



Larry Lee Dobson

August 21, 2016

Obituary of Larry Dobson

Larry Dobson, 75, of Leesburg Florida, died on Sunday morning August 21, 2016.

Larry was born in Quincy, Michigan in 1941 to Orlo and Virginia Dobson. He was the fourth of four children. He is predeceased by his brother Gene and sister Mary Ellen. He is survived by his brother Bill and many nephews and nieces.

Larry moved to Florida in 1960 to escape the bitter cold Michigan winters. He fell in love with the sun and his soon to be wife Brenda Ferguson in Leesburg, Florida and in 1961 he proposed to her after two weeks of dating. They were married on May 26, 1962. Larry and Brenda have two sons, Darryl and Kevin. Darryl lives in Draper, Utah, with his two children and Kevin lives in Edgewater, Florida, with his wife Donna.

Larry began working for Publix Supermarkets in 1960 starting in the Lakeland Warehouse. He retired from Publix as Store Manager in Gainesville Florida in 1999 after a thirty-nine year career. Larry loved working for Publix and was easily spotted in the Supermarket by listening for the sound of his whistling. He loved his customers and staff and made many great friendships over the

years.

Larry's passion outside of his family was fishing the many lakes in Central Florida. An avid bass fisherman, he loved sharing this passion with friends and family throughout his lifetime. He was a champion for the little guy and the down and out and was always quick to lend a hand to those in need without ever needing recognition for his good deeds. He had a great sense of humor, and if you found yourself on the sharp end of one of his practical jokes it was because he loved you.

If you happen to have sat in the balcony of First Baptist Church of Leesburg he attended, you might have noticed him wiping his eyes which were full of tears when the hymns were sung....the music spoke volumes to his heart every Sunday, and he always carried extra tissues as he always felt God's presence in a special way.

Larry had been battling health issues for a number of years and finally succumbed to a heart attack. Nevertheless, he always kept a positive attitude and did his best with the cards he was dealt. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, August 26 at 2:30 PM with Rev. Tony Hoffman officiating at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

Tribute Wall

MB

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Milli Blalock - August 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Milli Blalock - August 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I met Larry at the Publix I work at in Eustis Fl. (#862), a few years ago and we started talking about Publix and I found out that he knew my half brother Charles White from their days in Gainesville working for Publix, I talked to him a few times after that, I think I would have enjoyed working in his store he seemed like very nice man. Please accept my condolences.

Allen Greenwell - August 27, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Brenda, Kevin, and Darryl, How many wonderful memories we have of you all...from the boys and Larry playing ping-pong when the boys were just over table-high...to the Ferguson reunions...to the visit you made to us in your RV in Portland in more recent years. Linda was just telling some folks from Atlanta the other day about Larry's long career with Publix. We love you. Sarah joins us in holding you in our hearts and prayers.

Linda and Tom Berkemeier - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Brenda, Darryl and Kevin,... Just wanted you all to know how much I love you and how much I loved Larry! I'll be thinking about you all tomorrow as we're climbing the mountain. Much love always!! Bob

Bob Willocks - August 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM



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JS

“ *A proud hard working man for the Publix supermarket chain. I will miss you Uncle Larry. It was just too soon but, it was God's plan all along. Rest in peace.*

Jean Ellen Steele - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *as larry was a good friend of mine i remember a lot of good times we had in high school ive not seen him since we left high school im sorry to here of his passing and as i new him he will be in a place he would have really would want to be god bless him as i know he will*

duane ries - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ *My sincere condolences to Larry's family. I remember him well from Grand Ledge High School. He was always a friendly and happy and fun guy. RIP.*

Vicki Hockenberry Hunter - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *My deepest sympathies on your loss.*

Bobbi Gens. Judie Dobson sister - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DD

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Darryl Dobson - August 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM