



## Larry Nelson Richards

May 27, 2015

Larry Nelson Richards, age 65, of Front Royal, Virginia, passed away Memorial Day, May 25, 2015, at Winchester Medical Center. He is survived by his dad, Clifford A. Richards and wife Betty, his twin brother, Garry W. Richards and wife Barbara, brothers R. Keith Richards and wife Lillian, and Jimmy L. Richards and wife LeLane. He is also survived by his beloved nieces and nephews, Melanie Richards, Brian Richards, Mark Richards, Adam Richards and Rachel Sandkuhler, his godson, Callum Little, and seven great nieces and nephews. Additionally he is survived by his step-sister, Karen F. Estep, and step-brothers, David, Mike and Jeff Funkhouser and his nieces, Amy, Christy, Joni and Nikki. He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna L. Richards, and by an infant brother, Daniel Pettigrew Richards. Larry lived and grew up in Edinburg, Virginia, where he attended Central High School through his sophomore year. He moved with his family to Vienna, Virginia, where he graduated from James Madison High School, in 1968. He worked for United Airlines for approximately twenty years, where he held various positions and became friends with many employees at Dulles International Airport. Larry never met a person he didn't befriend. He loved to travel all over the world, especially with his friends and "the niece", Melanie. He loved his annual vacations with Melanie and the rest of Keith's family at Lost River State Park in West Virginia. Everyone Larry met became "family" to him. No matter the occasion, be it holidays, birthday parties, weddings or a sad event, Larry was always there with his family and friends, showing his love and support.

He loved life, his family, and his friends with all of his heart. There will be a celebration of Larry's life to be announced at a later date. It is to be held at one of Larry's favorite places, the farm of his friends, Bill and Suellen Stroud, along the Shenandoah River in Front Royal, Virginia. All of Larry's family, friends and loved ones are invited to attend this celebration of Larry and his love for life.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“ I cannot say, and I will not say That he is dead. He is just away.  
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand, He has wandered into  
an unknown land And left us dreaming how very fair It needs must  
be, since he lingers there. And you-oh you, who the wildest yearn  
For an old-time step, and the glad return, Think of him faring on, as  
dear In the love of There as the love of Here. Think of him still as  
the same. I say, He is not dead-he is just away.” ? James Whitcomb  
Riley

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**Rhonda Paxton** - May 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ We will miss you my friend at our annual Thanksgiving get together.  
You have been a great friend to me. I will miss you so much, my  
heart is so sad. My prayers to your family. I will always love you. I  
know you re in heaven!

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**Millie and Wayne** - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ We are so sad to hear of Larry's passing. Many happy memories  
come to mind of gatherings at the farm in Edinburg, swims down at  
the river at "Mike's swimmin' hole,"and Larry's bright, easy smile  
and fun, caring way. We know he will be greatly missed by his  
family and friends. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the  
days ahead, and we join with you in celebrating his precious life.  
Blessings and caring, Becky & Barry

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**Becky and Barry Fadely** - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MZ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. We've lost a great friend. such a nice guy.

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**Mark Zabiegalski** - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I have always enjoyed the times at LR on and off the softball field at LR with Larry. It saddens me to know that our LR "family" has lost another member. Our thoughts and prayers have been with Larry and his family since we learned of his condition and we will continue to pray for his family in the times ahead. We love you all!

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**JS & Jeanie Martin** - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ To all of Larry's family, Our hearts go out to you in the loss of this special person, known to us as "Uncle Larry from Lost River." In fact, someone overheard me talking about him and they were very puzzled, saying , "I didn't know you had an uncle named Larry." But such is our Lost River Family. There will certainly be an emptiness during the last full week of July. We are praying for the Lord to grant you His strength, His comfort, His peace along with many good memories in the days to come. Much love, Mike and Debby Walsh

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**Mike and Debby Walsh** - May 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM