



Joseph Larkin

November 19, 1939 - August 5, 2014

Joseph Victor Larkin, 74 of Bluffton, SC died on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. Larkin was born in Everett, Massachusetts in 1939. He received a bachelor's degree in Engineering from Massachusetts Maritime Academy in 1960. He was the oldest of five children of Paul and Ethel Larkin, of Arlington, Massachusetts, who preceded him in death.

Mr. Larkin was retired and former owner/operator of Low Country Stanley Steamer in Hilton Head, South Carolina. He was previously employed at General Electric Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio and Union Boiler Corporation in Nitro, West Virginia.

He was known as a loving father and grandfather, affectionately known as "Papa Joe" to his 8 grandchildren. He loved playing golf and was an active and vocal fan attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Survivors include his daughters, Michele Starkey (husband Mike Starkey) and Diane Bray (husband Rick Bray), both of Surfside Beach, South Carolina; and his son, Paul Larkin (wife Terri Larkin), of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. He is also survived by eight grandchildren; his brother Victor Larkin of Attleboro, Massachusetts; and two sisters, Nancy Brandt of Nashua, New Hampshire and Marcia Dolan of Naples, Florida; He was preceded in death by his sister, Paula McCormack of Manchester, New Hampshire.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Friday, August 8, 2014 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. A

Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 9th at St. Michael Catholic Church in Garden City, South Carolina.

An online guestbook is available at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Melanoma Research Foundation, PO Box 59329, Baltimore, MD 21275-9329.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Larkin*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 07, 2014 at 01:39 PM

CW

“ *Dear Larkin Family,
I was very saddened to hear of the passing of your father/grandfather.
I worked with Joe at Union Boiler Company for several years and feel very fortunate to have known him.
I wondered about his life in the south and always hoped for his happiness there. The video tells me he was very content and happy to be with his family. Joe always had a kind heart, but tried to hide it from his fellow employees with quick, brash, walk-by comments and answers. Everyone knew there was a soft spot within and it is quite evident that the babies in his life brought out the gentle side of Joe. May you find comfort in the love he had for each of you and the memories he left behind.
With sincere sympathy,
Cheryl Withrow Whittington*

Cheryl Whittington - August 12, 2014 at 08:02 AM

GQ

“ Hi Larkin family. I purchased the Stanley Steemer from Joe in Hilton Head. He worked with me for three years after I became the owner. I'm so sorry I will not be able to come to the funeral. I'm short staffed at work this week and I'm all alone in the office. I'm working Saturday as well. I'm very sad to hear the news. I used to stop in and see Joe from time to time in Walmart. He was an ornery guy but very likeable. HaHa. I always thought highly of Joe, and Joe always spoke so fondly of your family. Please let me know if I can be of any help in your time of need. I give you mine and my wife's deepest sympathy. Please don't hesitate to call if I can be of any assistance here in Bluffton.
Sincerely,
G.C. Quatela

GC Quatela - August 08, 2014 at 11:05 AM

MB

“ I extend my heartfelt sympathy to the Larkin family. May those precious memories of your dear loved one Joseph be foremost in your hearts and minds along with this wonderful promise that Jesus made at John 5:28,29. Again, my sincere condolences.

M B - August 08, 2014 at 07:30 AM

LA

“ Paul, Michel, Diane & family. So sorry to hear of Joe's passing our thoughts are with you all. Patrick & Lu Ann Austin.

lu ann austin - August 07, 2014 at 07:40 PM

PA

Thanks Lu. We appreciate you reaching out. Every bit of support helps us all. Thank you.

Paul - August 07, 2014 at 08:22 PM

JM

My dearest sympathy to Joe's family, he was a good man as well a Catholic who respected God. My father hired Joe to Union Boiler Co around 1972 I worked on Joe's first job at National Lead In Charleston, WV and several others, he always represented our company well, and the union business agents respected his knowledge of the jobs. Jon McDavid

Jon McDavid - September 02, 2014 at 09:41 AM

RM

“ Rachel Mills lit a candle in memory of Joseph Larkin



Rachel Mills - August 07, 2014 at 07:06 PM