



Lawrence Fredrick Nicholas Jr

August 17, 1941 - April 4, 2021

Larry Nicholas was born in Englewood, Colorado on August 17, 1941 to Lawrence and Lola Nicholas. He grew up with four sisters, Donna, Renay, Linda and Marilyn, all whom he loved to tease to death. He is survived by his loving wife Patti, his sister Linda, son Nick Nicholas (Teresa), Cindy Mixon (David) and Kelly Nicholas (Tammy). He had all grand-daughters, CJ, Kayla, Nicole and Darby, and one great grand-son, Levi, along with many nieces and nephews.

He went into the Navy in 1960. When he came home, he went to work for Great Western Sugar Company in 1964. That same year he met the love of his life Patti and married her on December 18, 1964. The next year they welcomed their first son Lawrence (Nickie/Nick) into their family. He started working for Meadow Gold Dairy that same year. Four years later Cindra (Cindy/Sis), at the age of 10 weeks became their daughter. Their family was completed only 11 months later with the arrival of Kelly (Figgy/Kel), nine kids short of the 12 he wanted. As you have noticed the family all have nicknames. If you were ever around Larry and Patti, you would have heard them call each other "Pitty" and "Poopus." On the weekends you would find Larry behind the wheel of a bright yellow race car at the Englewood Speedway or under the hood of a car with his pit crew, Pitty and the kids. He loved to take his family camping and four-wheel driving. One of the family's many four-wheeling adventures was Larry driving their motor home over Rollins Pass. Another time he drove a 2-wheel drive pickup with the family in tow, over Black Bear Road with the whole town of Telluride watching as they came down the mountain. When they made it to the bottom, the town's people could not believe that someone was crazy enough to attempt it in a 2-wheel drive truck. He loved to scare Pitty on their four-wheeling adventures. Mission accomplished!

Patty began studying with Jehovah's Witnesses in 1976 and was baptized in 1977. Patty and her brother Gary would sit at the kitchen table discussing what they were learning from their studies of the Bible. Little did they know that Larry was listening to them from another room. He began studying and later confided with his Bible teacher that he never doubted what he heard them discussing was the truth. He was baptized April 23, 1978.

Shortly after his baptism, the family moved to Summit County where he was appointed as a ministerial servant. They then moved to California for four years but moved back to Summit County where he was appointed as an elder in 1990. From that time on he served as an elder in Val Verde, Las Animas and La Junta congregations until his death. He joined his wife in the full-time service in the Las Animas congregation in 2004 and continued pioneering in La Junta until his health no longer allowed him to do so.

Larry and Patty dedicated their lives to serving Jehovah. They offered themselves willingly and received many privileges, such as: working on the new branch facilities in the Bahama's, working in oversight on set-up and tear-down on Kingdom Hall projects for the RBC, disaster relief work in New Orleans, and in the Purchasing Department for the Aurora Assembly Hall. He had the unique privilege of teaching inmates in the correctional facility in Las Animas. When his health no longer allowed him to continue to teach them, they all wrote a letter to him saying how much they appreciated what he taught them from the Bible and how much they would miss him.

Because of being such a gentle man, children were drawn to him. In fact, many of the brothers and sisters referred to him as a gentle giant. He loved the friends and always called them "Sweetheart." Because of his obedience to Jehovah and loyally following His organization, this made him truly a faithful servant of Jehovah. He was the kind of brother that if he would tease you, he loved you very much. He never meant any harm. As a faithful servant of Jehovah, a loving husband, father and friend, he will be dearly missed. We all look forward to seeing him again in the promised new world with him saying his well-known phrase, "That's Terrific!"

Memorial Service Program for Lawrence "Larry" Nicholas

Chairman: Les Fellows

Opening Prayer: Dan Knaus

Obituary Reading: Larry Sapp

Memorial Talk: George Eiding

Chairman: Les Fellows-Shares message from family

Closing Song: 151

Closing Prayer: Joe Montoya

Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Fredrick Nicholas Jr.



April 18 at 07:59 PM



“ Patti and family you are all in our thoughts and prayers. We are so blessed to have had both of you and by extension sis and David and Kelly and Tammi in our lives. We will truly miss Larry. He was such a special brother and friend. We look forward to saying hi as he gets off the "sleeping train".
all our love to all of you
Fred and Ivanel Vigil

ivanel m. vigil - April 18 at 07:10 PM



“ pattyand family just wanted to say all my love goes to you and your family that iam so glad to have had the priviledge to know larry as he was one one my favorite elders and i hopeto see him soon i will miss him terribly.He was areal fun person.

maria martinez - April 18 at 02:31 PM



“ Dear Patty, we are with you in heart! Larry was such a wonderful and kind elder whose zeal for the ministry was an example to us all. What a faithful and dear brother. I hope I can be there to welcome him in the new system and serve with you both forever. Much love to you and your family.



Jennifer Ritter - April 18 at 01:52 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Lawrence Fredrick Nicholas Jr.



April 16 at 08:49 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lawrence Fredrick Nicholas Jr.



April 16 at 08:09 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Fredrick Nicholas Jr.



April 15 at 07:38 PM



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Cindy - April 15 at 11:39 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Carma Lepinske - April 14 at 01:30 PM



“ Baptism days for Fred and Carma Lepinske. 1992 & 1993

Carma Lepinske - April 14 at 02:06 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Fredrick Nicholas Jr.



April 13 at 09:02 PM



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A Better Place Funeral & Cremation - April 13 at 03:42 PM



“ I am one of Larry's nieces Jessie...He loved to pile all of the kids into an rv and take us on adventures through the mountains! One time I remember we were all piled in the motorbike and he suddenly stopped right in the middle of the road and yelled for all of the kids to get out! We all got out and he lead us around the front of the vehicle only to watch all of us TOTALLY FREAK OUT because there was a huge snake in the middle of the road! He of course laughed out loud then proceeded to sandwich all of us back into the rv....He always treated each one of us like we were so special, he was the epitome of a “gentle giant” and I will miss him so very much

Jessica Woods - April 13 at 01:24 PM



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