



## Larry Dean Lockard

July 26, 1955 - March 5, 2021

It is with great sadness that the family of Larry Dean Lockard of Geneva, Ohio, share the news of his passing. He fought long and hard, but through no fault of his own, he lost his battle against cancer on March 5, 2021.

Larry was born in Buckhannon, West Virginia, in 1955, and his family moved to Portage County, Ohio, when he was a young child. Before enlisting in the Navy in 1979, Larry graduated from Rootstown High School in 1973. His first job was at the Record-Courier in Ravenna, Ohio, followed by stints at Ametek Lamb Electric and the Ohio Turnpike.

During the eight years he served in the Navy, Larry attained the rank of Machinist's Mate First Class, Engineering Laboratory Technician specialty. In 1988, he earned an Associate of Science degree through the College Afloat Program from the New York Board of Regents. Shore duty included training others at the S1C Nuclear Submarine Prototype at Windsor, Connecticut. Sea duty was spent aboard the nuclear submarine, USS M.G. Vallejo, Gold Crew, out of King's Bay, Georgia.

After separating from the Navy in 1987, Larry began a civilian career at local and distant nuclear power plants where he progressed from the position of Chemistry Technician to his last position as Fleet Oversight Supervisor at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, with stops along the way including Radiation Protection Technical Skills Training Instructor.

While in the Navy, Larry met and married his soul mate, the former Colleen Caracciolo of Kent, Ohio, who survives him. They met on a blind date, and it was love at first sight. Together they raised two children, Emily (Brian) O'Brien and Damon Lockard, both of Geneva, who also survive him, along with a special little grandson, Tristan O'Brien. Other survivors include his sister, Linda (Larry) Cook, of Ravenna, Ohio, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Larry's parents, Shirley (Fisher) and James Lockard, both predeceased him.

For many years, Larry enjoyed spending summer weekends at the Great Lakes Medieval

Faire. Until recently, he also enjoyed keeping an impressive vegetable garden, but the thing Larry enjoyed most was sitting around a campfire in the backyard with anyone who wanted to join him and share a “wee dram” or two. Larry was the kind of guy who would do anything in his power to help a friend or colleague. His wisdom and strength will be missed by all who knew him.

The family would like to thank all his caregivers from Hospice of the Western Reserve (they were terrific!), and a special thank you to Alex Bevan who provided comfort as only he can.

Due to Covid-19 precautions, an immediate service will be private. An outdoor celebration of Larry’s life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Lake Erie Cremation & Funeral Services, Geneva, Ohio. Please do not send flowers. Memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of the Western Reserve, ([hospicewr.org](http://hospicewr.org)), 17876 St. Clair Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44110, or the Arbor Day Foundation, ([arborday.org](http://arborday.org)), 211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508 , or just plant a tree in his memory.

# Comments

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“ Larry And I were best of friends in our early years. But alas, we all grow older and go our own ways. Our paths have crossed several times, and each meeting was very delightful. I'll miss you old buddy, until we meet again, a gracious, goodbye. Jim Westover

**James Westover** - April 08 at 11:16 PM

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“ Colleen, Deepest sympathy. I was on the fire department with Larry back in the 80s in Rocky Ridge. We had great memories of both of you. He will be missed by everyone. God bless, Gary Durivage

**Gary Durivage** - March 08 at 08:08 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Larry's family. He was such a good man and will be missed.

Karen Nutaitis (Perry Co-Worker)

**Karen Nutaitis** - March 08 at 06:31 AM

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“ Keeping the family in my thoughts and prayers - Not only a coworker and a friend, but was family.

**Caryl Bump** - March 08 at 05:14 AM

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“ I've known Larry for over 30 years. I knew him when he was a Chemistry and Rad Protection Technician at Davis Besse. He was always smiling and brightened every room he entered. His "Hawaiin shirt Friday tradition still lives. I knew him to be a vibrant and colorful person. I will miss him and offer sincere condolences for his family and friends as he will leave a larger than life hole with all whose lives he touched.

- Regards, Pat H.

**Patrick Harkins** - March 07 at 07:55 PM

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“ Prayers to the family in this time of loss

**Fred & Vicky Sams** - March 07 at 06:09 PM

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“ I met Larry not long after he and Colleen got married. I did not know him well, but I do know these things about him: He was a kind, welcoming host in his home...enjoyed a sense of fun and a good laugh. He treated his wife like the treasure she was and is and truly enjoyed his children. The world is a little poorer with his passing.

**Megan Craven Snyder** - March 06 at 03:27 PM