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Larry William Klaus, Sr., 73, died peacefully at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Illinois on October 15, 2019.

Larry was born on July 6, 1946, in Decatur, Illinois to Carl Heinz and Mary (Davis) Klaus. He married Diana Kay Knutt on October 3, 1965. He served four years in the Navy on the U.S.S. Yorktown. While serving, he and his wife welcomed their son, Larry, Jr. in Long Beach, California. At the end of his service, he returned to his position with Norfolk & Southern in Decatur, Illinois where he worked until he retired in 2006. Larry was a patient and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved vintage cars, movies, puzzles, and his dogs.

He is survived by his wife, Diana, his grandchildren, Jessica (Tyler) Mitchell, Jarod (Bryanna) Klaus, and Jaden Klaus, and his great-grandchildren, Hank Klaus and Ava Mitchell. He is also survived by his six siblings, Carl, Allen, Sharon, Kathy, Carolyn, and Bruce. He is preceded in death by his parents, his son Jason who died in infancy, and his son Larry Jr. who passed away to cancer at 41.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Larry Klaus, Sr. will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, October 18, 2019 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial immediately following services at North Fork Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the charity of your choice in Larry's name. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com



Tribute Wall

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UA

Uss Yorktown Association posted:

Fair winds and following seas, shipmate.

June 27 at 6:29 AM

JD

Julee Dunker posted:

I BEFRIENDED LARRY A FEW YEARS BACK WHEN I DISCOVERED HE WAS RELATED TO MY PAST BOSS AT DMH. I "ALWAYS" ENJOYED CHATTING WITH HIM WHEN HE WAS IN. I WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED WHEN HE CAME IN THIS TIME HAVING NOT BEEN IN FOR ABOUT 2 YEARS AS HE TOLD ME. I AM SO VERY SORRY TO LEARN OF HIS PASSING. WE HAD SOME WONDERFUL CONVERSATIONS ABOUT EVERYTHING AND NOTHING !! I ENJOYED SEEING HIS NAME COME UP ON MY PHONE, I KNEW A GREAT CHAT WAS COMING MY WAY AND FELT BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HIM THROUGH THE PHONE . MAY GOD COMFORT YOU AND KNOW THAT HE IS NOW BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO BREATHE FREE AND BE COMFORTABLE. HUGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY

October 18 at 7:07 AM

NR

Nancy Hatch,Rice posted:

Dianna my thoughts and prayers are with you. Larry will be sadly missed.Worked at quickway on mound rd with you. You were a loving family. Thinking of you at this time. take care of yourself.

October 17 at 4:48 PM

SH

Steve Herron posted:

Going to miss you Larry. I enjoyed us sharing our navy stories over the holidays when we would come up to visit from Atlanta.Fair winds and following seas shipmate.

October 17 at 12:26 PM

DK

Donna Knutt posted:

Uncle Larry was a beautiful kind and patient man. You always put family first. I love you and will miss you. Until I see again rest in peace.

October 17 at 10:59 AM



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Kelly Gordon Robison posted:

Rest in peace. I am sorry for your loss.

October 17 at 5:18 AM



Rebecca Craig posted:

My dearest Diana, this is a sad moment for our close knit family of friends. Larry is loved and cherished by all of us. He will be united with our loved ones who've passed and we pray we'll all be together when our time comes. We love you and please know we care and wish for the warmth of family and friends to give you solace and peace. Sincerely, Becky & Maurice craig

October 16 at 1:04 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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