



Larry Eugene Williams

May 15, 1947 - February 7, 2022

Larry Eugene Williams, 74, died on Monday, February 7, 2022 at the home. Born in Kansas City, Missouri on May 15, 1947, he was the first-born son of Ernest Eugene Williams and Rita Nordmeyer Williams. Larry grew up in the Northeast area of Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Northeast Senior High School in 1965. He attended Kansas City Junior College after high school graduation. Larry belonged to and attended Budd Park Christian Church where he was a member of Boy Scout Troop #165. Larry earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout in October 1962 and earned the highest merit award in scouting, the God and Country Award in November 1963. He was invited to and rose to become a Warrior in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, H. Roe Bartle Reservation in 1963.

From 1966 to 1968 Larry served in the United States Army as a Medical Corpsman stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. Son Christopher Eugene Williams was born November 1, 1968 to Larry and Deborah Harding Williams at Fort Hood, Texas before Larry was honorably discharged in December 1968.

Upon his return to the Kansas City area, Larry's career included working for KenworthDart (accounting), working for Safeway (as a meat cutter-like his father), working for EdcorKeller Fire/Safety Products, working for Beagle Rentals (manager), owning his own Ace/True Value Hardware Store (in Kansas), initially helping to create QuickSilver Courier, and finally retiring in

December 2010 from MAH Transportation.

In retirement Larry enjoyed ANY AND ALL EVENTS involving his grandchildren Meagan, Emily, and Twins Calvin and Olivia. It did not matter whether it was softball, basketball, soccer, football, baseball, or volleyball, he loved watching his grandchildren grow up and become fine young people. He enjoyed traveling out West on the Oregon Trail, hiking Arizona's Canyon de Chelly and learning to snowshoe in Colorado plus trips to visit friends and relatives in Minnesota, Tennessee, California, and Colorado with his Significant Other Judith Bradley. In retirement he continued to enjoy trips to his cabin on Lake of the Ozarks near Warsaw. Larry became a Master Tomato Gardener and produced so many tomatoes that all the near neighbors reaped (and ate) the copious bounty every summer. In retirement he rekindled a love of reading that ranged from Jack Higgins and Lee Child mysteries to Sandra Brown "romances".

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernie and Rita Williams, Kansas City, Missouri and nephew Matthew Paul Williams, Seguin, Texas. Left to mourn him are son, Chris Williams, Blue Springs, Missouri and his children, Meagan (Landon) Foreman, Emily Williams both of Kansas City, Missouri and Twins Calvin and Olivia Williams of Grain Valley, Missouri; brother Fran Williams, Polo, Missouri and his children Jay and Jill; brother Paul Williams (Debbie), Ft. Myers, Florida and their children Scott (Sari), Oak Grove, Missouri, and Sara (Jason) Howarth, St. Louis, Missouri; sister Diana Williams (Pat Beall), Carrollton, Texas; twin sister, Linda Millan, Riverside, Missouri and her children Jeff, Vince and Candy; twin sister Lorna Williams, Riverside, Missouri and her children Donald, Kathy and Greg; and a favorite uncle, Francis "Bugs" Williams, Excelsior Springs, Missouri and his children, Scooter and Candy.

Larry will be fondly remembered by Pat Williams of St. Joseph, Missouri and

her family Brenda and Ron Roberts and Mary Pat and Greg Vernon; Deborah Harding King, Independence, Missouri; Robin Williams, Grain Valley, Missouri; his Silver Sneakers Exercise Classes at both Tony Aguirre Community Center and the North Kansas City YMCA, many Roanoke residents who knew him to be a helpful, friendly, kind, and caring neighbor and many other KC friends.

Cremation. A military service will be held at Leavenworth National Cemetery on March 7, 2022 at 2:30 p.m and a Celebration of Life will follow at 4pm at UAW Local #31 Union Hall, 500 Kindleberger Road, Kansas City, KS 66115.

Memorials to honor Larry and his beloved pet, Lola (who has already met him at the Rainbow Bridge) may be made to the Kansas City Pet Project, 7077 Elmwood Avenue, Kansas City. Missouri 64132.

Tribute Wall

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“ We only knew Larry a short time while he was teaching out Silver Sneakers class at the Community Center. He made the class fun and brightened our days with his humor and ability to pull us all together. We are saddened by his death and send our prayers to his family.

Leonard and Dixie Smiglewski

Dixie Smiglewski - February 20, 2022 at 08:20 PM

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“ Will always have the memory of Larry holding our exercise group together when we did not have an instructor. He stepped in to do it himself. Covid ended that but am grateful that he did what he could to keep us going. He also got there early to help set things up so we could exercise. My thoughts and prayers are with Judy and family and know he must be enjoying that sweet dog again.

Ann Weaver - February 17, 2022 at 09:20 AM