



Larry Lee Putnam

Nov. 1, 1947 - April 2, 2026

Larry Lee Putnam, 78, passed away peacefully at his home on April 2, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family after a courageous three-year battle with cancer and heart failure.

Larry was born on November 1, 1947, in Lenoir, North Carolina, to the late Lee Norris Putnam and Thelma Mable Sides Putnam.

A lifelong member of the furniture industry, Larry dedicated his career to craftsmanship and leadership. He worked in the furniture industry at FrameMakers, Crestline, and Hickory Hill. He has spent the last 18 years at Kellex Seating where he served as supervisor of the machine room, spring-up, clamp room and finishing rooms. In addition to his work there, he proudly owned and operated Putnam Wood Products for 53 years, building not only furniture but a legacy of hard work, commitment, and integrity.

Above all, Larry loved his family. He found joy in the simple things—spending time fishing, relaxing at his lake house, and collecting old cars. Known for his strong work ethic, kind heart, and quiet strength, Larry was a man of few words, but when he spoke, people listened. He was fair, dependable, and generous to a fault—someone who would truly give the shirt off his back to help others.

Larry shared an extraordinary bond with his wife of 60 years, Judy Ann Putnam. They were truly inseparable and did everything together, building a life rooted in love, partnership, and unwavering devotion.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Ann Putnam; his daughter, Cheryl Putnam; his son, Larry Putnam and wife Jennifer; his grandchildren, Tyler Delay, Kyle Putnam, and Savannah Kent (husband JD Kent); and his great-granddaughter, Emery Delay. He is also survived by his sister Evelyn Haines of Philadelphia. He also leaves behind his loyal companion, his beloved dog Jake who would sit on the porch daily and wait for him to get home.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his brothers, Gene Putnam and Louis Putnam.

The family will receive friends from 2pm until 3pm Monday, April 6, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home. Graveside will be held immediately following at 3:30 at Burke Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Amorem Support in Valdese in honor of Larry's memory.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Amorem Support in Valdese for their compassion, kindness, and unwavering care. Their support brought comfort and peace to both Larry and his family during a difficult time. A very special thank you is extended to his nurses, Heaven and Chelsey, whose gentle care, dedication, and genuine love meant more than words can express.

Larry's family will love him and miss him every day and will carry his memory in their hearts forever. His lessons, love, and legacy will live on in all those he touched. He will never be forgotten.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

–Chelsea Schwind

To: My wonderful little brother...my Best Friend! Thank you for being with all of us all these yearsyou know how much I love you Larry....there will never be another as special as you!! Thanks for our special bond as brother & sister. I miss you so much. Love you! Evelyn

–Evelyn Putnam Haines

Larry, I am sorry to hear about your Dad. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Angie Edwards

–Angie Edwardd



–Teresa A Sturgill

We are very sorry for your loss.

–James and Lisa mcfarland



Dear Larry & Family: We are sorry for your loss. We truly sympathize with you and understand the heartbreak you feel. Our sweet and loving Lord will give you grace and strength to carry on. Marvin and Wanda McFalls are among those in Heaven welcoming him. Remember our Lord's

promise..."And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:20 We send our love and prayers.

–Phil and Penny Smith

Larry is gonna be miss he was a spectacular guy he knowed his furniture an the pcs he's gonna be missed dearly we miss you Larry I'm glad I got to work for you sm at kellex your gonna be missed love you an judy

–Sabrina Hamby



I am saddened to learn of another cousin's passing. Physical distance in the locations of our adult residences prevented the continued fellowship of our childhood days. But I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Judy, Larry Lynn, Cheryl, and all the grandchildren who are coping with the loss of husband, dad, and granddaddy. My deepest sympathies and prayers for emotional strength and healing are offered for all the family and friends who mourn Larry's passing. My heart also goes out to Mattie Evelyn, who is now processing the loss of her baby brother.

–Lydia Sides Powell



May God bless and comfort you. Your father was a special blessing and his love and memories will always bring inspiration.

–Rev Dr. and Mrs Robert L Sanders

I've only known Larry for the last 14 years but I learned fast Larry Putnam was a wonderful man not only to know but to work with Larry is gonna be missed as a friend as a supervisor as a leader in the furniture world I know I'll miss Larry and I'm praying for Judy and the rest of Larry's family



I'm deeply saddened to hear of Larry Lee Putnam's passing. Growing up with his son - my childhood best friend and college roommate, I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Putnam over many years. I'll always remember the summers we spent in his wood shop in Chesterfield, sanding wood alongside Larry. Those were simple, hardworking days, and they said a lot about the kind of man he was and the values he passed on. He was steady, grounded, and deeply devoted to his family. My thoughts are with you all during this time. With sincere sympathy,
Donald Franklin



—Donald Franklin

Dear family, Please accept our sincere condolences on the loss of your husband/father/grandfather/sibling. David worked with Larry at Drexel Furniture. I worked with Jennifer and Larry in the school system and was honored to see Kyle and Savannah achieve educational success. It was so apparent that a great work ethic filled with integrity had influenced them. After reading Larry Sr.'s obituary, I know he was a great influence on their lives. Mr. Putnam's legacy lives on through his family!

—Susan and David Pollpetereter