



Larry Southgate

April 25, 1947 - December 4, 2018

GREENFIELD – Larry Eugene Southgate, age 71, of Greenfield, passed away on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at his residence. He was born in Indianapolis on April 25, 1947 to Frank Eugene Southgate and Violet Roberta Mathis. He graduated from Warren Central High School in 1965. Larry proudly served in the U.S. Navy on air craft carrier JFK during the Vietnam War from 1966-1970. He married Joyce Diane (Sexton) on March 22, 1969 in Indianapolis.

He was a machinist for General Motors for 30 years before retiring. Larry was also a special needs bus driver for Southern Hancock for 10 years. He was a member of Cornerstone City Church in Clayton, IN, where he played lead guitar and sang. He was very passionate about music and played in a rock band. He also enjoyed fishing and hunting deer. His students would always ask “Mr. Larry” to sing songs while driving the school bus. He left a legacy for those children and they all adored him so much. Larry lived for his grandchildren and enjoyed going to their sporting events. He was a very caring and passionate guy with a huge heart and would take others under his wing.

Larry is survived by his mother, Violet Mathis of Greenfield; wife, Diane Southgate of Greenfield; children, Jason (Carissa) Southgate of New Palestine and Anna Marie Southgate of Greenfield; three grandchildren, Cody Southgate, Hunter Dalton, and Dakota Southgate; brothers, Delbert and Michael; and sister, Mary. He was preceded in death by his father, Frank Southgate; and son, Brian Eugene Southgate.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN 46140. A funeral service will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the mortuary. Pastor David Clayton will be officiating. Burial will follow at Park Cemetery in Greenfield with military rites presented by the Greenfield Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made by mail to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123, March of Dimes, Donation Processing Center, P.O. Box

673667, Marietta, GA 30006 or Disabled American Veterans, 2439 West 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222. Envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

Cemetery

Park Cemetery

621 South State Street
Greenfield, IN, 46140

Events

DEC 9 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 05:00PM

Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory - Greenfield
1484 West US Highway 40, Greenfield, IN, US, 46140

DEC 10 **Funeral Service** 12:00PM

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Comments



“ I just found out about Larry’s passing. I am deeply saddened to hear this. My son Drew rode on Larry’s bus a few years ago. Larry was one of the sweetest men I knew. My Condolences, Thoughts and Prayers are with Diane, The Family and Friends. God Bless You All.



Jennifer Agee - May 19, 2019 at 06:22 PM



“ Linda Burton lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Linda Burton - December 18, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ Mary Gossett lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Mary Gossett - December 09, 2018 at 08:45 AM



“ Diane & Larry.

Prayers & condolences to you & family. You & family & I had a few brief visits many years ago when I was introduced to one of the most loving - kind- selfless gentlemen I have ever met. Full of life & love for his best friend-Love of his life Diane. Always ready to help a stranger, share his marvelous fishing stories, give you the shirt off his back or a bed in his home.

Saddened by you illness & pain you had to endure - you are now at peace & you are now smiling, resting & relaxing with that cold beer you so dearly loved!! Prayers & hugs from you distant family friend- Sally



Sally Forman - December 08, 2018 at 10:53 PM



“ I lost a friend, but I know where I will be able to find him. Larry will be next to the most beautiful pond, fishing and eating a Hardee's breakfast sandwich. He'll be listening to Pink Floyd and Mercy Me, and will be telling anyone who passes by how wonderful they look.

Keep the bait fresh, Larry! Your friends will join you in the sweet bye and bye.

Steve Satterly - December 07, 2018 at 10:07 PM



“ This is being posted on behalf of Ms. Lillian Putt, a life long friend who will never forget Larry. Their friendship stood the test of time. For over 40 years that I know of. Diana an Lillian are friends for life. Lil's heart is saddened from this loss. Condolences to the family.



Michele Lucas - December 06, 2018 at 09:54 PM



“ Donna Gossett-Wright lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Donna Gossett-Wright - December 06, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ So many memories I have.. taking me to my first rock concert, and the many that followed. You were always there for me through my happy and sad times. I loved our fishing trips we always did even though you out fished me all the time. Going to see our favorite comedian. Most of all the time we got to spend with each other. Your pain is gone now and the suffering is also gone. I know you are at peace and with Brian now.. I love you Pop. Fly high sir. And I will keep my promise to take care of mom...



Jason Southgate - December 06, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ The Martin Family from Miami are saddened to know we lost a wonderful friend, brother and FAMILY to us for many years. Our yearly Pompano visits were so enjoyable and always looking forward to seeing Larry & Diane. He will be truly missed. A man with his heart on his sleeve. He loved everyone and would let us know he did. Had wonderful conversations with Larry & Diane. Our sincere sorrows to the Southgate family. Our prayers are with you all. Godspeed. Love you Larry

Steven Martin - December 05, 2018 at 11:01 PM



“ Steven Martin lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Steven Martin - December 05, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Diane, Bobbie, Annie, Jason and family
Unfortunately we will not be able to come back to Indy right now. We have shared many good memories and fun over the years. Larry is in God's hands now. Our heart and prayers goes out to you love you

Dan and Bonnie

Daniel Oliver sr - December 05, 2018 at 07:34 PM



“ Daniel Oliver Sr lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Daniel Oliver sr - December 05, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ I have so many good memories. Us seeing our favorite comedian together, the many fishing trips we went on together and of course you out fishing me almost all the time. We had our ups and downs, but through it all you are my father, my best friend. I love you Dad .. fly high pop. We will meet again one day.. I will always keep my promise to you on taking care of mom. Miss you my old man.. I will never forget you... Most of all thank you for making me the man I am...



Jason Southgate - December 05, 2018 at 04:59 PM



“ Janet Moss lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Janet moss - December 05, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ Larry,
No words can express the love I've had for you over these past 21 years. You were like a Dad to me, we could talk about anything and everything. Even from a long distance away, we both looked forward to the next visit. With your illness and pain, I appreciated the last drive in the 300 hemi, and seeing your smile with having Ozzy Osbournes personal autograph. I pray that you're with your Son Brian. I will never forget you my buddy. Love and prayers, from Joey, Chas, Landon, Trystan and Esther.



Joe Lynn - December 04, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ Wallace And Joyce Sapp lit a candle in memory of Larry Southgate



Wallace and Joyce Sapp - December 04, 2018 at 04:41 PM



“ I have so many memories of Larry & Diana. All are from my childhood. Which they were a huge part of. I seen this married couple live, love and laugh in good times an in bad now until death they did part. I love you both thank you for showing me what a marriage is. Until we meet again.

Michele Lucas - December 04, 2018 at 04:29 PM