



Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves

May 6, 1949 - June 26, 2024

Lawrence R. "Larry" Graves, aged 75, of Fair Play, Missouri, passed away on June 26, 2024. Born on May 6, 1949, in Ventura, California, Larry led a fulfilling life marked by dedication to Jesus, education, military service, and community involvement. Larry served in the Air Force from 1968 to 1972, where he was stationed in Turkey, Thailand, and Minot, North Dakota, serving as Military Police. After his honorable discharge, he transitioned to a career in Education, beginning as a PE teacher and coach for baseball and basketball. His passion for education led him to roles as a High School Administrator and eventually a Superintendent of Schools, a position he held for 19 years. He pursued higher education fervently, earning degrees from UM-C in Education Administration, an M.S. from MSU in Education, and a B.S. in Education from UCM. Larry's commitment to education was paralleled by his active participation in his community and his faith, attending Aldrich United Methodist Church, Morrisville Lighthouse of Hope, and Brighton Assembly of God. Larry was a gentle giant, known for his wit and kindness. He was an avid reader, muscle car enthusiast, and enjoyed weight-lifting, famously lifting all the plates/weights on 13 machines at the YMCA just a year before his passing. He also found tremendous joy in cattle farming. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jannette Graves, his children Sherry Vaughn (Trennis), Crystal Long, Lawrence Graves (Terra), and Elizabeth Mangiapanello (Tony), along with numerous Grandchildren: Victoria Stutzman (Whitney), Luke Vaughn, Lauren Vaughn, Mark Vaughn, Shawna Tripp, Lillian Long, John Phillip Long,

Lawson Graves (Arwen), Corbin Graves, Carter Graves, Logan Causey, Grace Mangiapanello, Layna Mangiapanello, Sophia Mangiapanello, Quinn Mangiapanello, Claire Mangiapanello, Joseph Mangiapanello; and Great-grandchildren: Benham Stutzman, Brim Stutzman, and Delaney Stutzman. He leaves behind his siblings Linda Lahmon, Harry Graves (Shelly), Joyce Dennis (Michael), and Russell Graves (Lori), and many beloved nieces and nephews. Larry now joins in heaven his parents Curtis and Ruth Graves, siblings Jewell Graves and Richard Graves, grandchild Cayman Tripp, and nephew Casey Dennis. Visitation and funeral services will be held on July 1, 2024, at Brighton Assembly of God, 5403 Hwy F, Brighton, MO 65617, with visitation at 1:00 p.m. followed by the funeral at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Larry's memory can be made to the Missouri Council of the Blind and the Siteman Cancer Center at Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Cemetery Details

New Bethel

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Brighton Assembly of God Church
5403 Hwy F
Brighton, MO 65617

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Brighton Assembly of God Church
5403 Hwy F
Brighton, MO 65617

Tribute Wall

BF

“ Benjamin and Elizabeth Miller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.

Benjamin and Elizabeth Miller Family - June 30, 2024 at 10:39 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.



June 30, 2024 at 10:39 PM

LR

“ Laura Reno lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Graves



Laura Reno - June 30, 2024 at 05:34 PM

FU

“ So very sorry to learn of Larry's passing. I can vividly recall working the hay field's with Larry during our high school year's. My sincerest condolences to Janette & the entire family for I'm certain that he will be sorely missed.

Fredrick Junior Underwood

F. Junior Underwood - June 30, 2024 at 05:12 PM

FF

“ Fountain Church Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.



Fountain Church Family - June 29, 2024 at 07:28 PM

BG

“ Besch and Smith Civil Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.

Besch and Smith Civil Group - June 29, 2024 at 08:30 AM

BG

“ Besch and Smith Civil Group purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.



Besch and Smith Civil Group - June 29, 2024 at 08:30 AM

TF

“ The Yount Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.

The Yount Family - June 29, 2024 at 05:16 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.*



June 29, 2024 at 05:16 AM



“ *So Sorry for your loss a very good guy*

Ronnie & Cindy Bruce - June 28, 2024 at 09:43 PM



“ *Terry & Tonja we love you purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.*



Terry & Tonja we love you - June 28, 2024 at 07:54 PM



“ *I enjoyed Larry's company at the Biloxi Blind Rehabilitation Center. He became a dear friend and will be greatly missed. My prayers are with his family. Chuck Flaherty*

Chuck Flaherty - June 28, 2024 at 07:02 PM



“ *The Willhites and Floyds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.*



The Willhites and Floyds - June 28, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.*



June 28, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Your friends at American Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.*

Your friends at American Family - June 28, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Your friends at American Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Raymond Graves.*



Your friends at American Family - June 28, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to all of Larry's family. My prayers for Gods comfort and blessings for you all.*

Joe Quillin - June 27, 2024 at 11:13 PM

MS

“ Mike and Rhonda Stevenson lit a candle in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Graves



Mike and Rhonda Stevenson - June 27, 2024 at 09:53 PM