



## Larry Fetter

March 27, 2012

### Obituary of Larry Fetter

Larry Wayne Fetter, 70, of Leesburg, Florida, died Tuesday March 27, 2012. He was originally from Drayton Plains Michigan and graduated from St. Michaels Catholic School in Pontiac, Michigan in 1959. Larry spent 7 years in the US Navy. During this time he became a plank owner on the USS James Monroe SSBN622. He has remained close with many of his Navy crew over the years. Larry and his family moved to Lady Lake to own and operate Pine Island Fish Camp in 1974 where they remained for 30 years. He enjoyed hosting bass tournaments and was always an early bird at the camp welcoming all fishermen. He brought joy to hundreds of people as a professional fishing guide. He also enjoyed hunting and the camaraderie of his hunting club buddies in Georgia. Larry was an avid support of UCF sports. He hosted regular tailgate parties at home games that a network of close family friends attended.

He is survived by his wife, Diane J. Fetter of Leesburg FL; daughter Susan (Robert) Baker of Snohomish, WA; son, Eric W. Fetter of Orlando, FL; brother Mick Fetter of Michigan; two grandchildren, David Baker and Erika Webb and three great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.

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# Tribute Wall

BW

“ We were so saddened to hear of the loss of Larry, he was such a wonderful Man. Always a big smile on his face...he will be greatly missed by all. The "Cool Water Hunt Club" was always remember him and speaking of fish he always bought us the best fish fillets.. Love and miss you Larry!! Bartow, Leslie & Lacey Williams

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**Bartow & Leslie Williams** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I am so sorry to read that Larry has passed on. My thoughts and prayers are with Diana and all those left behind.

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**Royce Marquart** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Diane and family, Laura and i would like express our sincere sympathy. We very much enjoyed his company and yours at the hunt camp. We will miss the fish frys. Let us know if we can help you in any way. God bless, Laura and Andy Braun

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**Laura and Andy Braun** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ It sadens me so much to write this as Capt. Larry was a good friend for such a long time.He and I spent many happy hrs fishing in a boat together. He will always be my fishing idol as he was the best of the best. I will miss him more than anyone knows. Diane and family I am so sad for your loss.

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**Capt Frank & Carol Bourgeois** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ `Words can't adequately express our sadness of Larry's passing. Words can't adequately express our feelings of remorse on Lays' passing. We have missed our Florida family terribly since we left This news was catastrophic. Larry started to teach me Florida fishin in 1974 and continued in this vain effort for the next 36 years. I spent many days fishing with him and enjoyed every minute of it, He and his wonderful family were and are generous and loving people Our hearts are with them. We thank them for the great times we had with them and love them all. .

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**Barb & Wayne Johnson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ I first met Larry when I reported aboard the USS James Monroe in early 1964. She was going through PSA in Newport News and Larry and I were both assigned to the Fire Control gang. (No, we didn't put out fires; we had the awesome responsibility of maintaining and readying for unleashing the ship's 16 Polaris missiles should an enemy decide to launch its missiles on the USA.) After our marriage on November 7, 1964, my bride Diane and I moved to USS James Monroe's homeport of Charleston, SC. Larry and Diane (#1 because she was first aboard) and my Diane (#2) soon became good friends. They supported each other while Larry & I were on patrol. Larry was always a genuine friend to everyone he met. I had the pleasure of making 4 deterrent patrols with him on the "Jimmy Fish" and liberties with "Soupy" and other shipmates in Scotland and Rota, Spain. And let's not forget Christmas' a sea, slot car races in crew's mess, Family Grams, and Blue Nose ceremonies aboard ship. Off crew periods included fond memories of parties at the Fetter's home on James Island, SC and many other good times. Diane #2 and I kept in touch with Larry & Diane over the years and made several visits to Pine Island Fish Camp with our family. Also, a very memorable SSBN622 ship's reunion in Las Vegas with the Fetter's will never be forgotten. We had the good fortune of being able to visit with Larry, Diane, Susan and Eric on March 22, 2012 during a trip to the Orlando area. Larry, you were a good shipmate, great friend and you will be sorely missed. Sailor, rest your oar.....

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**Dennis and Diane Robertson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Sidney & Melinda Zorn** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ A sad day to hear of the passing of your husband and father. Nancy

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**Nancy Fetter** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Thank You Uncle Larry for your Hospitality and Generosity over the years. We truly enjoyed the trips to Florida.

