



Larry G. Lires

September 5, 1934 - June 3, 2017

Larry Gilbert Lires of Orem, Utah died in his sleep Saturday, June 3, 2017. Larry was born September 5, 1934 in Fillmore, California to Emmanuel G. Lires and Nellie May Morford. He graduated from Fillmore Union High School, where he loved playing football and played the trumpet in the marching band. He served in the US Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Guadalupe, working as a baker and as second loader on the 5-inch cannon. While he was a sailor he met his eternal companion, Elaine Mae Mueller of Eau Claire, Wisconsin at a USO dance. They were married on October 8, 1955 in Fillmore, California. They were later sealed in the Los Angeles LDS Temple. They had three children together and lived much of their adult lives in Long Beach, California. Larry worked as a policeman in the LBPD and then loved being a Journeyman Wireman with the IBEW. He received two AA degrees from Long Beach City College. The family lived a few years in Yreka, California while he worked as a Siskiyou County building inspector. He loved driving in general and he loved driving through the tree lined roads of Yreka in particular. In 1979, the family moved to Orem, Utah where he and his son, Larry, started Digital Cabling Company. He proudly worked side by side with his son until he retired.

His faith filled example to his family was the greatest achievement of his life. He could never get enough time with his grandparents, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was concerned to the end with making a positive impact upon all of them. He loved watching movies, social dancing, riding watercraft at Bear Lake, firearms, body surfing, pocket knives, animals, shooting, fishing, swimming, diving, and serving people. His stories, jokes, strong opinions, home grown roses, leather hat, big sideburns, chivalry, often expressed love, and selfless service will be missed by all who knew him. He loved and was especially dedicated to serving people and his Savior, Jesus Christ. He and Elaine served as ordinance workers in the Los Angeles and Provo LDS temples. A few of his favorite church callings were Home Teacher, Seventy, High Priest and Meeting Greeter. Wherever he served he gave it his all. His smile and jokes cheered many hearts. His personality was truly larger than life and he liked to be in the center of the action.

He was preceded in death by his father Emmanuel Gilbert, his mother Nellie May Morford

Clapperton, his daughter-in-law Lisa Burt Lires, his granddaughter MaeDee Cindy Davis, his paternal grandparents Ramon and Josepha Garcia Lires, and his maternal grandparents Clyde Henry and Jennie Bell Day Morford.

He is survived by his wife Elaine; his children Lorri Overson (Steven), Larry (Debbie), Cindy Davis (Scott), Steven DeJolie (Rose), and Mike Hinds; his siblings King Clapperton, Rhea Clapperton (Wade Swisher), and Dana Clapperton; his 16 devoted grandchildren; his 21 beloved great grandchildren; and his ever-important extended family all of whom will never forget him. As Larry liked to say, "Life is a bear and you've got to grin and bear it."

Funeral Services will be held Saturday, June 10th, at 10:00 am, at the LDS Church located at 828 West 1600 North, Orem, Utah, where a Visitation will be held prior from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Interment and Military Honors to follow in Orem City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to your favorite charity in his memory.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Orem City Cemetery

1520 North 800 East
Orem, UT, 84097

Events

JUN **Visitation** 09:00AM - 09:30AM

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Orem LDS Church
828 West 1600 North, Orem, UT, US

JUN **Funeral Service** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Comments



“ When Larry and my husband George would get together, they would always be tenderhearted and shed tears. They got along well and enjoyed each other's company. You'll be missed.

Charlotte Huefner

Janice Peterson - July 06, 2017 at 04:22 PM



“ Mr. Lires...so many memories flooding to my mind from childhood with Lori. I always felt warmth in your home. ...rest well. Renee' and the Lucas family



Renee - June 11, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ What a wonderful blessing of a man! I love you, Uncle Larry. You will most certainly be missed by ALL who knew you. Love your niece, Leah...

Leah Dawn Castro - June 09, 2017 at 12:04 AM