

## REMEMBERING Larry CHARTRAND

November 23, 1948 - May 23, 2023

Joseph Laurent (Larry) Rene Chartrand, age 74, joined his family in heaven on May 23, 2023. He peacefully passed away with his family by his side.

Larry was born in Thornloe, Ontario on November 23, 1948 to the late Andre and Rita Chartrand. Larry was the youngest of three children. He is remembered by his sister Florence and husband Marcel (predeceased), and his brother Fern (predeceased) and wife Norma.

Larry was the loving husband to Janice Chartrand. They married on August 21, 1992 in Duncan, British Columbia before moving to their forever home in Crestview Beach, Alberta in 1997. They loved to travel to their property in Dolan Springs, Arizona every spring which they considered their second home.

Larry was quite the handy man. He worked construction for many years and eventually owned his own shop, the "Spindle Hut' in Edmonton, AB in the 1980's where he carved spindles and made beautiful staircases. He carried on his love and expertise for building as he built his home in Crestview Beach and in Dolan Springs from the ground up.

Larry enjoyed many hobbies which included a deep passion for music, playing instruments, classic cars, astronomy, geology, collecting rocks and minerals, photography, gardening, camping and sports like hockey. He loved making ice rinks in the back yard and passing on his vast knowledge and skills to his children and grandchildren.

Larry loved to write. His love of history and travel inspired him to write a few books. He proudly wrote and published both Dewberry Trail and The Life and Times of Larry Chartrand. He loved to travel Route 66, where he decided to write about his and Jan's adventures along that highway. He wrote "Celebrate Mother Road of America Centennial in Two Weeks" which is completed, and currently in the process of being published.

Larry is the loving and devoted father to his children, Michael (Melissa) Chartrand, Julie Chartrand (Gil Olson), Tammy Chartrand (Doug Hawreschuk), Jessica (Tyler) Jones, Kathryn Koenders (Tyler Schlief) and Lauren (Clinton) Resch.

Larry will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Rachel Chartrand (Steven Walchuk), Emilee Chartrand, Brietta Resch, Jayden Jones, Brooklyn Jones and Leo Schlief.

Larry was also blessed to have the love of a very large extended family, too numerous to name but all important just the same.

Larry's family will hold a celebration of life in July in St. Paul, Alberta. Donations to the Haying in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) c/o 5626 51 Street, St. Paul AB T0A 3A1 would be greatly appreciated by the family, as this was a local charity that held a special part in Larry's heart. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

He will always be remembered by his loved ones as a big cuddly bear.

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