



## Lawrence Wayne Yard

April 27, 1941 - April 1, 2017

'Lawrence Wayne" Larry Yard was born April 27, 1941, at Barkeyville, Pennsylvania, to Alton Wayne and Grace Rainey Yard. He died Saturday, April 1, 2017, in Claremore, Oklahoma, at the age of 75 years. Larry was reared and educated in Clintonville, Pennsylvania, and graduated with the Victory Joint High School Class of 1960. He married his high school sweetheart September 22, 1962, in Clintonville, Pennsylvania, Wilda Eileen Johnson. They had made their home in Skiatook, Oklahoma, from 1968 to 1995, before moving to their lake home at Oologah Lake. Larry continued his education at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He spent most of his working life with American Airlines as an instrument mechanic until his retirement in 2001. He was a member of the Transport Workers Union Local #514. Larry and Wilda enjoyed retirement living together traveling in their RV spending summers in Pennsylvania and winters in Florida. He loved to sit outside his home enjoying his lake view watching the birds, visiting his family, and drinking his favorite drink, Pepsi. He was an avid NASCAR fan and was especially fond of corvettes. He will be missed by his loving family who hold many cherished memories, including: His wife of over 54 years; Wilda, of the home Two daughters and sons-in-law; Angie and Scott Hamel, of Claremore, Oklahoma Jennifer and Dan Goran, of Owasso, Oklahoma Grandchildren; Sarah and Emily Goran, and Cameron and MacKenzie Hamel Sister; Sylvia Michel and husband Ken, of Lakeland, Florida Brother; Bill Yard and wife Anabell, of Franklin, Pennsylvania Two sisters-in-law; Lucille Keith, of

Beaumont, Texas Mary Lou Sloan, of Franklin, PennsylvaniaHe was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Grace Yard Funeral service will be held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the Mowery Funeral Service Chapel in Owasso with Pastor Leonard Pirtle officiating. Private family disposition will be held at a later date in Barkeyville, Pennsylvania. The family requests memorial contributions be made in Larry's memory to John 3:16 Mission, 506 North Cheyenne Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74103. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.[www.moweryfs.com](http://www.moweryfs.com)

# Tribute Wall

JV

“ *I remember being excited when he was coming to PA for a visit. He was a great storyteller and so funny. He always seemed to bring us all together. A great uncle. ’*

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**Jeff Vogus** - April 13, 2017 at 12:45 AM

JV

“ *I'll sure miss Uncle Larry. Never seemed to take things too seriously, got me hooked as a little kid riding in his '58 Corvette, fun-loving & easy-going. Always ready to help family. Despite the distance, it always felt like Uncle Larry was right there. ’*

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**Jim Vogus** - April 12, 2017 at 01:29 AM

AD

“ *I was sorry to hear about the passing of Larry. I've known him since I was a child growing up in the same church as his girls. I will be praying for you during this difficult time. ’*

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**Alisa (Cole) Davenport** - April 05, 2017 at 01:25 PM

BC

“ *Willie and Family we were so sad to hear about Larry. Though we know he is in a better place we still miss him. Our memories of the winters at LeLynn playing "left right center" and watching Frozen together will comfort us. \r\nSome people come into our lives for just a season but are unforgettable,,,,,he was that. ’*

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**Becki Cleveland** - April 04, 2017 at 11:56 PM

BC

“ ‘The first contact I had with Larry was when he was teaching a soldering class. I knew then he was one fine man. The country lost one fine citizen. ’

Ben Cardenas - April 04, 2017 at 10:37 PM

BW

“ ‘Great guy. Always remember "flame away" \r\nThoughts and prayers for the family'

Bill Witt - April 04, 2017 at 12:31 AM

CG

“ ‘Larry"s family, so sorry to hear of Larry"s passing, he was an asset to all who worked with him. I hope the memories and our Creator give you comfort at this time.'

Charlie Gann - April 03, 2017 at 06:51 PM

WF

“ ‘sorry for your lose'

William Fell - April 03, 2017 at 03:30 PM

SD

“ ‘Larry was more than a friend, he is family and will be missed'

Scott Delk - April 03, 2017 at 12:06 AM