name. Please feel free to share stories, photos, and impressions of Larry to [lpwaldon@gmail.com](mailto:lpwaldon@gmail.com) for a memorial album for Larry's family. Larry was a bright light that burned out too early and will be remembered fondly by many family members and friends. Godspeed sweet

man.

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ Larry was one of my sister’s best friends and was like a big brother to me. He taught me how to put lights on our Christmas tree in his artistic way, adding “depth & dimension”. When I was a freshman in college, he came to the ‘berg for Homecoming weekend and, needless to say, my roommate & I ended up on probation that year. (The fun we had was all worth it though!) I remember the glow-in-the-dark stars on his bedroom ceiling, dancing with him, listening to him sing funny songs, and spending fun times during his “bachelor party summer” before he moved to Colorado. He was such a special person who I feel privileged to have known. Cheers to Larry!

*My deepest sympathy goes to all his family and friends.*

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**Rachael Romans** - March 06, 2021 at 04:20 PM

PS

*Uncle Richard taught Larry and I both how to put lights on a Christmas tree. It was when he came home from college over the holidays and I was working for Richard. We needed extra help so Larry came to work for us too. Larry definitely had natural talent in the area of putting lights on a Christmas tree. Well, after a little tutoring from me. It was always fun working with Larry! Especially if it is decorating Christmas trees! So happy he shared his techniques with you too!*

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**Pam Seiboldt** - March 07, 2021 at 01:11 PM

NC

“ Some of my fondest memories of Larry is when we came out to Manitou to visit. Larry and Karen would have a wonderful weekend planned for us. Lots of sightseeing, great homemade food, and just sitting down and enjoying each other’s company. I’ve known Larry for over 30 years it’s always been one of my closest friends. One of my fondest memory is a bunch of Kansas City folks went up to Manitou Colorado, shortly after Karen and Larry move in and we were having a party. Some dance music came on and Larry started to trill the ladies until we got dizzy. We laugh so hard. I will truly miss are time together dear friend. You will live forever in my heart .



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**Nancy Cooper** - March 06, 2021 at 10:53 AM

PS

“ *Half of a Dollar*

*I am remembering one time Larry and I had gone out to dinner. (Always a pleasant experience.) As usual, we split the bill. We had both put in the same amount of money to cover the tab. After calculating the tip, there were 5 one dollar bills left over. Larry proceeded to divide the left over money between us. It was sort of like he was dealing cards. “One for you. One for me. One for you. One for me.” Then without missing a beat, he tore the last dollar bill in half! Continuing dealing out the two halves and saying “One for you. One for me.”*

*Off and on for years, I carried my half of the dollar with me. Just in case Larry would have his half and we could finally spend our dollar together. It was a fun game trying to reunite that dollar. But we just couldn't seem to have both halves with us at the same time.*

*I ran across my half several years ago. It has sat proudly on display in my living room for a long time now. Reminding me of my fun times with Larry. Now, I like to imagine, one day, we will meet again. We will both have our halves with us and will once again, reunite that dollar! Until we meet again my friend!*

*Pam Seiboldt*



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**Pam Seiboldt** - March 06, 2021 at 12:40 AM

CM

*Great story. I can picture him doing that. Thank you Pam.*

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**Cregg Mericle** - March 06, 2021 at 08:18 PM

CM

*Great story. I can see him doing that. Thank you.*

**Cregg Mericle** - March 06, 2021 at 08:23 PM

PS

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



**Pam Seiboldt** - March 05, 2021 at 11:52 PM

LW

*Ah, yes.... always a staple on our float trips :)*

**Lori Wiesner** - March 07, 2021 at 12:02 PM

PS

“ *If anyone ever went on a road trip with Larry ... you know this was his favorite road snacks.*

*Pam Seiboldt*



**Pam Seiboldt** - March 05, 2021 at 11:21 PM

KH

“ *I have struggled with the words to express the loss of my best friend, Larry. My life has been so much richer knowing him and he has changed my life forever. I miss him everyday.*

*My heart goes out to Karen, Jennie & Ellie and please know that he loved you the most in the entire world. Family & good friends were the most important thing to him in life.*

*RIP Larry.*



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**Kevin Hallberg** - March 05, 2021 at 02:30 PM

JP

“ What can you say about someone who was always there when you asked for a favor or who became your friend even though never close by. I met Larry almost 30 years ago when I was working for the US Postal Service and he was working for Hallmark back in KC. I used to come out the postal service facility for work and when ever I came into town Larry was always there to show me around. So I was glad when he finally came to Washington DC and I was able to repay the hospitality. Every time just before Christmas he knew I would call and ask for the usual favor to help me get all the hard to get Hallmark Christmas ornaments I could not get myself. He always came thru. He never said no. My only regret is that we had not stayed in closer contact. I loved hearing about his vacations with his family it seemed he always had great vacations planned. His smile and sense of humor will always remain with me. And I will forever be grateful that I got a chance to know such a great guy, dad, and family man. I will always remember this young care free guy who spent a weekend here in DC with me almost 30 years ago. And who always remained as my friend. Karen, Elanor and Jennie I am so sorry for your loss.

