



Larry Dale Tolliver

December 4, 1943 - June 29, 2024

Whenever anyone would mention Larry Tolliver's name, people would say he had the "biggest smile." And he did. Larry Dale Tolliver, 80, of Bloomington, passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at IU Health Hospital.

Larry was born on December 4, 1943, in Lansing, Michigan, the son of Wayne Tolliver and Edith (Stines) Tolliver. The majority of his childhood was growing up in Bath, Michigan. His father's parents also moved nearby so he was surrounded by family, aunts, uncles and cousins. They would go camping and fishing creating wonderful memories. Larry liked to tell stories about the long trips back to Indiana to visit his mother's parents in Brown County. His dad would load up the family (four boys and two sisters) and off they would go. His dad did not like to make pit stops so he didn't allow any drinks in the car. Towards evening the car windows collected condensation and Larry was so thirsty he would start licking the condensation to quench his thirst.

When he was about 15 years old his family moved to Bedford, Indiana. He didn't lose his "Michigan accent" and his classmates told him "You talk funny." He graduated from Needmore High School in 1962.

After high school he married Joyce Knight and resided north of Bedford. They raised two sons and a daughter. Larry wanted to continue his passion of fishing and hunting arrowheads which he discovered in Michigan and made

numerous trips to the Ohio River, a lot of times accompanied by his family. He was a member of the Indiana Archaeological Society where he received numerous awards for his collection.

In 1988, Larry married Carol J. (Thrasher) Winkler. They were married on the 15th of April. The same day as “tax day.” Jokingly he told his friends that he would never have an excuse to forget their anniversary date.

For seventeen years, Larry was employed at RCA in Bloomington. Later, he joined the workforce at Cook Medical and worked as a machinist in the machine shop for approximately 35 years until he retired.

Larry is survived by his wife, Carol J. Tolliver of Bloomington, Indiana; his children, Frank Tolliver of Mitchell, Indiana, Steve (Leann) Tolliver of Solisberry, Indiana; Lori (Kevin) Lawton of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; step-daughter Claire (Greg) Grostefon of Kewanna, Indiana; and a step-son Stephen Kyle (Amy) Winkler of Bloomington, Indiana; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; his brother Douglas (Susan) Tolliver of Bedford, Indiana; his sister, Linda Martin of Paoli, Indiana, and his sister Pamela (Steve) Ritter of Norman, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Edith Tolliver; two brothers, Dustin Tolliver and Phillip Tolliver.

There will be no funeral service. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with cremation. The family will have a Celebration of Life on Friday, July 5th, 2024 at the Harrodsburg Community Center, in Harrodsburg, Indiana at 12:00 noon. Larry had asked his friend, Tony Grillo, to stand in to officiate.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Harrodsburg Community Center
1002 W. Popcorn Rd
Bloomington, IN 47403

Tribute Wall

DI

“ Our condolences to Larry's family. My wife and I knew Larry for many years due to our interest in Indian relics and our similar circumstances having children living in New Mexico. I was host of the Boonville show and we always had a table for Larry to display his relics and talk about our travels to NM to visit our children in Albuquerque. He was a fine, decent man who we looked forward to seeing each year. Rest in peace my friend. David & Sally Lutz - Newburgh, Indiana

David Lutz Newburgh, In - April 08, 2025 at 05:18 PM

JS

“ I worked with Larry at cook in the machine shop, he always had such a great attitude about everything that went on, he trained me on a machine and we got to know each other well, he was an easy person to talk to I am sad that he has passed but happy he has no more pain. Rest in peace my friend.

James Speas - July 05, 2024 at 10:25 AM

CT

Thanks for your kind words. Larry thought highly of you.
Carol Tolliver

Carol J Tolliver - July 29, 2024 at 05:41 PM

RC

“ Larry, was a wonderful man who as my supervisor at Cook (on night shift) taught me the value of doing a job well, having a good attitude and being proud of what you accomplish no matter how small the task. The talks we had and the wisdom he shared with me as a young man have lasted throughout my life. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family, he will be missed.

randy cassady - July 05, 2024 at 12:33 AM

CT

Randy - I appreciate your kind words. Larry was an exceptional person. He touched so many lives and I'm glad to hear he touched your life as well.

Carol Tolliver

Carol J Tolliver - July 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

JT

“ I vividly remember Larry's passion for his Indian Relics and traveling to the Ohio river. It was fun to just camp out as a family and cook breakfast on a camp stove. He was a wonderful father to our 3 beautiful children and grand children. He leaves an empty space in our hearts and will be missed. You have your angel wings so soar to your heavenly home to be with your family who have passed before you. Say hello to my parents. You are loved by many.

Joyce Tolliver-Wilson - July 03, 2024 at 11:45 PM

DD

“ To my Uncle Larry's family Frank, Steve, Lori and his grandkids, wife Carol
You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Sending hugs to you
Love Debby Knight Dobson



Debby Knight Dobson - July 03, 2024 at 09:07 PM

CT

Debby, Larry wanted to thank you for your cards. I am sure he's feeling those hugs from you and your family in heaven.
Carol Tolliver

Carol J Tolliver - July 29, 2024 at 05:47 PM

PS

“ Pam & Gregg Slowik purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Larry Dale Tolliver.



Pam & Gregg Slowik - July 03, 2024 at 03:09 PM

HF

“ Howard, Barbara and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry Dale Tolliver.



Howard, Barbara and Family - July 03, 2024 at 01:18 PM

LP

“ Thoughts go out to Larry’s family on your loss. I worked with Larry for many years at Cook and I remember him having a great smile and attitude.

Larry Price - July 03, 2024 at 12:01 PM

CT

Thanks Larry. The family and I appreciate everyone taking time to share memories of Larry Dale. (His grandmother always called him Larry O’Dale and that’s what I always called him)

Carol J Tolliver - July 29, 2024 at 05:51 PM

LC

“ Love, Dad, Beth, Cy & Cleat purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry Dale Tolliver.



Love, Dad, Beth, Cy & Cleat - July 03, 2024 at 11:00 AM