



Larry D. Colen

June 4, 1947 - February 2, 2020

Larry D. Colen, 72 of Wapakoneta, Ohio and a longtime Bluffton resident, passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2020, at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio.

Larry was born on June 4, 1947 in Bluffton to William Colen and Anna Louise (McAfee) Kaufman. A 1965 graduate of P.A. Allen High School, Larry went on to serve his country in the United State Air Force from 1965 to 1969 and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant (E-4). Larry was a former member of the First Evangelical & Reformed Church and a member of the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton.

Larry retired from a career of over the road truck driving in 2019.

On January 8, 2000, Larry and Susan (Flor) Colen were married in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Survivors include his wife Susan of Wapakoneta, Ohio along with a daughter Tiffany Sporn of Buhler, KS and 10 grandchildren; Ian Sporn, Lane Sporn, Taylor Sporn, Grant Sporn, Kirsti Rodriguez, Taylor Hesseling, Auston Presar, Aaron Presar, Emma Presar and Andrew Presar, along with 5 great-grandchildren.

Larry is also survived by his mother, Anna Louise Kaufman of Bluffton and siblings; Les (Mary) Colen of Bismarck, ND and Pamela (Steve) Paxson of Roanoke, a son-in-law, Dennis (Jeanie) Loomis of Delphos, OH and a daughter-in-law, Kathy Lynn Loomis of Monroe, OH.

A service to celebrate Larry's life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday (Feb. 7th) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Dr. Bryson "Gene" Bell officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton with full military honors by the United States Air Force Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton Honor Guard.

Calling Hours will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Thursday (Feb. 6th) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/ Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

FEB 7. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Service

FEB 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry D. Colen*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 07, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *Larry D. Colen*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Pam so sorry to hear about Larry. Sending hugs and prayers for your family!*

Cheryl Koppelman - February 07, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our family. Wish we could be there with you all.
We love you and will miss you Uncle Larry! Angie, Doug, Colin, Austin, and Taylor*

Angie - February 06, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *Ann and Pam
So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. May you be blessed with memories to bring you peace and comfort in the days and weeks ahead.
God Bless.
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

Glennis Henly - February 06, 2020 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry D. Colen.*



February 05, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *63 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - February 05, 2020 at 03:24 PM

AN

I love these pictures! A lot of them that I have never seen. Love and prayers to all of you. Love you Uncle Larry!

Angie - February 06, 2020 at 09:35 PM

LB

“ *Sorry to hear about the loss of your brother. Pam, hugs, prayers and healing to you and all your family. The Blazek family.*



Lisa Blazek - February 04, 2020 at 07:15 PM

PP

Thank you Lisa and family. Your hugs and prayers will be kept close my friend.

Pamela Paxson - February 05, 2020 at 06:46 PM

LI

“ *Are hearts are heavy with the loss of Larry. we will always have the memories of all the great times we had with Larry and Sue! Love Rod and Linda Carter*

Linda - February 04, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ Larry, so long old friend. You offered me your friendship just after I had moved to Bluffton when we were in second grade. We shared the miseries of having a teacher who often terrified the both of us. And then we shared boyhood laughs. I'll never forget you.

Bill Grange

Bill Grange - February 03, 2020 at 11:55 PM

PP

Thank you for sharing!.

Pamela Paxson - February 05, 2020 at 06:42 PM

SS

“ Dear Susan and Family, Les and Family, Pam and Family,

We are so sad to hear of Larry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. Dad (Uncle Jim Colen) sends his sympathy as well and will miss his visits.

*Love,
Don and Susan (Colen) Stoneburner*

Susan (Colen) Stoneburner - February 03, 2020 at 12:30 PM

DB

This is a long time friend that will be missed even though it has been several years since I had seen him. Always called Larry Big L seems fitting at the time (always had something going on)....Miss you buddy.....Don&Cathy Booth

Don Booth - February 04, 2020 at 12:02 PM

PP

Thank you for sharing. He is missed for sure.

Pamela Paxson - February 05, 2020 at 06:43 PM

PP

Thank you Susie and Don. Thoughts and prayers are great. Thank Uncle Jim too!

Pamela Paxson - February 05, 2020 at 06:50 PM

ZG

Rest in Peace, Uncle Larry!

Zack Gray - February 05, 2020 at 07:46 PM