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Beloved by his family and friends. Lawrence was born in Melrose, Massachusetts and lived in Lake Panasoffkee Florida with his wife Patricia Beckford. He is survived by his siblings; Jean Davis, Ruth Beckford, Betty Burpee, and James Blowers. He additionally had two late siblings, Phillip and May Blowers. His wife Patricia Emily Beckford, and children; Sue Scarpello, Lawrence B. Beckford, Laura Lester, Katherine Picarello, Michelle Perez, and Alfred Beckford. He is also survived by his 14 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Lawrence served in the United States Army as a specialist for The 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and received honorable discharge with the Metal for Good Conduct. After, he pursued an education in engineering, first achieving his Associate in Engineering from Northeastern University and continuing on to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Northeastern University. He was an Ordained Minister from the Church of Gospel Ministry in Lynn, Massachusetts. Lawrence was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, and retired as an Electrical Engineer for General Electric Aviation in Lynn, Massachusetts for 37 years.

Lawrence's convictions to self-growth and independence continued through his retirement. He pursued his interest in music and was a self-taught guitarist and violinist. He enjoyed riding motorcycles and had a robust social life. He was a proud member of the American Motorcycle Association, the Knights of Columbus, The Rotary Club, Moose Club, Toastmasters International, and of his church St. Lawrence of Bushnell, Florida.

Lawrence will be forever loved and dearly missed.

# Tribute Wall

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“ About 25 years ago, Larry, Bob Parks, and myself ran a "spin pit" test at the Riverworks. It ran 24/7 for several weeks which meant all of us would be present at odd hours for long periods of time monitoring the test. During that time, Larry had many stories about his career.

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**Jim Zisson** - July 04, 2021 at 10:28 AM