



## Larry Summitt

December 1, 1945 - April 11, 2012

Larry Dean Summitt, 66, of Bloomington, passed away Wednesday at his home after a long battle with cancer with his family by his side. He was born on December 1, 1945 in Monroe County, IN, the son of William Edward and Dorothy Lea (Knipstine) Summitt. Larry graduated from Stinesville High School in 1963. While attending Stinesville he was active in basketball, baseball and ran cross country. He was president of the 2010 Stinesville Alumni Association. Larry entered the United States Army in 1965. Upon completion of Advanced Infantry Training in May of 1966, he was stationed in Vietnam. He was a member of the 82nd Combat Engineers and was reassigned to the 182nd Aviation. He was awarded the National Defense Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Rifle Sharpshooter Medal and Machine Gun Expert Medal. He was a Insurance Rep and Mgr for Western and Southern Insurance Company where he worked for 38 years. Larry joined the American Legion Post 18 in 1989 and has been an active member. . He has held the office of 1st Vice Commander for 3 years, and 2nd Vice Commander for 1 year. He served on the board of directors for 5 years. Larry served as post commander from 2005-2006. He received the Legionnaire of the Year award in 2006 and Commander's award for 2006-2008. . Larry

loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 34 years Linda Summitt, five children Archie Matthew Turner (Jopen), Heather Summitt Stuffle (Bryan), Dustin Alan Turner, Jason Dean Summitt (Amanda Werhane) and Tyler Edward Summitt (Amber); five grandchildren Whitney Eakins, Ryan Stuffle, Paris Stuffle, Makayla Turner and Tristen Summitt; one great-grandson Colton Archer; one brother Stephen Summitt; two sisters Judy Arthur (Jerry) and Mary Ellen Smith; mother-in-law Alice Baker and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and father in-law Carl Schoettmer. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2012 at Allen Funeral Home with Pastor Craig Moore officiating. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Veterans Honor Guard. Family will receive friends from 3-8 p.m. Friday and 12-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 18 or the Stinesville Alumni Scholarship.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who helped me throughout these last few months and those that are here to honor Larry and his memory. Larry was blessed to have so many friends and family who loved and cared for him. Larry was my sweetheart I loved him very much and I will really miss him. We shared so much together, I have so many memories of him and the good far exceeds the bad. We raised five

wonderful children together and he loved and respected each of them. He has been not only a great Father but also a coach and teacher to each one of them.

# Tribute Wall

CJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Larry's death. His sister, Mary Ellen was in my class at EHS. My sympathy to all of the family.

*Cheryl*

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**cheryl kuster jenkins** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BA

“ Linda and family: I am sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I worked with him at Western Southern in Bloomington. He always had lots of stories to tell and was so much fun. He always cared about the policyholder. May God bless you and your family.

*Steve and Barb Grinstead*

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**Barb Grinstead** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TO

“ Linda and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Larry was always kind, sincere and honest with us. In this world there are not many that are like him.  
We will miss him a lot. We are here for you if you need us.

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**TonyHaliday, Tabatha Oliver** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

PC

“ Dear Linda, Dusty and Family, We are saddened to hear of the loss of Larry. Although we never had the opportunity to meet him, he sounds like a wonderful husband and father who loved The Lord, his family and life. We pray that The Lord will wrap you and your family in His warm, loving arms and comfort you in a special way during this challenging time. With deepest sympathy, Paul and Carol Cuddihy

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**Paul and Carol Cuddihy** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

PD

“ We are so sorry to hear about Larry's passing. He was a very special person and Phil says he is one of the most special people he has ever met. He is glad that they got to play golf together last summer.

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**Phil and Donna Carter** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

DA

“ Larry Dean was my "double cousin", related on both sides of my family. I have memories from childhood in Stinesville, IN climbing the hill to the water well, playing basketball, mushroom hunting, and throwing rocks down by the Monon Railroad tracks.

When Larry returned home from Vietnam in 1967, my brother and I met him and his parents at the Indy airport as he got off the plane in the middle of the night.

I remember Larry's GTO with the 389 and three deuces and how he had to sell it when he got drafted in 1965. Oh well, when he got home he had grown up, soon was married with kids. Now, grandkids and great-grandkids. What a legacy!

Stephen, Mary Ellen and Judy, we will all miss him and I am sorry that, living in Texas in part for reasons long ago you no doubt remember, we have not seen each other much for a long time. But I remember a lot of great times up on Red Hill, about Larry Dean and all the rest of us. He was just a big kid on the weekends, very much an adult the other five days. I remember his laughter, and will miss it always.

