



1952 — *Larry* — 2017

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January 7, 1952 — August 31, 2017

On August 31, 2017, Larry left us to fish in calmer oceans, to hunt and fish in pristine wilderness. He will join his mom Ruth, his dad Art, his second and favorite fishing buddy Uncle Bob, and esteemed family members and friends.

Larry was born in Denver on January 7, 1952. At a very early age, Larry was exposed to "fisher's syndrome." He then began his life quest to "catch them all." After 65 years of executing the mission, Larry had respected and honored over 130 different species. Larry graduated from Lakewood High School in 1970. Larry then served our country in Vietnam as a gunner aboard the USS Knox. After his discharge, Larry continued his careers in taxidermy, woodworking and art. In the early 80's, Larry and Janet opened a taxidermy shop, Custom Fish Ltd.

In 1979, Larry met Janet. She too was exposed to and contracted "Fisher's Syndrome." The condition spread rapidly. Janet decided the quest was true on June 7, 1983; they eloped. Continuing the quest in 2014, Larry and Janet renewed their vows off the Keys in a fishing boat names "Catch em All."

Larry and Janet became frustrated with the big city life and moved to Summit County in 1987. Larry honed his talents as a carpenter,

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Snow Mountain Ranch as lead carpenter and the guy to call when unique problems needed solving. Larry applied his talents and unique artistic imagination to many tasks. He designed and built many things, alters, amphitheaters, bunk beds, crosses, and, and, and. Many of his unusual signs have been and will be admired by thousands of guests, volunteers and employees at the ranch.

We are honored and a bit overwhelmed by thoughts, prayers, support and desire from all of you to help us out in our hard time. If you wish, donations to VFW Auxiliary, Post #9374 will be appreciated by many.

Service Details

Saturday, September 23rd, 2017 2:00pm, Snow Mountain Ranch
YMCA of the Rockies

Additional Service Info

A Memorial and Kick-ass wing ding will be held at the time to be determined.

To order [memorial trees](#) or send flowers to the family in memory of

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Guestbook

Leave a message to share your favorite memories and offer words of sympathy...

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I knew Larry during the

Well what to say!
As a child I

Janet I am so sorry to hear of Larrv's

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talked.
 Larry left behind impressions in the vanning community that occasionally are still the topic around the camp fire, he will not be forgotten!
 Janet & family,
 Your soul will eventually find peace and comfort, until then please accept my deepest condolences for your loss.

**MIKE & ANITA
 RAKESTRAW**

Sep 19, 2017

Sorry for your loss,
 Larry was a good friend. He had a

would come back to iowa. We had the most fun and i always thought he was the "coolest" around, no one had an uncle like our uncle Larry!
 The times we went to Colorado were always so magical and beautiful!
 So many memories I can't even begin to start, but one sticks with me often...Every time I am driving and come up behind a slow driver, in my head I always always hear his voice "it's the skinny pedal on the right" ¤ÿ~‰
 Times will not be the same without him here in his

thoughts and prayers

TERI IEZEK

Sep 12, 2017

Where to start !
 Larry was a truly amazing one of a kind guy and was loved by whom ever met him and was the best friend and love of her life to our sister Janet. We will never forget the great times we had in Colorado on our visits and also the trips you both made to Iowa that was the highlight of the year when it happened and we sure did party. We have had some

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ERIK & NANCY COLARD

Sep 11, 2017

Larry, you were my friend for 40 years. I'll miss you, and I'll sure never be able to forget you.

NICK FITZSIMMONS

Sep 9, 2017

Janet "mom" Ruth held it all together when I came to photograph her memories for you all before her leaving us. She held it together until she spoke of her wedding ring and passing it

much in the beautiful spiritual world! Aunt Janet...my heart has been crying for you, you guys were definitely an amazing role model for absolute true love and devotion! The love you to share is one in a million. Hold it dear and be grateful. I love you both to the moon and back!!

HEATHER WEEKS

Sep 12, 2017

Where can you even begin when remembering a man like Larry? Would you say he

much. Our thoughts and prayers are with all Janet, Gary, Patty and all of Larry's amazing friends and family

LARRY & NANCY

Sep 9, 2017

That will teach them When I met Larry I was just a little Punk 20-something year old kid. He always treated me like an equal didn't talk down to me when I didn't know much. I remember one day I was in a snowball fight with some of the 8 crew guys,

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most precious
sons with you but
now she was
leaving her
treasure from Art.
None of us will
ever know why she
chose Larry to be
with them this
early in his life-
but I hope you will
always know how
happy you made
him and her too! I
am sure if ever
anyone could
speak from the
other side- you
will be hearing
from him. Wishing
you many happy
memories. xox

LINDA FOSTER

Sep 8, 2017

the best fisherman
or hunter, the best
uncle, husband,
brother? To me he
was all of the
above. He was an
amazing man who
would always
bring a smile to
your face. He
touched the lives
of everyone that
had the pleasure
of knowing him in
so many ways. For
me personally, I've
always looked up
to Larry. He was
bigger than life
but down to earth.
Everyone was
drawn to him. I will
truly miss you
more than you will
ever know, and I
hope the fish are
biting in heaven.

TOMMY IEZEK

started giving me
caordanance the
second ball I threw
after Larry's
directions hit one
of them right in
the head. Larry
started going
crazy, he said "that
will teach you to
mess with a
couple gunners"

JAKE COWEN

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Where to begin,
THANK YOU Larry.
You had the
patience to put up
with funny talking
Boston city boy
who knew nothing
about the
mountains, and
taught me much
about how special
the Rockies are. As
he would always
quote del from
Jeremiah Johnson
" the alps is mere
hills" and just
laugh. Thank you
for introducing me
to my wife (no
really, thanks) and
for being my best
man. Thank you
for being my one
of my best friends
and a brother. The
things you taught
me and the times

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greatest gift. .
Janet,thank you
for always being
the best, your
friendship is a
lifesaver. You guys
looked out for me
when I needed it
most. It was
always nice to
know that I had a
port in the storm. .
Janet, Gary, Patti,
and the rest of
Larry's family: I
hope you can go
through this time
with peace and
much love from
family and friends,
Love you all

**ROGER, DENISE,
AND MADELINE
SHARPE**

Sep 9, 2017

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him. We always enjoyed visiting with him and hearing his stories, both comical and serious. He will be missed tremendously. Our condolences to Janet, Gary and the rest of his family.

**JEANNE ND BOB
FARRIS**

Sep 8, 2017

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