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Larry Courtney
May 4, 1944 - March 22, 2025

Larry Courtney, 80 of Valdese, NC passed away, Saturday, March 22, 2025. Born on May 4, 1944, he was the son of the late Lemuel and Lela Courtney. Larry was a very proud member of Christ United Methodist Church where he was a member of the Imaginehub. He was a jokester who loved to play pranks on people. Larry loved art including drawing and coloring. He volunteered to read at local schools and was a member of the Lions Club. Larry loved his family dearly.

Larry is survived by his daughters, Crystal Rocque (Dana), Charlotte Dillard (Brandon); grandchildren, Andrew and Alexis Rocque; niece, Susan Land (David); and 5 fur grandbabies.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra Courtney; brothers, Ned, Bob and Jack Courtney; sister, Alice Payne.

A funeral service will be held at 11am, Friday, March 28, 2025 at Christ United Methodist Church with the Rev. Cindy Wechter officiating. Entombment will follow at Burke Memorial Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sandys Closet c/o Christ UMC, PO Box 38, Drexel, NC 28619 or Rutherford College Lions Club, PO Box 262, Rutherford College, NC 28671.

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Visitation

N/A

Service

March 28, 2025

11 a.m.

Christ United Methodist Church

Committal

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Burke Memorial Park

Tribute Wall

I only learned of Larry's passing today (06/30/25) from our mutual friend Arnold Barrett. Both Larry (I always called him Joe) and Arnold and I were room mates at Western Carolina University in the early 60's. Larry was usually a quiet person, but he was always thinking. Both Larry and Arnold rode home with me several times since I lived near Lenoir and passed near where they lived. I am so glad Larry and I met for lunch a few years back. It was the last time I saw him. I wish we had kept more frequent contact. Larry was a great person who got along with everybody. I'm so sorry we lost him, and I didn't know his family but would like to extend my condolences to all.

—James Bradshaw

Please pass along my sincere condolences to Charlotte and other family members. Larry was a very kind man who I met when he and my father were in the Lions Club together. Your family has been in my prayers.

—Maria Smith

I have learned of the passing Joe / Larry Courtney . He was a kind and gentle person and I feel honored to have known him. We were roommates at Western Carolina and kept in touch ever since. He was dedicated to the class of '62 Glen Alpine. My thoughts go out to Charlotte and Christal. I will surely miss him. He was always the smartest guy in class (the girls were smarter) and he stood out in college too. When you had questions about calculus, or chemistry you went to Joe. Where ever he went he made things better.

—Arnold Barrett



—Anonymous

So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. As a kid I lived across the street from Joe. He and my brother James were classmates and tri-cap

—John T Wilson

Larry had been our neighbor and friend for the last 15 years. He was a great man and would do anything for people. There needs to be more people like him in this world. Larry was one of a kind and will be missed. I can picture him with Sandy right now at a Denny's high in the sky.

—Bob DuBulis



—Anonymous



Larry, I didn't know you, but I know Crystal and you and Sandra did great. She is something special, which means you guys are too. I'm glad you are home with your beloved, but I'm sad this world is missing you. Sorry we never met, but thank you for Crystal. Radley

—Radley Miller

My condolences to your family. What a wonderful man you were. Heaven has taken another Angel home.



I'm so sorry for your loss. It's never easy to lose a parent. It's okay to be sad and to grieve. Your dad was a wonderful man and I know how much he meant to you all, words can't express how difficult this must be, please know I'm here for you during this tough time. You never have to feel alone hunny bunny. May his gentle and sweet soul continue to rest in the blossom of the lord

—Dkt



Charlotte and Family, Wendy and I are sorry for your loss. We know how much your dad meant to you and that he will be greatly missed by many. In our thoughts and Prayers, Jason and Wendy

—Jason Gurley

Charlotte, Crystal and family this breaks my heart for all of you. I am so very sorry. Your Dad was one of a kind and loved by many. He and Sandy are together again and that has to give you some peace and comfort. Keeping you all in my prayers in the days ahead.

—Janet Browning Morgan

Crystal, Your work family has you in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you if you need anything.

—Shannon Tapp



Family, We want you to know that you're in our hearts and prayers through this sad time. May God's comfort and peace be with you. We love you. I'll always remember the time we had together at Pleasant Hill.

—Benny & Barbara Childers