God Bless you,  
Dale Summitt

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Dale Summitt - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TO

“ *Linda and Family,  
We wanted to convey our condolences to you and your family on the loss of Larry. He was always very kind, honest and true to his word. We will miss him a lot. Guys like Larry only come around once in awhile and it was our pleasure to know him. If you ever need anything from us please let us know.*

*Tony and Tabatha*

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**Tony Halliday / Tabatha Oliver** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

Jl

“ *Dear Linda and family – it is with great regret to hear of the loss of Larry – he was a bright light in our world.  
His positive attitude and cheerful ways will live on in the memories of all who knew and loved him.*

*It seems it was only yesterday that he was just a kid.*

*Let me know if there's anything I can do for you.*

*812 – 279 – 6963*

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**Jim Trinkle** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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“ *Dear Linda, Steve, Judy and Mary Ellen and all of Larry's family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. I remember watching Larry play basketball at SHS when I was a little kid. Of course I remember the great friendship between Larry and my older sister Sandy (Stewart Bauer). It seems like they were friends all their lives. I would like to thank Larry for his service to our country. I chuckled to myself when I read in Larry's obit about his sharpshooting in the army. All those Stinesville boys knew how to shoot! Rest in peace Larry.*

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**Pam Cook (Stewart)** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

PD

“ Linda and family, we are so sad to hear about the passing of Larry. He was a great guy. He was one of Phil's most favorite people and he was proud of all his accomplishments. Phil is so glad they got to play golf together last summer.

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**Phil and Donna Carter** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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“ Linda and Family. I was saddened to hear of Larry's passing. I worked with Larry at Western and Southern Life Ins. for many years. He was a true friend to me. One time I could not balance my cash drawer and I stayed late that night trying to find the error. Larry said for me to calm down and that he would help me. With his help the error was found, and I will never forget his act of kindness. I am sure he had more important things that he needed to do. He made me laugh when he would tell those funny stories. He talked about how many mushrooms he found and how many fish he caught, and how big the vegetables were that he grew in his garden. He enjoyed life to the fullest. My husband Keenan will never forget the time that Larry took him fishing. Larry loved life, and his family. God Bless you. Keenan and Nancy Snow

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**Nancy Snow** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MB

“ Dear Judy, Jerry and family,

*With heartfelt saddness we send our sympathy to you and the Summitt family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Marilyn and Erv Bultman*

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**Marilyn & Erv Bultman** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

RJ

“ I am a 2nd cousin of Linda's, and have known Larry for many years. He was an awesome man and we will miss him very much! God be with you, Linda and you whole family. Remember, God is in control and Larry is home. Love and prayers, Jeri and Richard.

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**Richard and Jeri Coonfield** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MP

“ Larry, you were and are a great guy that we all have known, befriended, loved, and cherished during your time here on earth. Now you can finally be at peace with yourself, spend time with the Lord, and take a break from what we call life. Your children, your wife, your memories, and the future of everyone you knew and loved during your time here on earth will be well taken care of as you look down from above. Take care, and I'm sure you'll welcome us in when we are ready to join you, and have some fun once again.

*Being a cancer survivor myself, with all that I've had to go through, puts what you went through in great perspective. I only hope that you can visit us once in a while, check in and see how your friends and family are doing, and give that little push when we need it. Your laugh and care-free attitude was inspiring to us all. Don't change a thing. We love you just the way you are.*

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**Matthew Patton** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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“ *What moves through us is a silence, a quiet sadness, a longing for one more day, one more word, one more touch, we may not understand why you left this earth so soon, or why you left before we were ready to say good-bye, but little by little, we begin to remember not just that you died, but that you lived. And that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget. As God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.*

*To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die, may your memories bring you strength. You are in our prayers. We love you.*

*The Helms Family (Holly, Jeff, Mason & Chloe)*

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**Holly Helms** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MS

“ *We will cherish many pleasant memories of Larry. May the hunting always be good, may the fish always bite, and may the mushrooms always be plentiful. Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda and the family.*

*Love and condolences, Sis & Brother-in-law*

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**Mike and Shay Sickels** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

MH

“ *Linda and family:*

*It is with great sadness that I read of Larry's passing.*

*His joy and laughter, kindness and caring, will be sorely missed. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to call you both my friend.*

*Till we meet again. Marty Hawk*

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**Marty Hawk** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

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“ *Summitt Family, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We am so sorry to hear about Larry.*

*Vickie Carter*

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*Shane Collier \$ Family*

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**Vickie Carter** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

SU

“ *To the Summitt family; "There is a time and season for everything under the sun; a time to live and a time to die". My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May God give you the peace you need to get through this. Larry is at peace and in no more pain. God bless you all.*

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**Suzanne Faulk** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM

BI

“ *I will miss Larry. Seemed to be a good man that loved his family and life in general. So sorry to hear of his passing. I think the fishing is great in heaven, he will be happy until he sees you all again. Peace be unto you. Sincerely, Bill*

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**Bill Fulcher** - March 22, 2013 at 08:17 AM