



## Lawrence Eugene Sizemore

November 1, 2018

Lawrence “Larry” Eugene Sizemore, of Fort Collins, Colorado, unexpectedly passed away from heart failure on November 1st, 2018. He was 70 years old.

A memorial service is scheduled for 1:00 pm at Faith Church on 3920 South Shields Street, Fort Collins, Colorado 80526 with a reception to follow. Pastor Charlie Sandberg will officiate the ceremony. All are warmly invited to attend and celebrate Larry's life. Flowers are welcome; condolences and contributions may also be sent to Lynda Sizemore at 700 East Drake Road #H2 Fort Collins, CO 80525. The family would like to thank members of Faith Church and Goes Funeral Care for their kind assistance during this time.

Born April 12th, 1948 to the late Katherine Ann Byrd Sizemore and Berkeley John Sizemore, Lawrence “Larry” Eugene Sizemore grew up in Huntington, West Virginia with his two brothers, Ronald B. and George “Chuck” Charles. He graduated from Barboursville High School in 1966, and served his country as a staff sergeant in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He married his high school sweetheart, Lynda Gail Burgess of Barboursville, West Virginia on June 14th, 1968; attended business school at Marshall University, and over a span of ten years became the proud father of three children: Laura, Larry, and Leslie. In 1983, seeking better financial opportunities, he moved his young family to Fort Collins, Colorado. For the next decade, Larry worked hard at various jobs to put food on the table, but he

finally hit his stride as a private investigator – a profession he admired from childhood.

Larry made a distinct and lasting impression on every person he met. For him, life was always a series of adventures and his unique sense of humor lifted many a heart. In addition to the joys of being a husband and father, he enjoyed singing, photography, radio plays, a good mystery story, watching classic movies, home computing, attending men's meeting at church, and above all assisting others in need.

Although in the last couple years he struggled with blindness and other complications brought on by type 2 diabetes, he took on the challenge of re-learning basic life skills and becoming more comfortable with relying on others – including his beautiful guide dog, Garnet – for support.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his youngest brother, Chuck, and is survived by his wife and soulmate of 50 years, Lynda Gail Burgess Sizemore, his daughter Laura Gennae Young and son-in-law Chad Louis Young of Fort Collins, Colorado; his son Lawrence Eugene Sizemore II, grandsons Lawson Eugene Sizemore, Kayden James Sizemore, and granddaughter Lillian Eloise Sizemore of Fort Collins, Colorado; his daughter Leslie Grace Stoops and son-in-law Christopher Eugene Stoops, granddaughter Taylor Lynn Stoops, grandson Cameron Christopher Stoops, and grandson Ryan Matthew Stoops of Parker, Colorado; and his eldest brother Ronald B. Sizemore, his sister-in-law Brenda Sizemore of Huntington, West Virginia; niece Teresa Gail Coogler, niece Johnna Rennae Gaunch, nephew Ronald B. Sizemore II and their respective families.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **12**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Faith Church  
3920 S Shields Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80526

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence Eugene Sizemore*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I was in chemistry class with Laura. I recall that he made a very funny video about how chemistry wasn't the chemistry between boys and girls! 😊*

**Kristin Martin** - November 11, 2018 at 12:44 AM



“ *Oh my, Larry, you will always be in my thoughts - loss touch with you when we went to different high schools - but so happy that we reconnected on Face Book - you are now with our Lord that you loved so well. Your sense of humor and love will be missed by us all! I would never put RIP - because I know you are in Heaven enjoying all that God has promised those that love HIM and believe in our Christ! I miss you so much! See you one of these days!!! I will think of you often - when I see a joke - I know I will think gosh, Larry you would have loved this one!! Prayers for you Lynda - who stole his heart from the first glance!!*

**Linda Bryant** - November 10, 2018 at 09:05 AM



*What you said Linda about the first glance was true. It was true love at first sight on 6/14/1965 🇺🇸❤️🇺🇸*

**Lynda G Sizemore** - July 24, 2021 at 11:02 PM

OA

“ We haven't seen each other for 25 years, but I remember Larry always. Such energy, humor and lots of other little things that made him a great man in my memory. It was my first visit to USA as an exchange student and that month in your family was something to remember forever. Once Larry brought a beautiful box of red roses (a dozen I think) for Lynda, a great gesture. And a dinner he made with soybean sprouts that I've never seen before - he tried to scare me and said they were worms 🤢. I almost believed it ... And my keys are still hanging on the key ring with his detective agency ad that he gave me 25 years ago. Larry, you will always be my far away dad, my second family!

