



Larry Gilbert Jacobs

March 2, 1939 - June 24, 2022

From whom the bells toll

On June 24, 2022, the last bell tolled at 3:00 pm for Larry Gilbert Jacobs (classmates called him Jake) of Weddington, NC, who transitioned into the loving arms of god. He was surrounded at home with his loving family by his side. He fought a courageous battle with cancer for four years.

Larry was born March 2, 1939 in Rowan County to the late Gilbert White Jacobs and Ethel Motley Jacobs. He lived a fulfilling childhood with parents who provided him with a strong spiritual foundation. Sundays were spent at Calvary Church at Ellis cross roads. His mother sang in the choir and the family was part of a corner stone of the church. Traditionally, the family gathered for a scrumptious lunch after church that his mother prepared and "special time was spent with family." Very few days went by that he didn't call his parents. Larry treasured those conversations, even though he sometimes interrupted his mother's watching hallmark movies & was instructed when not to call.

As a child and teenager, he spent time at his grandparent Motleys farm along with his brother Jerry. There he learned the gift of storytelling from his grandpa, roaming the woods, hunting and exploring. His happiest moments were being able to relive this tradition with his grand boys Errol & Brandt. Their adventures were priceless even though they were late for many family gatherings due to him turning his cell phone off or telling the grand boys not to answer; all three chuckling.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Faye Brandt Jacobs, who were sweethearts from high school (she asked him to the Sadie Hawkins dance). Faye was his business partner with his companies and his rod throughout his life. He is also survived by his loving daughter, Kimberly McGillewie of Charlotte, who he adored; his loving grandchildren, Errol McGillewie of Ocean Isle Beach, NC & Brandt McGillewie of Wilmington, NC. Also left to carry on his memory is his sister, Janice Lester of Charlotte, NC and many nieces & nephews. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jerry Jacobs, of

Rome, NY who passed away June 2, 2022 leaving behind his wife Joan.

Larry graduated from Spencer High School and NC State University in textile technology. He belonged to the NC State Wolfpack Club & was a lifelong Wolfpacker fan. Larry enjoyed his high school years playing football & baseball and was one of the youngest players to play for the Rowan County American Legion baseball team which he followed throughout the years. He established a memorial fund for a period of time through his senior high school class to honor this organization. It was said he could have played professionally, but he gave up a baseball scholarship to attend NC State University.

Larry's professional career included FMC Corporation, Wilmington, DE; Monsanto, Charlotte, NC & was the owner of Jacobs Textile Sales in Monroe, Clarkton and North Wilkesboro, NC. He was well known throughout the textile industry for his creativity & development of yarns used in the sock apparel industry. The designers thought he was magical when he created the flake look in the hosiery & sweater industry. The look still thrives in the fashion industry today. The day the machines stopped running, the trucks didn't pick up his yarns and the gates closed, was the day a part of his life became empty. For he was always so proud his products were made in the USA & proud to be an American.

Larry's life was full of adventure whether it be at his home at ocean isle beach, sugar grove or excursions with his loving grandsons, Errol & Brandt & the red Bronco. His daughter, Kimberly, was his greatest pride. He loved her creativity & kind heart. Larry always loved to surprise his loved ones. He once surprised Kimberly with a TN walking horse she later shared with her boys, a beautiful Scottie for Faye at Christmas. The Scotties name was Tara Rose Mackenzie who became the love of all who met her. She passed in January & left our hearts broken. Christmas was Larry's favorite time of the year. He spent months searching for hunting knives or gold coins to give to his grand boys.

From the quote of Herman Melville, who wrote Moby Dick, this so fits him, "We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results." With each thread and fiber creation he developed, one can visualize the human connection of such with his fellow man. Larry was simple, compassionate, loving & spiritual. He touched so many lives in need that we don't know of. And he did it his way with his infectious smile. "The most lost day in life, is the day we don't laugh" Charlie Chaplin

Thank you to Leigha who made him laugh & cared for him, and to Jay for his spiritual

support. To all of our wonderful neighbors and special friends, we say thank you for your support. Thank you to Levine Cancer Institute and his Hospice team: Martina, Cherish, Mattie, Dave, Haley, Nancy , Brittany, Malinda, Keyont'e, Leighann, Patrick, as well as his Chaplin who sang Amazing Grace during his visits. To all the staff that helped take care of Larry, you were the best. Thank you to his extended family of, Greg (Cathi), he thought of as a son; Carol, Sandy, and Cathey. Our family gatherings during this journey will always be remembered. A special thanks to Jay of College Barbeque, Salisbury, NC.

Larry's closing message to all: "Friendships, keep them in all stages of your life & enjoy a healthy life. If you see the moon, you will see the beauty of God. If you see the sun, you will see the power of god. If you see a mirror, you will see God's creation."

A memorial service with Masonic Rites will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please honor Larry's Love of children by donating, in his memory, to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Sympathy to Faye and family. I have memories of interactions at Jacobs' reunions . I would also encounter Larry at Rowan County American Legion baseball games. Cousin John and Ann Bruce

John Bruce - July 10 at 10:46 PM

DC

“ Remembering Larry and Faye (my first cousin) when they got married in 1959. I also remember when their daughter (Kimberly) arrived on the scene. Aunt Helen was so very proud of the new grandchild. Thoughts and prayers extended to everyone.

Sincerely, David Nelson

David Winston Nelson (Faye's first cous - June 29 at 11:38 AM



“ My dad Bill Sledge was so very fond of Larry, they met at his restaurant the Dawg House at Ocean Isle Beach and became good friends. My dad thought the world of Larry - he was so generous to everyone he knew and filled a room with his energy and joy for life.. Sharing your grief in losing your very special dad and father.

Robin Shaw - June 29 at 06:23 AM

BP

“ My sympathy to Faye and family. I have many fond memories of Larry from Spencer High and from later meetings when he always greeted me with a smile Bill Poole, Salisbury

Bill Poole - June 28 at 03:07 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Memories Album



Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services - June 27 at 03:04 PM

CB

We were sad and happy to hear of Larry's passing. Sad you will be without your husband, father and grandfather until you meet again but thankful Larry is no longer suffering or uncomfortable in any way. He is free at last and in the presence of his Lord. God bless you all. Carol & Pete Budko

Carol Budko - June 29 at 04:55 PM