



Larry Ferris

July 30, 1951 - August 8, 2018

Larry D. Ferris, age 67, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Visitation will be Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Nowell Massey Funeral Home in Louisville. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 12 in the Nowell Massey Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Scott Samuel and Rev. Jerry Lundy officiating. Interment will follow in Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Jason Gross officiating.

Larry was born July 30, 1951, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Louis and Phyllis Price Ferris. Bro. Ferris was retired as the pastor of Hillside Community Church in Philadelphia, Mississippi. According to his good friend, Bro. Bobby Lowrey, Larry was “one of the most positive and joyful men, that I’ve ever met. A minister and a pastor for more than a few of those, he was always armed with his humor and wit, however, was dead serious in his responsibility to his God and those committed to his care. I wouldn’t call him a perfectionist; he was far too laid back for that. I think that one could say that he was driven to excellence. And excel he did, as a Christian, as a pastor, as a husband, as a father, as an employee, as a neighbor and friend. My dear friend among fellows and Brother in Christ was an example of **LOVING THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, SOUL and STRENGTH; AND THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF.**” He was always eager to help others and he enjoyed working in his

shop on his “woodworking” projects. He will be missed by many who have been touched by his generous sharing of Christ.

Larry is survived by his wife of 33 years, Cathy Hemphill Ferris; his daughter, Patricia Fortner and husband, Anthony, of Lucedale, Mississippi; and three sons, William Shepherd and wife, Mandy, of Louisville; Paul Ferris and wife, Andrea; and Joshua Ferris all of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina. One of his greatest joys was being “Papaw Larry” to his eight grandchildren: Brooklyn Sparnecht (Dylan); Christian Fortner; Ashley Shepherd; Chelsee Ferris; Matthew Ferris; Cayla Ferris; Benjamin Fortner; and Maura Ferris. Larry is also survived by numerous in-laws, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Donald John Ferris; his parents; three brothers and two sisters.

Serving as pallbearers are Donald Ferris, James Kevin Grant, Jimmy Higginbotham, Anthony Miles, Jason Ragan, and Scott Round. Memorial contributions in honor of Larry may be given to the Winston-Choctaw Gideon Camp, P. O. Box 556, Louisville, MS 39339 or to Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Glenda Thomas, 215 Thomas Road, Louisville, MS 39339.

Services are under the direction of Nowell-Massey Funeral Home, 724 North Columbus Avenue, Louisville, MS. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family by signing the guest register at www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery

Sardis Road
Louisville, MS

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Massey Funeral Home
724 N. Columbus Avenue
Louisville, MS 39339
(662) 773-3501
nowellfuneral@bellsouth.net
<https://www.masseyfuneralhome.net/>

Service

AUG 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nowell-Massey Funeral Home Chapel
724 N Columbus Ave
Louisville, MS 39339
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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Ferris*

January 29, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *I have known Larry all of my 64 years. We grew up together as friends. He had a different kind of sense of humor that made a person just 'stop and wonder' about him...he was comical. Larry and his brothers were always playing pranks on each other when they were younger, but were loyal to the core to the whole family. He was in the US Navy when he gave his heart and life over to God, and as anyone, who knew him, could attest, the rest is history. He dedicated every waking moment, every beat of his heart, every word that he spoke, every thought to The Lord. I will always cherish my life, my thoughts of this good father, grandfather, man. May you rest in peace...always!*

Donna Ferris - August 10, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss but he was surely a friendly and kind man.*

mary and david reed - August 10, 2018 at 05:40 PM



“ *Larry was a great man who treated everyone with kindness and love regardless of their situation. He was a wonderful grandfather to my children and I couldn't ask for anything more. He will always hold a special place in my heart. -Amy Edwards*

Amy Edwards - August 09, 2018 at 09:22 PM

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“ Larry was one of my favorite cousins. He is a year older than me, and I always had the biggest “crush” on him, growing up. I was always so excited when I knew I was going to Sylvania to see my father’s sister, Aunt Phyllis, Uncle Louis, and all my Ferris cousins. I haven’t seen him in years, but he will always be in my heart, along with his brothers and sisters.

Margy Hayes - August 09, 2018 at 08:23 PM