*Joe Porporino*



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**Joe Porporino** - March 01, 2021 at 11:14 AM

SL

“ So many years of great memories with Larry! He was one of my best friends! I will always keep him in my heart & remember his smile & the twinkle in his beautiful eyes! He made everyone feel special. Memories of singing, dancing, laughing, road trips, camping (he was glamping before it had a name), sailing with Lori & Dennis around St Vincent & the Grenadines (such a special trip), ski trips & an all time favorite-going to Kauai. He was so talented & his photography was moving! You will be missed my friend!



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**Shelly Lynch** - February 28, 2021 at 04:43 PM

TH

“ This was the last Christmas gift Larry gave to me. This is a picture of The Great Sand Dunes in Colorado. I was at Larry and Karen's home saw this picture and told Larry how I loved it. That Christmas is was at my desk! Absolute beautiful



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**Troy Hollingsworth** - February 20, 2021 at 09:55 AM

SL

*This is a beautiful picture!*

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**Shelly Lynch** - February 28, 2021 at 04:45 PM

PR

*What a talent he had! He photographed our wedding. He was so good and I will be forever grateful to him for capturing the different special moments of the day.*

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**Phyllis Rauh** - March 03, 2021 at 05:55 PM

JC

*“ I worked with Larry at Honeywell. He was such a good man! He treated everyone with respect and always greeted you with a smile! I know he is missed by his family and friends. You all are in my daily prayers.*

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**Jacqueline Compton** - February 19, 2021 at 12:52 PM

NL

“ I feel so lucky to have known Larry. He will always be one of my favorite people, a true friend always, in good times and bad. One of my favorite Larry memories is this. We were teenagers and had been out with a group of our friends/coworkers from Worlds of Fun. It was quite late and Larry was driving me home. I lived at the end of a cul-de-sac. As Larry turned onto our street, he looked at me with that twinkle in his eyes and said, “Do you like excitement?”. Before I could answer, he stepped hard on the gas and started driving like a mad man all the way down the street, farming a neighbor’s yard on the way! I screamed and then laughed so hard. I think I encouraged him because it became a regular ritual for a while after that. It was exciting every time! Life with Larry was always an adventure. Note: No one ever got hurt and the neighbors never knew who farmed their yard. Another memory with Larry was when I visited him in Warrensburg when he was in college there. We were listening to an album and we both started singing along and playing air guitar. It was a beautiful day so we moved outside to the front porch and continued the “concert”. There were cars driving by and a group of people across the street on their balcony. We preformed the entire album this way, including some fancy Pete Townsend style windmills done in unison. We were very proud of that move. When our gig was over, the neighbors gave us a lot of hoops, hollers, and applause! Things like this would happen when Larry was with you. Not sure how. He was magical!  
Miss you my dear friend!

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**Nadonna Logan** - February 18, 2021 at 08:43 PM

LG

“ So, so many wonderful memories of Larry. All the fun road trips, camping, canoeing, hashing...I will always treasure all the great times we had. Here is how I remember him:



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**Lori (Holvorson) Gill** - February 18, 2021 at 03:36 PM

DM

*Love this picture Lori!*

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**Dawn Mericle** - February 28, 2021 at 02:05 PM

MS

“ So many great memories of times in Kansas City with Karen and Larry. I was so overjoyed when Karen found him. His smile and laugh always made me feel welcome. Heaven has gained a wonderful addition.

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**mary spencer** - February 18, 2021 at 01:54 PM

TH

“ I have known Larry for over 20 years. We worked together for all of that time. Larry was one of the most caring individuals I have known. We went thru thick and thin together. We always looked forward to Happy Hour at the Hatch Cover on Friday afternoons. We worked together and we played together. I am without words and heart broken. Larry I will miss you!

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**Troy Hollingsworth** - February 18, 2021 at 12:24 PM

DY

*Larry was a wonderful person always was in a great mood and had a pleasant disposition. I worked with him in Honeywell also. He will be missed!*

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**DeeDee Yocubets** - February 22, 2021 at 04:54 PM

PR

“ *My heart hurts this morning after hearing of Larry's death. The obituary is spot on! Larry was such a great guy, and a compassionate guy. He loved his wife, daughters and sister to the fullest that a person could love someone. I worked with Larry at Honeywell and will be forever grateful for those memories. Rest in peace Larry.*

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**Phyllis Rauh** - February 18, 2021 at 11:44 AM

KW

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Karen Waldon** - February 17, 2021 at 12:24 PM

GS

“ *Our thoughts and embrace go out to Larry's family and friends. May he rest in peace. He has left many good memories for us so he lives on.*

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**Glen and Sheila** - February 17, 2021 at 08:37 AM

LW

“ *I haven't known Larry very long (marrying into the family) but every occasion we were together he was the sweetest human! He genuinely loved every moment visiting with family here in Arkansas! He will be missed and my heart breaks for Tammy, Karen and his beautiful daughters! He was very proud of his girls and always had a picture to share!*

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**LeAnn (Souza) Wallin** - February 16, 2021 at 06:34 PM