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**Kim Trevino** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VJ

“ Larry will be missed. He was such a special and fun loving person. UCF lost their biggest fan. Our thoughts are with you all during this time.

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**Vanessa and Paul Jones** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dearest sister, you and Larry had a great time for 48 years. Our prayers and thoughts are with you, Susan and Eric. All our love, Bob & Pat

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**Bob & Pat Hope** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. He was a great person that touched so many lives with his love, and laughter. I will always treasure the short time I had with him. I pray that your family will find peace and comfort with the thousands of wonderful memories he left you. He will be missed. Big hugs to all of you, Love Kathryn

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**Kathryn Arriola** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ my deepest sympathies go out to you Diane, Susan and Eric. Larry was a wonderful man and good friend. I remember playing darts at your place in Florida. And going fishing or boating on the lakes with Larry. He will be missed. May God grant you peace, hope, understanding and love. You are not alone.

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**Christy Swanson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Diane, and all your family at this very sad time for us all. Larry was a great neighbor and we will miss him tremendously. Stay close to us as we've come to love having you near! Vic and Sue Kubasiak

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**Vic and Sue** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My deepest sympathys are with you and your family at this time of sorrow. I understand what it is like to lose someone who is so special and important in your life. I know he was a great man who loved and treasured his family and friends. His legacy will live on through you. God grants us strength at these difficult times. Celebrate the wonderful life Larry Wayne Fetter fulfilled. Love and Light, Lauren Cain

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**Lauren Cain** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ Captain Larry was a great man. I'm grateful to know him and his wonderful family. Here's to you Larry, you will be missed.

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**Roman Northcut** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ I knew Larry through Cool Water Hunt Club in Georgia. I enjoyed his company and the fish fry's he always put on during the "last weekend". He had a passion for the outdoors. He was a good man, and I never had a problem with him.

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**Roger Beyers, Jr.** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ We are so saddened by the news of Larry's passing. We had alot of fun with you both over many, many years. Our loving thoughts are with you Diane, Susan and Eric. We, too, will miss Larry very much.

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**Don and Martha Shoemaker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our thoughts and prays are with The Feters at this sad time. We are here if you need us. Karen Kimmons-Johnson & Family and JJ & Shirley Kimmons.

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**The Kimmons & Johnson Families** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Diane, Susan & Eric I want to express my most sincere sympathy in your loss. I have so many memories of the entire family from when I was growing up! I vividly remember Pine Island Fish Camp, how we would leave candy canes (or something similar) on the doors of all the campers on Christmas Eve during our visits to Florida. How I used to get so excited to get a candy bar from "Mr. Fetter's" store at the fish camp and the memories of riding in the boat on Lake Griffin! But most of all I am most honored to call him my godfather and that always made me feel special. I know your happy thoughts will carry you through the dark days ahead. But I hope you feel peace knowing that he is pain free in our God's paradise of heaven watching over you. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers, always. Love, Erin

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**Erin (Robertson) Melton** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I've been gone from Fl. for quite some time, but some of my best memories of my time there was spent around Larry. He and I finished 2nd in the Orange Lake Open, and got the biggest trophies I think either of us ever saw at a tourney. He was a great friend to Doc Ed and myself. My deepest sympathy to Diane and family. Tom Williams

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**Tom Williams** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ We mourn Uncle Larry's passing but don't wallow as he would not want that. Instead, we celebrate the life he lived, the family he made, the jokes he told (even the bad ones!), and the person that he was. Uncle Larry, you were quite a character! You were well loved, and will be very missed.

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**Ryan and Jaime McKennon** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ So sorry to hear Larry has passed, my thoughts and prayers are with the Fetter family.

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**Brian Glossman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I am at a loss for words over your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences, I'm glad I got to see and laugh with him one more time.

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**Tariq** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I am sending my very deepest sympathy to the Fetter family, I truly know the pain you are going through right now, I have been there. I have no words of wisdom to help the pain, only that you remember the good times, as they will help brighten the sad days ahead. Please know that you are all in my prayers. Lots and Lots of Hugs from me to all of you. Sue

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**Susan Baker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ **Larry Fetter**

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SA

“ To Larry's family, I am sorry for your loss. I have such a good memory of Diane and Larry at St. Mikes 50th reunion along with son Mark. He seemed to have such a zest for life and I know he will be much missed. At that same event Jim Z. talked about how he and Larry became fast friends that last year of high school and how they have remained friends through all the years. Bless you all!

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**Susan Green Arnold** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM