



Larry John Forster

May 22, 1950 - January 9, 2021

Larry John Forster, 70, passed away quietly at his home on 9 January 2021 after a short illness. Larry was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Leo John Forster and Anna Mae Workman. Larry attended school in Minneapolis until he joined the Navy in 1968. While in the Navy, he was stationed at Naval Air Station North Island in California, and Naval Air Station Norfolk in Virginia. He achieved the rank of E- 5 as an Aviation Electronics Technician. His tour of duty in Norfolk was with a new squadron, Helicopter Mine 12. Their mission was to sweep the mines in the harbor off of Viet Nam. It was with this squadron that he met the love of his life, Navy Wave Katie McDonald. They liked to tell the story that they met on April Fool's Day of 1971, which was the commissioning day for the new squadron, and after a whirlwind courtship, got their marriage license on Friday the 13th and married on 14 August 1971. They would have observed their 50th wedding anniversary in August of this year. Larry had many hobbies. In previous years, he was an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman, and in his early years, an enthusiastic bodysurfer. He was a prolific woodworker with carving, turning and many beautiful intarsia works. He later took to egg carving in chicken, ostrich and emu eggs. With Katie and some friends, he spent one hot and messy summer afternoon cleaning ostrich eggs so they could be carved. Larry delighted in making things with his hands and gifting them to friends in family. Survivors include wife, Katie, of Anadarko, eldest son Jon and wife LeeAnna with grandchildren Jack and Tommy of Lexington, youngest son Jason of Anadarko, brother

Leslie Forster (Linda) of Camarillo, CA, niece Lisa Burrell (Mark) of Fairview, OK and Les Forster of Inver Grove Heights, MN and a host of other friends, family and even a special cat nurse named Purr. He is preceded in death by his father, Leo John Forster (Arlene); mother Anna Mae Lamothe (Ted); and sister Linda Forster Ring. There will not be a service at this time due to COVID 19. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home. Messages of condolences may be sent to the family at www.smithfuneralservices.com

Tribute Wall

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“ We are truly sorry and Janet said Being new to the family 36-37 years ago that We have always appreciated your Hospitality to Us When We were in Okla. we had a Little Train that Larry made on our Christmas tree this year and a Bear. Sorry to Jon, Leana, Jason and Jack and Tommy. Excuse any misspelled word. He was a kind human being. Be kind to each other. Love Janet and Ford.

formcdonald and Janet Mcdonald. - January 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Katie, Jon & family, and Jason, We are saddened by the news of Larry's death here on earth and look forward to heaven's celebration. Though miles apart we shared some incredible fun times and those memories will keep his joy in our hearts. Know we are here, we love you and will keep in touch . Scott & Geri Krepela

Scott & Geri Krepela - January 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ Katie, I am so sorry for your loss. May God hold you ever so close to him in the days ahead. You are in my prayers!

Barbara White Edwards - January 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ So so sorry Katie. He will be missed by many.

Patty spear-maple - January 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I remember the first time I met Larry. He always had a greeting and an infectious laugh I will never forget. I have many funny memories of thing about Larry - he was one of a kind. See you on the other side Larry . You are truly missed.*

Tony Hawkins - January 09, 2021 at 12:00 AM