



Larry Ray Short

August 12, 1952 - October 20, 2021

Larry Ray Short passed away on October 20, 2021 after a gallant 18 month struggle with ALS. He was 69 years old.

Larry was the son of Betty Ann Short and the late Curtis Ray Short of Chesapeake, VA. He is survived by his mother Betty Ann Short; wife Connie Short of Spartanburg; one son, Timothy Short and (AKA favorite daughter-in-law), Amber Short, of Spartanburg; three daughters, Brandy Shaffer and partner Mike Smith of Front Royal, Virginia, Kristen Farina and husband (AKA favorite son-in-law), Joseph of Eldersburg, Maryland; Alexis Short and partner, Thiago Sielski, of Charleston, South Carolina; and nine grandchildren: Taylor Tewalt and fiance', Damion Wolford; Karlee Evancho; Noah, Connor, and Jacob Short; Isabella, Sophia and Liliana Farina; and Rafael Sielski. He also had a set of twin great-grandsons, Carson and Parker of Strasburg, Virginia. Larry is survived by two sisters: Kathy Hewitt (Owen) of Cocoa Beach, Florida, and Karen Balsamo (Larry) of Chesapeake, Virginia and one brother, Jerry Short (Vickie) of Nokesville, Virginia. Larry is predeceased by his father, Curtis Short, and brother, Terry Short.

Larry was born in Pineville, West Virginia and raised primarily in Manassas, Virginia. He attended George Mason University after graduation. He worked 21 years for IBM as a department technician. In 1995, he moved to Spartanburg, South Carolina and worked for Swift Transportation as an IT

Specialist and Lotus Notes Administrator for 23 years, retiring in 2018.

Larry was a devoted husband and his primary passion involved spending time with his grandchildren. His house in Spartanburg was always full of activities with family and friends. He truly loved attending his grandchildren's athletic activities.

Larry was a history buff and loved music. He even spent time in his younger years playing bass guitar in the Bradley Forest Singers which included his mother, father, and brother, Jerry, playing gospel music at various Baptist churches in the Northern Virginia area.

Following their retirements, Larry and Connie planned to travel extensively. They visited Disney World numerous times with their grandchildren and were on a Viking cruise down the Rhine River visiting several locations in the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland when Larry experienced a heart attack and had to receive an emergency heart bypass in Bad Krozingen, Germany on April 20, 2019. Following his return to the states, he was diagnosed with ALS, and their post-retirement plans tragically ended too soon.

Since his ALS diagnosis, Larry has been courageously battling the effects of the terrible disease with the steadfast help of his devoted wife, Connie, and son, Tim, as well as, his extensive support network of family and local care givers.

The care given by Lutheran Hospice Group was outstanding during his final months. His nurse, "Rocking" Robyn, was always available at any time.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, December 4th, 2021, at Living Waters Funeral Home in Lyman, South Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Lutheran Hospice Group of 429 N Main St #C, Greenville, South Carolina, 29601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Living Waters Funeral Home and Crematory
529 Spartanburg Hwy. S.
P.O. Box 758
Lyman, SC 29365
(864) 439-7141
info@livingwatersfh.com

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Kelly Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Ray Short.* ”



The Kelly Family - December 02, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *I am thinking of the family -- and I am relieved to know Larry doesn't suffer anymore. Why so long to suffer? God only knows! My heart goes out to Betty Short and her dear family! I am Maw's adopted granddaughter! I love this family! RIP in Larry!* ”

Angela Mangiaracina - November 29, 2021 at 01:39 PM

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“ *With love and prayers, the Kline Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Larry Ray Short.* ”



With love and prayers, the Kline Family - November 26, 2021 at 06:59 PM

CK

“ Connie, it breaks my heart that you and Larry had to suffer through this terrible disease when you should have been enjoying your “Golden” years together. You were both a big part of my life during our time in Culpeper and although our lives took us separate ways, you both were always remembered in my heart. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers and knowing Larry is no longer suffering will comfort you during this very difficult time of healing. Larry was a great guy and you two were lucky to have found each other to enjoy the time you had together in this world. You will be together again some day and until then, I hope your memories will bring you comfort and peace soon. Love and hugs to you ❤️.
Cindy (Jones) Kappeler

Cindy Kappeler - October 31, 2021 at 07:15 PM

DM

“ "Brother" Larry (actually Brother-in-law) was truly one of the good ones. From the teen years of the 70s until the last time I spoke with him the discussion always circled around to family. He truly adored Connie as well as tribe they created. His legacy will live on through the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. My heart will forever be heavy for Connie and family. I can always think of something he did to make me laugh and I look forward to continuing to hear those stories. Much love, Donna (Short) Martin

Donna Martin - October 31, 2021 at 05:32 PM

AV

“*Connie and family, I am so sorry and gutted to hear of Larry's passing. Prayers for your family in getting through this. He's taught me so much in life. His sense of humor and love of conversation are things I keep with me. An incredible person with so many friends, he has left his mark on earth. I look forward to seeing him on the other side.*

-AJ Viviano

AJ Viviano - October 27, 2021 at 06:29 AM

AB

Connie, You and your family in my heart and my prayers. Larry was my 'bestest Pal" at Swift. He made me laugh all of the time and made me incredibly flustered too. I will miss his endless stories and laughter. He was truly a magical person, as he could be talking to you one minute, and then totally disappear the next! He made me a better person for knowing him and I will truly miss him.

Amy S Burgess

Amy Burgess - October 29, 2021 at 12:05 PM

JS

*Dear Connie, Tim, Kristen and your families,
John and I were saddened to learn of Larry's death as we know you'll miss him so much and cannot enjoy his humor and love of family. We're also comforted in knowing that he will no longer be imprisoned by such a horrible disease. We're grateful to know that you worked so hard to keep him at home, surrounded by those he loved. We'll continue to pray for strength and healing as well as a cure for ALS.
Love, John and Audrey*

John Short - December 01, 2021 at 06:58 PM