



Larry K. Riggins

February 28, 1936 - February 21, 2016

The world lost one of the gentlest souls on Sunday morning, February 21, 2016. Larry K. Riggins, 79, passed away at Witham Memorial Hospital in Lebanon. He was born on February 28, 1936 in Thorntown, Indiana, the son of the late Vane “Scottie” Riggins and Dorothy K. (Kinkaid) Riggins Merz.

A lifelong resident of Boone County, Larry was raised on a farm near Thorntown. Having been an exceptional basketball player, he was recruited by the Lebanon High School Basketball coaches and graduated from Lebanon High School with the class of 1954. Following high school, he attended Purdue University. In 1958, Larry enlisted in the United States Army and served his country honorably from 1958 – 1964.

On December 4, 1972, he was married to Dwen E. (McDaniel) Riggins in Gallatin, Tennessee; she survives.

Prior to entering college, Larry farmed with his father and worked part-time for the Highline Railroad. From 1957 to 1968, he went to work for Rock Island Refinery. Larry then left the refinery to farm full-time. In 1970, he worked for Stewart Construction until he left in 1975 when he began his career at Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors in Indianapolis, retiring in 1995.

He was a lifelong member of the Thorntown Presbyterian Church where he

served many years as elder. After moving to Lebanon 13 years ago, he and Dwen became members of the First Baptist Church. Larry also held memberships with the Elks Club, American Legion, and Eagles Club, all of Lebanon.

He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and a great friend to many. He took great pride in his lawn and was envied by many for having the most beautiful, manicured lawn around. Larry was a fierce IU Basketball fan and a big supporter of Bobby Knight. He enjoyed golf as well. He loved life on every level with his wife, best friend, and soul mate, Dwenie. A kind human being, Larry contributed to many acts of kindness that no one ever knew about and was always willing to help others.

Memorial Services are planned for 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2016, at the First Baptist Church, 207 East Washington Street, in Lebanon, Indiana with Rev. David Wright, officiating.

No Visitation is planned

Interment will take place at a later date at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Thorntown.

Myers Mortuary, 1502 North Lebanon Street, in Lebanon, Indiana has been entrusted with his arrangements.

Survivors:

Wife:

Dwen E. Riggins – Lebanon, Indiana

Three Children:

Scott M. Riggins and wife, Hendrijke – Würzburg, Germany

Shari Riggins – Lebanon, Indiana

Troy Portish – Lebanon, Indiana

Three Grandchildren:

Kandy Shoffner and husband, Kevin – Noblesville, Indiana

Daniel J. Riggins – Würzburg, Germany

Jordan L. Riggins – Lebanon, Indiana

Three Great Grandchildren:

Morgan, Sydney, and Brady Shoffner

Brother-in-law:

Toby McDaniel – Illinois

Niece:

Mindy McDaniel Phlugi and husband, Joerg – Switzerland

Great Nephew:

Finnegan Phlugi – Switzerland

Larry also leaves behind his constant furry companion Cocoa.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his sister, Judith A. Riggins, his uncle, Robert Kinkaid and a sister-in-law, Sharon McDaniel.

Memorials: Humane Society for Boone County

Post Office Box 708

Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Or

Boone County Cancer Society

117 West Elm Street

Lebanon, Indiana 46052

Previous Events

Service

FEB **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church
207 East Washington Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry K. Riggins*

November 27, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Regina Hughes-Garner sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry K. Riggins*



Regina Hughes-Garner - March 01, 2016 at 11:05 PM



“ *Twylamay Hash lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins*



Twylamay Hash - February 25, 2016 at 06:26 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. LARRY WAS A NICE MAN AND WILL BE MISSED. LES AND JANET RODGERS*

Janet Rodgers - February 25, 2016 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry K. Riggins.*



February 25, 2016 at 02:12 PM



“ *Condolences from Steve Caldwell, Joyce Shockley, Brenda Lesperance & family.*

Steve Caldwell - February 25, 2016 at 04:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry K. Riggins.*



February 24, 2016 at 09:41 PM



“ *Jess and I have enjoyed the friendship of Larry and Dwenie thru the years, playing cards, get togethers at the house, many fun times at the Eagles, etc. He will be greatly missed by his multitude of friends. Our love and condolences to Dwen, Shari, and all the family members. Fly high Larry!!!!*

jesse and janice martin - February 24, 2016 at 07:05 PM

JM

“ *Jesse And Janice Martin lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins*



jesse and janice martin - February 24, 2016 at 06:48 PM

PS

“ *Paulette Summers lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins*



Paulette Summers - February 24, 2016 at 08:27 AM



“ *Patricia Yates lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins*



Patricia Yates - February 23, 2016 at 07:33 PM

JM

“ *Judy-Heath Miller lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins*



Judy-Heath Miller - February 23, 2016 at 06:03 PM

CK

“ Oh, my heart is so sad to hear of your loss. Larry and Dwen have been such sweet people in the Thorntown area for a long time. He will certainly be missed. My love and prayers to Dwen and Shari.

Cindy and Bob Keyes - February 23, 2016 at 02:59 PM

 Kathy Waugh

“ Kathy Waugh lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins



Kathy Waugh - February 23, 2016 at 01:17 PM

HR

“ Heather Reagan lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins



Heather Reagan - February 23, 2016 at 01:07 PM

KD

“ Kim Dickinson lit a candle in memory of Larry K. Riggins



Kim Dickinson - February 23, 2016 at 12:31 PM