



Larry Owen Mills

March 4, 1940 - June 3, 2017

LASHMEET – Larry Owen Mills of Sutton, WV, formerly of Lashmeet, died peacefully in his sleep Saturday, June 3, 2017. Larry was born March 4, 1940, in Rock, WV, and was the second of six children born to the late James B. “Jimmy” Mills, Sr. and Erma Christine “Teen” Vaught Mills.

In addition to his parents, Larry was predeceased by three brothers: Jerry; James B. Jr, “Jamie” and Rodney Bruce “Brucie”; sister-in-law Shirley Burkett Elliott and brother-in-law and dear friend Dr. Donald C. Elliott.

Larry was a 1958 graduate of Matoaka High School and a Veteran of the U.S. Navy. After the Navy, he worked for North American Rockwell and then was a miner at Consol’s Eckman-Page Mine. While at Eckman-Page, Larry proudly served on a multiple award-winning mine rescue team. Following the closure of the mine, Larry enjoyed a 20+ year career as a highly respected Deep Mine Inspector for the State of West Virginia. After retirement, Larry was happiest when at home with Eunice, working in his yard and spending any time he could with family. To him, his family was his greatest achievement. Larry loved his girls, and they adored him. They are all three Daddy’s Girls “don’tcha know”. Larry, always “better than the average Larry”, is remembered fondly for his wit and humor, his integrity and kindness, and his quiet strength.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Eunice Burkett Mills; daughters:

Lisa Sink and her husband, Gerald, of Summersville, WV; Melissa “Missy” Rookstool and her husband, David, of West Jefferson, NC; and Shawna Franklin and her husband, Paul, of Roanoke, VA; grandchildren: Jason Owen Sink (Nicki), Christina “Chrissy” Perkins (Isaac), Caitlyn Chaires (Austin), Amanda Assante (Anthony), Jacob Franklin, Kelsey Rookstool, Amber Rookstool, Ashley Franklin and Caleb Franklin; great-grandchildren: Sierra Clem, Kailey Perkins, Nicholas Perkins, Anthony Assante, Jr., Jack Clem, Grace Perkins, Charlotte Rookstool, Jake Owen Sink, Emery Perkins, Reagan Assante, Jace Sink and Luke Chaires; siblings: Judy Mills Mullins of Salem, VA, and Eanon Mills (Frances) of Lashmeet, WV; brother-in-law Harold Burkett (Deborah) of Lashmeet, WV, and sister-in-law Doris Snow of Virginia Beach, VA. He also leaves behind “a whole covey” of nieces and nephews that he cared for greatly.

The family would like to thank Linda Elliott for her love and support, and neighbor Louis Davis for his help and friendship.

To honor Larry’s wishes to have no “traditional” funeral service, the family will have a celebration of Larry’s life Saturday, June 10 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home, Princeton, WV. Larry’s cousin, Pastor Norman Mills will be opening with prayer. All are welcome to attend this special gathering with the family to share stories and memories of a life well lived. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Owen Mills*

December 27, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Owen Mills.*



June 10, 2017 at 08:25 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Owen Mills.*



June 09, 2017 at 02:48 PM



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Monnie Dancy - June 08, 2017 at 10:27 PM

SB

“ I remember Larry from our days at Matoaka High School. Unfortunately, we lost track of each other when I moved away. Sorry to hear of his death; prayers to his family.

Stan Blankenship

Stan Blankenship - June 08, 2017 at 11:11 AM

RP

“ Ron Pennington lit a candle in memory of Larry Owen Mills



Ron Pennington - June 08, 2017 at 07:20 AM

KW

“ I sure do love all of you so very much. Be strong for each other. (((HUGS)))

*Love Always,
Katy*

Katy Walker - June 08, 2017 at 05:45 AM

NT

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this sad time. 🙏

Love, Nancy Tilley

Nancy Tilley - June 07, 2017 at 08:28 PM

CB

So sorry to here about cousin Larry's passing. Prayers for all the family and friends . Clarke & Nancy Blankenship

Clarke Blankenship - June 09, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Owen Mills.*



June 07, 2017 at 08:12 PM

KP

“ *Prayers for the family. Sincere sympathy.*

kay pratt - June 07, 2017 at 06:19 PM



“ *Larry was a quiet, easy going friend of mine for longer than I can remember. My sincerest condolences to Eunice and the rest of his family and friends. Rest in Peace my friend...*

Johnnie Shuck - June 07, 2017 at 06:04 PM

SE

“ There are many memories of Uncle Larry but three that stand out. (1) When Larry got out of the Navy he gave me one of his Navy hats. You know the white ones. I kept that hat til well into my teen years and he gave it to me when I was very young. (2) He also gave me one of his Naval insignias. I can't exactly remember every detail but it has an anchor with a rope or something like that wrapped around it. (3) As everyone know Larry loved to ride Harley motorcycles. I remember one time he took me for a ride. I'm not sure how old I was probably 9 or 10. He took me through Princeton and down past Oakvale on the 4 lane. We were flying low. It was so much fun hanging on behind him with the wind slamming into my face. He was a quiet soul and the epitome of the old adage "still waters run deep." I will truly miss him.

Steven Elliott - June 07, 2017 at 12:32 PM

DH

Lot of unspoken memories. Larry didn't start any fights but he sure finished a few. Sorry I can't make the service, I will be at a grandson's high school graduation.

Donald Hylton - June 07, 2017 at 09:37 PM