



Lauren J. Campbell

June 5, 1947 - September 26, 2020

Lauren J. “Larry” Campbell

Elmira Heights – Age 73, passed unexpectedly in a tragic house fire on September 26, 2020, with his loyal dog, Lizzie, by his side. Larry was born on June 5, 1947, in Elmira, New York, to Orwin and Grace (Wright) Campbell. He was predeceased by his parents, his mother-in-law Celia Kokoszka, and his grandson Jacob Campbell. Larry is survived by his loving wife of nearly twenty-four years, Catherine Campbell; his son Andrew (Holly) Campbell; step-daughter Brenda Mosolf; his grandchildren Anthony Mosolf, William Edwards, Anastasia Edwards, Benjamin Campbell, and Alexander Campbell; his brothers Russell (Stephanie) Campbell and Richard (Pamela) Campbell; and his nephews Michael Campbell and Theodore Campbell. He also leaves behind countless friends who made up an enormous and loving extended family.

Larry was not only a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend, but also a very active member of his community. His career spanned five decades, with his final position as the office manager of Sayles and Evans. He spent many years serving his community with Kiwanis, and was active with North Presbyterian Church. He was a founding member of the Chemung Valley Street Rods, an organization which was very near to his heart. Every year Larry took a key role in the car club’s charity auction, which raised thousands of dollars annually for local organizations including the Arctic League, Seneca Santa, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and numerous others. Those who knew Larry through CVSR would testify to Larry’s incredibly giving nature – a walk around any local car show would evidence countless projects that Larry contributed to in one way or another, whether it was helping to chop a roofline, pull an engine, apply paint, or any number of other contributions. Larry was an incredibly giving person – he always took time to help those in need, whether it be by donating funds or by donating his time, both of which he gave freely.

If you knew Larry you knew that he was really just a softie when it came to animals. The many feline and canine companions he cared for over the years knew nothing but love and affection (some may have called them spoiled, Larry just called them well-fed). Larry also believed strongly in the power and importance of organ donation, a cause very dear to his heart.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, you honor Larry's memory by making a donation in his name to one of the following charities: the SPCA, the Donor Family Network, the Arctic League, or the North Presbyterian Food Pantry. You may also honor Larry by registering to be an organ and tissue donor.

A private funeral service will be held at the convenience of the family. A celebration of Larry's life will be held at a later date. Larry's tribute wall can be signed in obituaries at www.olthof.com.

Comments



“ Larry and I graduated SHS together, attended CCTC together and saw each other through the years in the business community. We also worked together at the law firm (me briefly). Larry was an all around good guy he will be missed. My wife and I send condolences to his family.

Jim Stanton

James Stanton - October 07, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ I met Larry several years ago through a business relationship with his employer. A visit with Larry always resulted in such uplifting of spirits as we would share updates on our families, our hobbies, and our pets. Larry had a passion for his family, his cars, and his dog(s). We had not connected as often after his retirement but I always had a plan to see him at one of his car shows. We would talk about a mutual faith in God and the blessings in our lives. I pray that God brings comfort to the family and know that you will see Larry again.

God Bless,
Ron Parsons

Ron Parsons - October 06, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Laurie Runyan lit a candle in memory of Lauren J. Campbell



Laurie Runyan - October 04, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ Rusty and Ricky-

My condolences for your loss. I still have vivid memories of Larry and Rusty driving their yellow Nash Metropolitan convertible around their back yard. Later, Larry was the first neighborhood kid to own a car; he gave me rides to Broadway when he was in SHS.

Memories of a gentle soul. RIP.

Al Short

al short - October 03, 2020 at 10:33 PM



“ Thank you Alan. I remember playing on the big pile of dirt behind your house. Take care.

Russ Campbell

Russ Campbell - October 07, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ Larry became our office manager, and we bonded over our love of animals, especially the rescues and those who needed help the most. I remember Larry for the jokes and stories he told, for his willingness to learn, for his understanding and for persevering at a frustrating, demanding, impossible job. I admired and respected Larry for how he handled the many personal tragedies and health related issues that life unfairly dealt him and Cathy. It just doesn't seem right for him to have to leave now when they had finally retired and had so many adventures yet to live.

Cathy, Andy, Ana and Campbell family, please know you are in our thoughts always.

