



Larry Lee Forrester

August 7, 1944 - September 17, 2016

Larry Lee Forrester, 72, of Bloomington, IN and Englewood, FL passed away Saturday, September 17, 2016. He was born August 7, 1944 in Bluffton, IN to Russell and Frances Forrester. Larry was a 1967 graduate of Purdue University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969 with one tour in Vietnam.

Larry devoted his entire working career to the insurance industry. He worked at the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC) from 1970 - 2004, and served as the President from 1988 until his retirement. After retirement, he served on the several boards including Motorist Mutual Insurance Company, GNY Insurance Companies and Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana.

Larry loved spending time with family and friends. He was an avid Purdue fan and enjoyed being outdoors. He and his wife Diana were also members of the Trinity Presbyterian Church in Venice, Florida.

He is survived by his loving wife, Diana Forrester, two sons, Tom (wife Lori) Forrester of Bloomington, IN and Eric (wife Cassandra) Forrester of Lebanon, IN, three grandchildren, Andrew, Isabella and Grayson Forrester and two great grandchildren, Mason and Mia Forrester. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Terry Forrester.

A private Celebration of Life Service will be held in the future. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Central Indiana (bigsindiana.org).

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old State Road 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *Diana, I just learned of Larry's death yesterday from Tim Russell. I know it's been over three years, but Mickie and I felt that it's never too late to express a condolence. I acted as counsel for NAMIC in several major matters and became very good friends with Larry. It was a bonus when he retired and the two of you moved to downtown Indy next to the Athletic Club when we lived at 501 on Meridian. I think you might have moved into that building also--if not for the assistant manager who just plain irritated Larry(:-)*
We all had a lot of fun during that time, as well as before and after. Even though we haven't been in contact for several years, I will miss him--a great client to work with, and a terrific friend. Dick Leagre

Richard Leagre - June 04, 2020 at 08:46 AM

“ For some reason I was thinking of Larry yesterday. Decided to Google his name to see if I could find out where he was and re-establish contact with him. I was stunned and very saddened to find his obituary.

I first met Larry when we were both living at the State Street Courts student housing units during our first 2 years at Purdue. We remained in contact during all our remaining years at Purdue.

Larry & I were room-mates during our final semester at Purdue in the fall of 1966. Larry, Jeff Lefton, and I had rented an apartment at the brand-new Riverview Apartment complex that was located on the north side of Sagamore Parkway West (old U.S. Hwy 52) and sits up on a ridge that overlooks the Wabash River. This apartment complex was under construction during the summer of 1966 and was supposed to be ready to move into when school started in the fall. Well, it was not ready in-time, so the apartment management had to pay for the 3 of us to temporarily stay in an old hotel in downtown Lafayette - I believe it was the old Fowler Hotel located on Ferry Street, on the east side of the Wabash River. Seems like we stayed there for 4 to 6 weeks until the new apartment complex was finished.

The apartment that the 3 of us had rented at the new Riverview location was only a 2-bedroom unit. So, we had to draw straws to see who would get the single room. Well, Jeff pulled the short straw and won that contest, so Larry & I ended up sharing the 2nd bedroom.

I remember Larry as a great friend and person, I always enjoyed his company. After we both finished that final semester at Purdue, I went into the Air Force and lost contact with Larry. I had thought about him a few times over the years but had never taken the time to find out where he was, until a few days ago, only to find out that he was no longer with us.

Although I never met Larry's family, I offer my sincere condolences to all his family members.

*Bob Ward
Fountain Hills, AZ
Dec. 4, 2017*

Bob Ward - December 04, 2017 at 11:25 AM

TG

“ *Diana, We are greatly saddened to learn of the loss of Larry to your and your family. We dearly remember Larry at the Lebanon Swim Meets and at church. I recall Larry being a kind and loving father, who was always concerned for his sons well being. Additionally I recall him being a fine gentleman. Sincerely Terry and Marcie Griggs*

Terry Griggs - September 30, 2016 at 03:58 PM

BG

“ *Eric, sorry for your loss. I remember your dad as being so supportive and generous to the swim team when we were in high school. Now that I've got kids, I realize how nice it was to open up his house for those rowdy team parties! We're thinking about you and your family in this time. - Ben & Sara Griggs*

Ben Griggs - September 29, 2016 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ *Diane and Tommy, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers are being sent your way to comfort you. Melody Ramsey Fox*

Melody Ramsey Fox - September 26, 2016 at 10:29 AM

DF

“ Just talking this week, that it would be nice to visit with Larry, been so long since we had any contact. This comes as a surprise. Diana, so sorry, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. I always enjoyed him so much and delighted in the way he enjoyed my homemade sugar cream pies. Remember I worked for his mother "Forrester Ins. Agency" for 18 yrs. He was one of the best. We always loved watching him play basketball for the Montpelier Pacers. May he rest in Peace, and may God give you peace and strength during this difficult time. Sincerely with Love and Prayers,
Don and Irene Feltt

Don and Irene Feltt - September 22, 2016 at 05:55 PM

TF

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. Larry was so courageous when I saw him and Diane in May. Keeping you close in thought and prayer.

Tina Fleetwood - September 22, 2016 at 01:48 PM

DC

“ *Diana and family,*

We are so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was passionate in what he believed and was an active, dedicated member of our Trinity Presbyterian Church in Venice, Florida. I am sure that the Lord has already told him "Well done my good and faithful servant"!

You fought the good fight, Larry. Now it is time to take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses (1 Timothy 6:12).

Rest in peace, my friend, you have earned it.

Dick and Sue Conrad

Dick & Sue Conrad - September 22, 2016 at 12:32 PM

CC

“ *Larry was a great leader of NAMIC and a friend and mentor to me. We will miss him. Prayers and condolences for Diana, the Forrester family and all those who were touched by his life.*

Chuck Chamness - September 22, 2016 at 10:50 AM

MS

“ *Larry was a good guy. .played basketball.with him in montpelier and golf at lebadon country club. God bless*

Michael shadle - September 22, 2016 at 09:25 AM

PS

“ *Cassie, so sorry for the loss of your father in law. I always like he & Diane. There is comfort in knowing he is in Heaven. Please share our condolences with the family.*
Alvin & Pam Swisher

Pam Swisher - September 22, 2016 at 06:47 AM