



Larry Ernest Dodd

June 17, 1945 - August 14, 2020

Larry Dodd, age 75, passed away on August 14, 2020, following a hard fought battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on June 17, 1945, in Hagerstown, MD, he was the son of Ernest Raymond Dodd and Freda Kimmel Dodd, who predeceased him. He graduated with the class of 1963 from South Hagerstown High School. He was of the Christian Faith and was a member of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren while living in Hagerstown.

In 1965, Larry enlisted in the United States Air Force and served with distinction for 21 years. He was lauded as an instructor/expert in his specialty and awarded numerous medals for exemplary performance and leadership. He retired in 1985 from the USAF with the rank of Master Sergeant. He then established Larry's Auto Clinic, an RV and Auto repair shop in Myrtle Beach, SC. For 35 years, he served with the motto "quality, honesty, and pride in auto repair." He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Larry is survived by his wife Betty White-Dodd and her family; his daughter Azure Lynn Dodd Byrd, her husband John Byrd, and their children Zane Lawrence Harper (14) and Audrey Grace Byrd (10); his son Ryan David Dodd and Jessica Bell, all of Myrtle Beach; his sister, Ruth Ann (Dodd) Henneberger and husband William of Hagerstown, MD; his foster sister Marie (May) Nicholson, and her family of Frederick, MD. He was predeceased by his former wife and the mother of his children, Sharilyn (Rempel) Dodd.

Larry will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date, to be

followed by a public memorial service.

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Ernest Dodd



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 21, 2020 at 03:24 PM

ND

Love you uncle Larry Dodd. You were a great part of my childhood. I remember you as always being loving and kind. I remember I used to always get so excited to see you and aunt Shari. You will be loved and missed by many. Rest in heaven. 💔💜😭

Nicole Dalrymple - August 21, 2020 at 08:26 PM

RH

Azure and Ryan, what a beautiful service and tribute to my wonderful brother. He would have been crying harder than anyone when he heard the kind words said about him. He had such a soft heart and love for everyone around him. I'm glad I will see him again and spend eternity with him. In the meantime, he will rest in peace free from pain and concern. I will always love him and miss him so much now.

Ruth Ann Henneberger - August 21, 2020 at 08:52 PM

DW

“ *I will always cherish the father like advise that Larry gave me. Whether it was career advise, raising children or just needing to get my act together, Larry was always there for me. I miss you and look forward to having those one on one talks again someday. Love you Larry!*


David Watts - August 25, 2020 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ I met Larry when he was mustering out of the Air Force and just starting his business. One of my employees overcharged him for some freon so the next time he came in I refunded him the overcharge. Became friends that day. Rest in peace Larry, I am proud to have known you.

David Stalnakar
Sachse TX

DAVID STALNAKER - August 24, 2020 at 02:35 PM

 Roger
Kroner

“ What great memories I have from working and playing with Larry in Iceland.

I was a mediocre radar troop until Larry started training sessions. - His training classes elevated a group of us to the top of our carrier field.

We had hundreds of discussions debating Chevy vs. Ford. I did get my Ford truck delayed once and Larry had to pull me out. I was not stuck - I was able to move five feet forward and backwards -- just couldn't get back on the road. I never heard the end of that one. The last six months of my tour in Iceland Larry and I carpoled. Started out normal - he drove the first week -- then on Friday he asked if he could drive and I could just give him gas money. I said sure -- I knew what would happen if he rode to work in my 1960 Ford truck -- He would realize what a superior product Ford was building.

I miss you Larry

Roger Kroner - August 23, 2020 at 08:46 PM

AN

“ *Ansley lit a candle in memory of Larry Ernest Dodd*



ansley - August 22, 2020 at 11:55 AM

MR

“ *Larry was a good friend to all and would always answer the call to save the day. May God's comfort and peace surround you all and may he rest with the Lord.*

Maria Renkey - August 21, 2020 at 11:36 PM



“ I miss you, Larry.

In 1983 when I arrived at Rockville Iceland to start my second assignment in the Air Force, you met a broken Airman on his way to being booted out of the Service, badly in need of a mentor.

You fixed me. You turned my career and life around 180 degrees. You did it in 12 short months, where others had previously given up on me.

You put me on a path to a highly successful 26-year Air Force career, and beyond. You have been the model of leadership for me. You will live on as long as I can be a mentor for others as you were to me ... and they on to others.

JEFFREY T DUGAS, SMSgt, USAF (Ret)

Man in the Arena

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Dk Jeff - August 21, 2020 at 11:00 PM

BE

“ ‘Rocky Road 4 Wheelers’ at NAS Keflavik Iceland 83-84. The greatest memories with Larry and his family during our assignment there! Our many travels around the island were always with Larry and family, Bonnie and Paul Goldschmidt and family, and the Eppard’s with Tara! All the kids under 12! Rest on high now my friend. 🙏❤️🇺🇸 Sincere sympathies to the family. Brenda and Tara Eppard ❤️🙏

Brenda Eppard - August 21, 2020 at 09:40 PM

VC

“ You were the sweetest Brother-in-law! I think we met when I was 12. You were always so good looking. I'm so glad I got to see you again in 2017 and keep in touch on the phone when you could. R.I.P I love you ❤️



Verona Cohen - August 21, 2020 at 08:22 PM