Julie & Rick Taylor

Julie Taylor - October 03, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Cathy, we are so very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed talking to Larry and you. He was, as the obituary says, a loving husband, father, grandfather, and a good friend to all those who came into his life. I will surely miss his company, even though I only saw him on occasion when he came in to purchase paint or something else. Please take care, and I know Kathy and I will see you at some point in time. Just know, you have our deepest sympathy. Ever need to reach out, Kathy and I will be here. Lance and Kathy Griswold.

lance and kathy griswold - October 03, 2020 at 04:17 PM



“ I worked at ARC and Larry worked at a insincerity’s company and we operated a small cafe there and Larry was very supportive. Later I saw him at car shows. Sorry for your loss Great man.

peter honsberger - October 03, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Andy, Holly, Ben, Alex, Russ and Rick, Cathy and families- we were so saddened to hear about this tragic loss. Larry quietly lived life to the fullest and touched many people especially in our area who will forever be blessed by knowing him. Prayers that God will comfort you as you heal from losing him. Rev. Horace and Ruth Stoddard

Rev. Horace and Ruth Stoddard - October 03, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Andy, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Such a nice man. Prayers to you and your family.

Carol storch - October 03, 2020 at 08:36 AM



“ Cathy and family, so sorry for your loss. Remember all your wonderful memories. Larry was such a caring person and you will miss him everyday.
Jo Ann Wilber

Jo Ann Wilber - October 03, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ Andy, Holly and Family,
Words can not describe how sorry we are for what you're going through right now. Please know we are thinking of you all. The little time I knew your dad he seemed like such a nice man. Michelle

Michelle Lester - October 03, 2020 at 07:03 AM



“ Both my husband and I worked with Larry at Sayles & Evans for many years. Even when Larry and I butted heads from time to time as co-workers do, we always bonded through our love of pets, particularly the ones that needed a rescue and our help the most. In fact, we still have one of Larry's rescues. I remember and admire Larry for his dedication and perseverance in a job that was unbearably stressful and impossible to deal with at times. Even so, he usually had a joke or a story on hand and was genuinely interested in what was going on in my world, and I found that refreshing.

I also admire Larry for the way he handled the many personal tragedies and health challenges that have befallen him and his family over the years. He and Cathy always stepped up and worked through them.

It just doesn't seem right that Larry had to leave us now in this devastating way. Cathy, Andy, Ana, please reach out if you need anything. Our thoughts are with you always.

Julie & Rick Taylor

Julie Taylor - October 03, 2020 at 03:58 AM



“ I've known Larry for many years, worked with him at Chemung Canal Bank. Larry was always a kind soul and very quiet which was good because with me it's hard to get a word in edgewise. Larry will be missed by a lot of people because he made many friends over his life time. I will miss him and hope he's looking down from heaven and seeing all the love he has. Larry stay strong and watch over your family and until we meet again, love you man 🤔🤔🤔

Dan Donovan - October 02, 2020 at 01:55 PM



“ Cathy, Andrew, Holly and the Campbell families:

I am so sorry to learn of Larry's tragic passing. He was one of a kind, a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. I met him along with all of you at another tragic time in your lives. The loss of Jacob brought us together. I know that they have both been reunited and will be watching over all of you. May the good Lord comfort you all through this terrible loss.

Love, thoughts & prayers!

John P. Knapp

John Knapp - October 02, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ Larry touched the lives of all he met in a compassionate and loving way. We were touched that way by him. He was a outstanding example to all in the community. His warm personality influenced everyone he came in contact. Cherish your memories of him like we certainly do. Love, Bob and Sue

bob and Sue Sterling - October 02, 2020 at 09:16 AM



“ Cathy: Larry will always be remembered fondly by his Sayles & Evans family. He was an integral part of the firm and a caring soul. Please reach out anytime you need help. Sue M.



Sue Mastrantonio - October 01, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ I have known Larry since one room school house days in Pine City. Larry and Russel {Russ} were just part of growing up. Cars were always in the forefront. Larry was always one of the kindest guys in the neighborhood. Soooo many good memories of Larry and growing up in our neighborhood. The last time I saw Larry was at Eldridge Park where we talked about his 59 Ford pickup.
Rest in peace my friend, can't believe you are gone.
Ed Seelye

Ed Seelye - October 01, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Cathy, Andy, Holly, and families, our thoughts and prayers for you all at this most difficult time, during the passing of your husband, dad, father-in-law, and grandpa. Even though our paths have not crossed in a while, we remember all the good times with the antique car activities, and other events. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do, or even just to listen.

Doc n Sue - October 02, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Cathy, I am so sorry for your loss. I have known Larry and Cathy since their Aetna days. Larry was always a kind gentle person. I know he loved cars and animals. He used to work on his car right down the road from where I lived. He will be missed. I always enjoyed running into him and Cathy from time to time.

Larry you will be missed,
Nettie Caporiccio

Nettie - October 04, 2020 at 03:38 PM