



Larry Wilton Ellison

February 10, 2016

Larry Wilton Ellison, age 73 passed away February 10, 2016 in Sevierville, Tennessee. Larry was born to Emory Wilton and Sarah Ruth Ellison on February 10, 1943 in Canton, Georgia, a sixth generation descendent from Cherokee County. Larry was a 1961 graduate from South Cobb High School in Austell, Ga. who played 1st Tackle for the South Cobb Blue Eagles. He was an Explorer Scout who went on to become Scout Master of Troop 478 in Marietta, Ga. Larry began his career as an Industrial Radiographer with Law Engineering of Atlanta in 1962 covering the Knoxville and East Tennessee region. He joined the Lockheed Aeronautical Corporation's Marietta facility in 1966 completing 33 years of service as a Non-Destructive Test Inspector. His inspection assignments included tours to Saudi Arabia and Sudan, Africa as a Lockheed Technical Representative assisting both the Saudi and Sudanese Royal Air Force with inspection requirements for their C-130 Aircraft fleets. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 1999, and upon the retirement of his wife Debbie, they moved to the Walton Creek area of Sevierville, Tennessee. They moved to be near the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, which he came to love through his years in scouting.

Larry was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elijah and Verna Ellison, Carl and Nina Darnell Harbin; step grandmother, Mae Sewell of the Sixes and Avery communities in Cherokee County; his father, Emory Wilton Ellison; uncles, Dan Ellison, Frank, Ed and Bob Harbin.

He is survived by his mother, Sarah Ruth Ellison; his wife of 35 years, Deborah Ellison; son, Jeff Ellison; daughter, Lisa Lutz and husband Mike; grandchildren, Ashley and Kelsey Lutz; great grandchildren, Kaleb and Kilee Fischer, Lilly Lutz; former wife, Nancy Brown; sister, Susan Gresham and husband Richard; nieces and nephew, Michelle Sewani and husband Rehman, Mark Gresham and wife Karen, Melanie Gresham; aunts Evelyn and Lanette Harbin, Louise Holtzclaw and husband W.J. (Junior); along with many loved grand nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family, including Jennifer and Paul Gentile and his Lockheed family of friends.

A Memorial Service will be held in Larry's honor on February 20, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Davis-Struempf Funeral Home officiated by Bishop William A. Allen. Family visitation will be held from 10:00 – 11:00 AM just prior to the Celebration of Life ceremony.

Per his wishes, Larry was cremated and his ashes will be scattered in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Friends of the Smokies, P.O. Box 1660, Kodak, TN 37764. Online condolences can be made at www.davisstruempf.com Funeral Arrangements made by Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory 1975 East-West Connector, Austell, Georgia 30106

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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FEB **Memorial Services** 11:00AM

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Davis-Struempf Chapel

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - February 19, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ Love this picture!

Susan - February 19, 2016 at 10:14 PM



“ May God continue to comfort you all as only He can during this most difficult time. He was obviously an amazing man and loved by both family and friends and will be missed by all that were fortunate enough to have loved him. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Dianne Voss - February 22, 2016 at 03:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Wilton Ellison.



February 19, 2016 at 06:29 PM



“ 59 files added to the album LifeTributes



Davis-Struempf Funeral Home & Crematory - February 19, 2016 at 12:59 PM



“ Sincerely, DCMA C-130 QA Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry Wilton Ellison.



Sincerely, DCMA C-130 QA Team - February 19, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ My uncle Larry was such a sweet gentle soul. He had the sweetest smile and the best head of hair in the family! He was quite the prankster and we will certainly miss what he had up his sleeve next. He will be deeply missed but I know we will see him again and that gives me peace.

Michelle Sewani - February 17, 2016 at 05:39 PM



“ What can a little sister say about her big brother?He was always my hero.We had the best childhood.I was always so proud of all his accomplishments,he was in scouts,played high school football.but most of all,he taught his little sister how to drive,at the age of twelve!! have so many wonderful memories,because you're big brother is you're first real friend.

susan gresham - February 17, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ I remember when I was 7yrs old, we were at grandmother & paw paws house on Thanksgiving day. All the kids were out back playing horse shoes, and I didn't want to because I was embarrassed cause I couldn't do it right. Uncle Larry was sitting on the carport, so I asked him if he would play hide n go seek with me. We went in the house, and he went to go hide. I looked the whole house over, and couldn't find him, so I told my mom he just disappeared. Maybe 20 minutes later, after we had looked outside for him, we heard loud banging coming from my grandmother's bedroom. To make a long story short, he had somehow locked himself in her bedroom closet, and couldn't get out. Needless to say, our game of hide n go seek was over. I'll never forget that. He was trying to make me feel better, and ended up locked in the closet for quite a while. I have many great memories of my uncle Larry, and my heart breaks all over again each time I think of him. The only comfort is knowing that we will meet again, and the next time, he won't be trapped in grandmothers closet if we decide we want to play hide n go seek.

Melanie Gresham - February 17, 2016 at 01:49 PM