



# Larry E. Wilkerson

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**L**arry (Garrett) Wilkerson left earth for Glory on March 14, 2022.

Adopted at the age of 7, from south Georgia, the youngest of 16 Garrett children, grew up with the Wilkerson's as a preachers kid and moved to Pittsburgh for his senior year of high school. He was active in sports and had a contagious sense of humor. Married the love of his life, formerly Wendy Caley, in 1979. He was a tanker-man until he became disabled in 1994. They raised 3 boys Joshua Chad, Benjamin James and Jonathan Michael, whom he was very proud of. He adored his grandchildren Sadie, Rylan, Olivia and Arya and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Services private. Family under the care of Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

Condolences may be left at [www.jeffersonmemorial.com](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.com)



## Tribute Wall

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BG

**Benjamin Garrett** posted:

Hi my Dade, I didn't make it on here yet but I just want to tell you how much I love you and miss you today and all days. You were the best dad I could ever ask for. We saved a seat for you at the wedding I'm sure you enjoyed and we all felt your warm hearted presence. Miss you so very much. Be at peace and finally pain free my dear ole Dade. Love you 🤝. Your son,-Benjamin

December 1 at 8:57 AM

LD

**Laurie Drysdale** posted:

We will all miss Larry so much! Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Wendy and the boys! Love you all!

March 18 at 9:10 AM

CH

**Chad** posted:

He was, is, and always will be, my Dad. It has taken me a bit to get to the point I can type this. But here goes. One specific time comes to mind when I think of the value of my dads character to his core. He had been helping a man who was a major heroin addict. He had done this before. Trying to help those who had nothing and were typically addicts of some kind. This one was particularly a mess but my dad tried nonetheless. It became evident fairly early that the man was potentially trying to use my dad but he still tried to help nonetheless. Going so far as to give the man his own jacket which he had a fondness for and never asked for it back when the man was shivering. He still took him to appointments even after he realized he was using my dad for things, including the jacket that the man had given to his girlfriend telling her it was a gift he bought her. My dad tried until he literally gave the jacket off his back and still tried to help people even after this even though we ourselves had very little and he had gotten so many health issues over the years that he couldn't work fairly young and everyone always gave him trash over it and it was and is disgusting. He deserved better than how his adopted father treated him. That man should be ashamed of himself. Anyway, personal grievances aside my father was nothing but a good human being and the only bad anyone ever had to say was he wasn't the best financial provider. But i never wanted for anything.. I always had everything i needed.. but now I just need him and he's never going to be there again. I hope anyone who ever reads this appreciated my father for the kind gentle soul he was. There is far too much more. to say and I am having a difficult time with it. Being an adult is tough and all the world going through just try to be nice and pay it forward.

March 17 at 1:33 PM



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LK

**Linda Kelly** posted:

Dear Wendy Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your husband Larry May God comfort you during this difficult and sad time Linda Kelly

March 17 at 5:58 AM

CD

**Cristin Dixon** posted:

Lar was like everyone's dad. Even though he couldn't hear, he sure tried to look like he did. I loved his random smile and nod before he would crack and admit he didn't hear a word. Also his boyish grin sneaking sweets past Wendy. Even though most of the time she knew. He and Arya shared a special bond. She always ran straight to pappy. And you can't go to Wen and Lar's house without getting a hug. Our hearts are broken. We love you Lar!

March 16 at 3:26 PM

TS

**Tribute Store** posted:

Deepest sympathy I wish I could have met him were praying for the family Sincerely Jeff and Shelia Garrertt

March 16 at 2:23 PM

TC

**The Holiday Park Church Of Christ** posted:

Dear Wendy and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With deepest sympathy.

March 16 at 1:58 PM

CO

**Connie** posted:

Wendy, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I remember the day I met Larry, he was such a combination of all of my dads family, but I saw Uncle Jerry, and Uncle Guy in his face and eyes the most. He is now reunited with the family that left all too soon. May God Bless and keep you and your family. Love you all. Connie Garrett Hutson

March 16 at 12:01 PM



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DA

**Dad And Mom** posted:

See you on the other side of life, Larry. We will reminisce countless great memories. You will retain forever your place as my beloved son.

March 16 at 11:18 AM

JD

**Jeffrey Dillinger** posted:

Kerri and I always loved Larry. He had such a great heart and was always kind. He will be missed by many and he was loved by many people.

March 16 at 7:54 AM

LG

**Lynn Gardner** posted:

I'll always treasure the close friendship Art & I had with Larry and Wendy and will cherish the memories of good times shared.

March 16 at 4:09 AM

PD

**Pam Dixon** posted:

In addition to sharing our common family Lar and u shared a hearing loss. And his sense of humor would kick in as we sometimes would exchange what we 'thought' we heard lol. At times we never found out because we each heard something different. Oh Lar, fly high. You will be missed.

March 15 at 7:34 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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