



John Fite Larkin

October 16, 1946 - January 1, 2021

John Fite Larkin, age 74, passed-away peacefully at his home in Winchester, Tennessee on January 1st, 2021. He was born at home in Huntland, Tennessee on October 16, 1946 to Lemuel Augustus (Gus) Larkin and Ruth Hall Larkin who resided in Lexie Crossroads, TN at the Caney Hollow family farm in a very loving home surrounded by music and laughter. He was lovingly known as “John Fite” by his parents and siblings.

John spent most of his childhood in Franklin County, TN. He graduated from Huntland High School in 1964. He attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN and graduated in 1968. John was active-duty Army from May 1969-October 1969 where he was stationed at Ft. Knox, KY & Ft. Gordon, GA. He then joined the U. S. Army Reserve where he was stationed in Clarkesville, TN.

John was employed by Sears, Roebuck as a corporate employee for 32 years. In that capacity, he worked in Sears Service, ending his career as Parts and Service manager over the Southeast United States for 10 years. John never met a stranger. In fact, after taking a personality test early in his career, Sears said, “Nobody likes people that much” so they put him in the service end of the corporation.

John’s career gave him the opportunity to live in many different cities, Clarksville, TN; Dothan, AL; Richmond, VA; Yorktown, VA; Annapolis, MD and Memphis, TN (Germantown). His girls got a history and geography education just by moving so much. After retiring, John moved back to his beloved Franklin County, TN. There he was employed by Winchester Utility System for several years.

He was predeceased by his parents, Gus and Ruth Larkin of Winchester, TN and his older brothers, Nelson Larkin of Nashville, TN and James Ronald (Ron) Larkin of Huntsville, AL. He is survived by younger sister, Betty (Ken) Wood of Rossville, GA, younger brother, William T. (Billy) of Winchester, TN, two daughters Laura Larkin (David) of Birmingham, Alabama, and Virginia (Ginny) Larkin Szalay (David) of Germantown, Tennessee and his loving companion of many years Peggy Stevens of Winchester, TN and her daughter Andrea Bennett Punke (Noah) of Murfreesboro, TN. He is also survived by several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

John’s grandchildren liked to call him Papa John because he often answered his phone Papa John’s. John was a meticulous gardener, keeping his lawn in a very specific order.

He was an avid Volunteer fan, never to be seen without some form of Orange around town and in his home.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date, when it is safe to gather, in Pensacola Beach, Florida per his request. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Cancer Society.

Please visit our website at www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com to leave online condolences. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Tribute Wall



“ *John Fite Larkin*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM

BC

“ *I worked with John for many years at Sears. His smile was infectious and his work ethic and dedication were outstanding. I had the pleasure along with another coworker of meeting his parents and brother Billy. John was also the life of the party. I know he will be missed. My condolences to his family . Brenda C*

Brenda Carlson - January 22, 2021 at 11:07 PM

BH

“ *Beloved family--Ron, Betty, and Bill. Your family took me in and validated that joy bloomed when a family played together, and that's what the Larkin house held. My beloveds left--Caney Hollow was my refuge. I'd written an amateur song once, and you all made me sing it. "Johnny," said as I blushed and finished; "I couldn't have written a song that good," so that was part of a girl's beginning to see a world which was larger. Betty Ruth--Send me your email. Just allow Johnny's soul to fly, and he'll tap Mr. Gus and Mrs. Ruth on the shoulder, give a smile, and ask, "May I have the next dance?" So much love, Barbara Everett Heintz*

Barbara E. Heintz - January 09, 2021 at 01:43 AM

RS

“ *I went to school with John Fite. We had lots of fun together. He will be missed by family and friends. God bless the family.*

Rita Schultz Schibi - January 07, 2021 at 07:52 PM

LH

“ *I went to school and graduated with him at Huntland High School. Johnny Fite was a very good person and very handsome. His family is in my prayers. Linda Stovall Holliday*



Linda Holliday - January 07, 2021 at 03:59 PM