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**Olga Audring** - November 10, 2018 at 04:52 AM

LS

Thank you sweet Olga for the kind words. We will love and remember you forever!❤️

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**Lynda Sizemore** - December 07, 2018 at 09:55 AM

 Roger Goodman

“ My friendship with Larry began on Facebook several years ago. I asked him if he was related to a classmate of mine from HEHS class of 1966, Roger Sizemore. He said, "no, but I know his mother." That exchange began our friendship. I have been blessed exchanging many messages with Larry. It was evident from the beginning that Larry loved the Lord, and he used every opportunity available on Facebook to share the Lord's words. I have been encouraged by his steadfast obedience to the Lord. Along with that, he shared his progress during his blindness and his accomplishments with his schooling. He so loved his wife and helpmate, Lynda, so very much. My prayers are with Lynda and family as they attend to family business and plan on the celebration of life memories with family and friends. God bless all of you.

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**Roger Goodman** - November 10, 2018 at 03:05 AM

LS

*Thank you for your kind words, Roger. Larry always tried his best to be of service to anyone he met.*

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**Lynda G. Burgess Sizemore** - November 12, 2018 at 03:48 AM

TB

“ *Tamara Baeighley lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Eugene Sizemore*



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**Tamara Baeighley** - November 09, 2018 at 02:46 PM

TB

“ *I was so pleased when the Sizemore's moved to the same area of town as my family. I was over at their house frequently and Mr. Sizemore always made me laugh. One year, the week before Halloween, he put a scarecrow on their front porch in their rocking chair. On Halloween itself he dressed up like the scarecrow and took its place and jumped up to scare kids trick-or-treating. His humor has brought a smile to my face since I met him.*

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**Tamara Baeighley** - November 09, 2018 at 02:45 PM

AH

*I was a classmate with Larry and had several classes with him. We had Ms Goodman for English as juniors and seniors. He stayed in trouble with her most of the time by asking questions everyone knew the answers too..*

*At the 10 year Reunion she was present as a guest. While taking a group photo he screamed out that no one could see him in the back row.*

*She stopped everything and had him come to the front. She told him to LAY DOWN so everyone could see him.*

*He was always the life of the Party!*

*During the last two Reunions , 45 and 50, he was having problems with his vision. I asked if there was anything I could do for him. He thanked me and said his beautiful wife was already trained to do that.*

*The last time I saw him he was laughing. He seemed to always be laughing in the 55 years I have known him.*

***I JUST KNOW HE IS DOING THE SAME THINGS ON THE STREETS OF GOLD!***

*Lynda, You have my sympathy.*

*You have my number if there is anything I can do for you in WEST VIRGINIA!*

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**Al Harshbarger** - November 09, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Eugene Sizemore.



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November 08, 2018 at 03:39 PM

PE

“ Lynda, I wish you and your family all the best during this difficult time. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. Now for a memory of Larry. We grew up together in Altizer. Those were some great times. Larry’s family were one of the first to get a color TV when they first came on the market. None of our other friends in the neighborhood had one. Larry took us to his house and we only got to look at it from the outside of their window. I guess he had gotten on his parents nerves bringing too many kids around. It was a small round screen but it was amazing to see. I have thought about him constantly since I got the bad news.

Sincerely,

Pat Estep (One of Larry’s many childhood friends and BHS Class of ‘66.)

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**Pat Estep** - November 07, 2018 at 07:17 PM

LS

Thank you Pat. I remember you from BHS, and please do keep in touch with me.

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**Lynda G. Burgess Sizemore** - November 09, 2018 at 09:51 AM

JC

“ Larry was a unique addition to the Fort Collins Business Network as a Private Investigator. He provided insight into the mystery surrounding this profession, debunking the glamor of the silver screen. He shared some techniques that benefited many in the network. I am sorry to hear of Larry's passing and offer condolences to his friends and family. He will be missed.

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**Jim Chudd** - November 07, 2018 at 07:05 PM