



Lawrence (Larry) Branch Jr.

January 17, 1953 - October 27, 2014

Larry Branch died peacefully on October 25, 2014, in Topeka, with his family by his side. Larry was born January 17, 1953, in Follansbee WV to Lawrence and Eleanor Branch. Both parents preceded him in death. Larry graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach CA. Larry was employed for many years by Tilton's Markets in Topeka. Larry was a life-long NHRA drag racing fan along with his brothers, Jim and Danny, beginning with visits to Lions Drag Strip in Long Beach CA. Larry also enjoyed spending time fishing with his brothers. His other favorite past time was playing Dominos and riding motorcycles with his Uncle Mike. Larry is survived by two brothers, Jim Branch (Janis), Topeka and Danny Branch (Kelly), San Jacinto CA; nieces, Janelle, Jamie and Brianna; a nephew, Joshua; his very special Uncle Mike and Aunt Mary Lou Buksa, Long Beach CA; and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins. Larry also leaves behind special friends, Fred, Alice and Jeff Tilton. The family wishes to extend its deepest appreciation to the staff at Fairlawn Heights Assisted Living who provided Larry with a loving home, care and comfort for many years. A special thanks to Kansas Hospice Care who provided services and comfort. Family will greet friends Monday from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Private burial will take place Wednesday at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence (Larry) Branch Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *I am sorry to see of Larry's passing. I worked at Fairlawn Heights for 7 years, Larry was always my buddy. In fact I loved his sense of humor. I knicknamed him cornball.we always shared a laugh about something and told me what a good cook I was.I don't get the paper, Jeff Tilton told me of his passing...so sad that I missed his service. I am sure he is telling the angels a corny joke or two.*

Patti Cameron jackson - October 30, 2014 at 04:11 PM



“ *Jimmy, Danny and families - It was with great sadness to learn of the passing of your dear brother and uncle Larry. I took out an old photo passed down to me of the three oldest "Branch" cousins (Billy, Larry and me). I put in on my bookshelf where it will now stay as a reminder of days gone by. In the photo, we were sitting on a wall if front of one of grandma and grandpa's houses in Follansbee! There we were, the three of us, no more than a few years old. How the passing of time has changed everything, as we all ended up in different parts of the country. May Larry rest in the peace that he so deserves. Jimmy, Danny and your familys - you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, MaryLee*

MaryLee Branch Duvall - October 28, 2014 at 10:18 AM

SH

“ I first met Larry three years ago when I started at Fairlawn Heights. We always talked about football and motorcycles. He would always ask about his best buddy (my husband Brian) and for me to tell him he said hi. Larry never once complained about what life had dealt him and was always cracking jokes. He will truly be missed at Fairlawn. He was one of my buddies and it will not be the same without him here. Rest in peace Larry. You will truly be missed.

Shannon Hendrix - October 27, 2014 at 08:26 PM

KT

“ Larry will be missed. I got the pleasure of getting to know Larry over the past 7yrs. I remember Larry and I always making a joke about how he had no middle name. Larry would always tell me he was too poor growing up to have a middle name. I will miss Larry coming up the hall we had this inside joke he would make his hand form like a zero and lightly growl at me with a grin on his face. That meant he hadn't had his first cig of the day:)! Most of all I will miss Larry reminding me our favorite tv show river monsters was on. Larry would always say I would love to have his job (Jeremy Wade) which was fishing. I will miss Larry saying to me when he seen me on Mondays after being off for the weekend. Larry would always say welcome back to manic Monday at the zoo.

kim troupe - October 27, 2014 at 08:19 PM

RK

“ I am so glad I got to know Larry, and that he counted me a friend. He was a shining example of grace under adversity. He complained less than anyone I know, though his life was far from easy, and I will not forget him.

Ramona Kelly - October 27, 2014 at 05:49 PM

BN

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Larry. He was a dear man and a nice person. I really enjoyed working with him at the store. Larry was always quick with a joke and never complained about anything. Whenever I think of him, good thoughts come to mind.
Sincerely, Becky Tilton Nesmith

Becky Tilton Nesmith - October 27, 2014 at 01:47 PM

GS

“ Larry will be truly missed. Him and I hung out with each other the entire time in High School, we were always doing something. Once we asked Jimmy to go to the beach with us, oopppsss, we couldn't find Jimmy so Larry and I went to get a cup of coffee and came back and there he was.
Larry kept in contact with me the last 43 years, From Vietnam till now. Larry and his Grandmother once drove all the way to Ft. Bragg in 1986 to see my wife Connie and I. He sure did love her food. Once when we where stationed at Ft. Ord, Calif from 1976-78, before we sat down to eat, larry made a comment: "I'm so skinny, I have to run around in the shower to get wet". My kids never forgot that comment and when they talk about "Uncle Larry", they remember that remark.
I will miss Larry, my best Bud from High School.
Rest in Peace partner, you deserve it.

To my Best friend ever. Thank you for the Great memories.

*George, Connie L. Steht
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Lakeland, Fl. 33813*

George L. Steht - October 27, 2014 at 09:40 AM