



Larry Blackburn

July 26, 1940 - January 8, 2017

Larry Blackburn, 76, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away, Sunday, January 8th 2017 at his home.

Larry was born July 26th, 1940. Larry grew up in Sarasota and he attended Southside Elementary School. He graduated from The Montverde Academy in Montverde Florida. He joined the army and served in Germany. On November 28th, 1964 he married Peggy Ann Gemeinhardt in Orlando. Larry was employed by GTE for 35 years.

Larry enjoyed the outdoors, particularly spending time at his cabin near the Ocala National Forest. He loved fishing and telling funny stories. He also enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Larry is survived by his wife of 52 years, Peggy, his son, Charlie Blackburn(Jennifer) of Gainesville, FL, his two daughters, Becky Walter(Mike) of Longboat Key, FL, and Mary Beth Zoerner of Sarasota, FL; seven grandchildren, Zachary and Jacob Chartrand, Jack, Seth, Anna, and Victoria Walter, and Ava Blackburn, his sisters Nikki Zovath(John) of Miami and Leslie Collier(Larry) of Sarasota, and one brother J.J. Blackburn of Sarasota and two great grandchildren, brother in law, Buddy Gemeinhardt (Deann) and sister in law Mary Daugherty (Tim).

A memorial gathering will be held from 12:30 pm until 1:30pm, Thursday,

January 19th at Toale Brothers Funeral Home located at 40 N Orange Ave in Sarasota.

Followed by a graveside service at 3:00pm at the Sarasota National Cemetery located at 9810 State Rd 72 in Sarasota.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice in memory of Larry.

Tribute Wall

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“ *New Lary most of my career. He was a great guys and will be missed!*

Rick Smith - March 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Peg: Mary Beth told me about Larry's passing the other day. Although expected, it was still hard to hear. He was a great role model for me and a good friend. I will never forget all the days in the woods hunting and telling stories around the camp fires. He was, and always will be "the bull of the woods". God bless you and your family.*

Randy Morningstar - January 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Dearest Peggy... I had all intentions of going to the funeral today, but i have ended up taking care of my sick granddaughter. i was so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. i will be thinking of you and your family.*

lucy levins - January 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Dear Peggy: I always enjoyed chating with you and Larry whenever you were up in the Ocala. I will miss seeing Larry and you but I hope You are doing ok. Please stop by if you ever return up here.. God BLess and comfort you.*

Anita Johnsen - January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Peggy, If you need anything done at the camp let me know. We will miss Larry our hunting neighbor.
Mike and Virginia Rowlands

January 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Worked for Larry at GTE also. There isn't enough space on this page to tell of the great times we had with Larry as our supervisor over Assignment. He expected us to do our job well but also knew a happy worker was a good worker.

Most of us grew up at GTE and it came to be our second family of friends through the years. The memories of those times are very dear to our hearts and Larry was a huge part of those memories.

Bev Gilford - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for the family's loss.
I worked with Larry at GTE. What a character! I remember the day he needed to pick up balloons for a work party and got me to drive him in my husbands van to pick them up **THE WHOLE VAN FULL!**
Happy hunting Larry.
Nancy

Nancy Perrin - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to the family of Larry. I worked at GTE with him in Bradenton for years. He was a wonderful man, a great supervisor. He will be missed. God Bless.

Linda Woodward - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry was a great man. I loved listening to him tell stories. Some of the most educating conversations I ever heard were between him and my family. He was the life of our gatherings. The way he could get all us youngins entranced in one of his famous "Mud wamp" tales is still amazing. He taught my cousin's and myself many great lessons to pass down to our children. He was and always will be a big part of our family and we are blessed to have known him all these years. My condolences and prayers are with his family. ~Run-A-Muck~

Katie Brueggemann (Bridgman) - January 12, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ I worked with Larry at GTE back in the '80s. A small group of us would usually take breaks together, and I remember many laughs.

Sorry to hear of his passing. I wish his family peace in this time of sorrow.

Donna Parrish - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ Larry was my older brother and my HERO. I remember him throwing me in the swimming pool with my clothes on, dressing as a ghost and running around outside my Halloween Sleepover (scaring all the girls, & making the party more exciting)! I remember going over to his and Peggy's house and he would always have to go outside to check my car for new accident damages, (totally unnecessary of course) but that's what big brothers do. He would take me dove hunting, even though I'm afraid of birds (and chase me around with the dead ones). He will be missed and is always in my heart. I know he is in heaven going after the six antler bucks.

Nikki Zovath - January 11, 2017 at 12:00 AM