



Larry J. Austin

August 19, 1951 - April 30, 2025

The family of Larry Joseph Austin announces his passing on April 30, 2025 at the age of 73. Larry was born in New Castle, IN to Francis and June (Ross) Austin. He grew up in Fountain City, IN and graduated from Northeastern High School in 1969. He met his future wife, Brenda (Miller) Austin on a blind date in 1969 and told her he loved her three weeks later. The couple wed on November 28, 1970. Larry started working at a young age, helping his uncle on his farm and doing a local newspaper route. At the age of 18, he started his job at Meyer Manufacturing in Lynn, IN. At 21, he took a job at NATCO in Richmond, IN where he worked with his father and started his career as a machinist. Larry stayed in the machinist trade working at Delaware Machine & Tool in Muncie, IN, Boston Tool in Richmond, IN, Rector Engineering in New Castle, IN, Magna Machine & Tool in Messick, IN, and Metaldyne in New Castle, IN. Following Metaldyne's closure, Larry took a job at Really Cool Foods in Cambridge City, IN where he worked in the Kettle Room and Oven Room. Following Really Cool Foods' closure, Larry went back to machining and worked at H & H Design and Tool in Economy, IN until his passing. He always stayed busy outside of work and one of his favorite things to do was to mow his lawn and many others. He enjoyed working outside at his home and was always willing to lend a hand whenever needed. Larry's other past times included flying model airplanes, which was a love from his youth. He was a founding member of the Hagerstown model airplane club and made many friends when he was flying out at the Hagerstown Airport. Larry also enjoyed

traveling and spending time camping with his family, with some of the favorite destinations being Gettysburg, PA, Gatlinburg, TN and Davenport, FL where his in-laws had a winter home. He never met a stranger and his family had the saying "Dad has a new best friend" whenever he would strike up a conversation with someone. He also enjoyed spending time with his horses, and never met an animal he didn't like until squirrels got inside his camper. For most of his life, Larry attended, and was a member of, the White Branch Church near Hagerstown. Larry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda (Miller) Austin, his daughter, Amy (Austin) Ryan, husband Patrick Ryan, his sons, Dale Austin and Darin Austin, his Brother Rex (Suzanne) Austin and his faithful dog, Molly. Larry was preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Austin, his father, Francis Austin, his mother June (Ross) Austin, and his father-in-law Charles Miller. Visitation will be Thursday, May 8th from 5:00 - 8:00pm at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown, IN. Services will be held Friday, May 9th at 10:30am, at White Branch Church of the Brethren, with visitation starting at 9:30am. Larry will be interred at the Brick Cemetery in Hagerstown. Memorials may be made to White Branch Church of the Brethren.

Cemetery Details

Brick Cemetery

5352 N. Brick Church Rd.
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Culberson Funeral Home - Hagerstown
51 South Washington Street
Hagerstown, IN 47346
(765) 489-5511
info@culbersonfh.com
<https://www.culbersonfh.com/>

Service

MAY 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

White Branch Church
2044 N. CR 900 E
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry J. Austin*



Culberson Funeral Home - May 06, 2025 at 05:29 PM

CM

“ *Chase & Kristen McCombs, purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Larry J. Austin.*



Chase & Kristen McCombs, - May 07, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Austin.*

May 06, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Larry J. Austin.*



May 06, 2025 at 07:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Austin.

May 06, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Larry J. Austin.



May 06, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ 100 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Culberson Funeral Home - May 06, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Larry J. Austin.



May 06, 2025 at 04:23 PM

RH

“ Larry stands out as one of the nicest guys I've ever known. My heartfelt prayers and sympathies to Brenda and family.



Rena Holcomb - May 04, 2025 at 11:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry J. Austin.

May 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Larry J. Austin.



May 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM

KS

“ Kathy Sager lit a candle in memory of Larry J. Austin



Kathy Sager - May 03, 2025 at 01:22 AM

KS

I remember Larry coming into Gas America and he was always smiling. He was very friendly.

Kathy Sager - May 03, 2025 at 01:24 AM

MV

*Larry, I loved your sense of humor, your ready smile.
I respected the life you chose, the path you followed.
Your kindness and quiet wisdom.
Model planes you built and flew since childhood, a memory with your father.
Animals trusted you and knew you as a friend.
Your family is a tribute to the man you were and they will care for one another as you cared for them.
Dear cousin, thank you for the memories.
With love and respect.
Mary Jo*

mary Jo Vanwinkle - May 07, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ *Diane Moore lit a candle in memory of Larry J. Austin*



Diane Moore - May 02, 2025 at 08:09 PM

CO

“ *Cody, Lorraine, Emma, and Olivia purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Larry J. Austin.*



Cody, Lorraine, Emma, and Olivia - May 02, 2025 at 06:08 PM