



Larry Ray Torbert

April 27, 1949 - December 9, 2024

Larry Ray Torbert, 75, of Seaford, Delaware, peacefully passed away on Monday, December 9, 2024, after a brief illness at TidalHealth Nanticoke Hospital in Seaford. Born on April 27, 1949, Larry dedicated his life to his family and his work as an engineer for ConRail and Norfolk Southern. He leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion that will be cherished by all who knew him.

In his early days, Larry was raised in Georgetown before moving to Laurel and graduated from Laurel High School with the class of 1967. During his high school years, Larry played for the Laurel Bulldogs football team under the guidance of Coach Schollenberger.

After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country for several years. He retired after a proud and fulfilling career of 38 years with the railroad, a job he truly loved. He served several years as the local union representative for The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

His greatest joy came from his family. Larry took immense pride in supporting his children and grandchildren at their respective sporting and school events - he was always there for them. His presence was a constant source of encouragement and love. He shared many meaningful conversations with his grandchildren as he looked forward to picking them up from school every day. Larry enjoyed preparing meals for his family and took pride in maintaining a manicured home landscape. Camp Arrowhead held a special place in his heart where he made many fond memories with his family.

In addition to his family life, Larry had a passion for antiquing, particularly enjoying the thrill of traveling to auctions to enhance his prized collection of old milk bottles from Sussex County dairies. He was also an avid sports enthusiast; for many years, he played church league softball, men's fast and slow pitch softball, coached in the Laurel Little League, and served on the Board for the Nanticoke Little League, where he was selected as volunteer of the year. Larry was a longtime member of American Legion Post 19 in Laurel and an active member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church. He enjoyed throwing darts and was quite a pool shark on the pool table. Larry absolutely loved horse racing and was a lifelong, faithful fan of the Phillies and Redskins. Larry is survived by his beloved wife of over 45 years, Faith (Givens) Torbert, his son Todd Torbert and his wife Heather of Ijamsville MD, his daughter Tracy Torbert and fiancé Jay Houston of Seaford, DE. A proud grandfather, Larry brought immense joy to his grandchildren Mason Torbert, Brayden Houston, Grace Torbert, and Braylee Houston, attending their significant life events with enthusiasm and encouragement. He is also remembered fondly by his sisters, Wanda Dukes and Tammy Faulkner, several nieces and nephews, and many close, special friends.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore "Ted" and Mary Z. (Wiley) Torbert, and siblings, Carol Elzey, Linda Williams, and Martin Torbert. A visitation will be held at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Laurel on Saturday, December 21, 2024, from 10:00 am. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at the church starting at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Jack Anderson will officiate. Larry will then be laid to rest in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Larry to St. Philips Episcopal Church, 600 S. Central Avenue, Laurel, DE 19956.

Larry will be deeply missed, but his spirit will always remain in the hearts of those he touched.

Arrangements are in the care of Short Funeral Home of Delmar. To share online condolences with the family please visit www.shortfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

9th Street
Laurel, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Philips Episcopal Church
600 S Central Ave
Laurel, DE 19956-1410
(302) 875-3644

Funeral Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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600 S Central Ave
Laurel, DE 19956
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Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Ray Torbert.

December 20, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.



December 20, 2024 at 03:21 PM



“ *We will very much miss Larry. We much enjoyed the times we spent with him. God bless all of his friends and family.*

Jay and Barb Caret - December 20, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.



December 20, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ *We are very sorry and surprised by Larry's passing. Our thoughts are with you during this very difficult time.*

Joanna & Gene McLaughlin - December 20, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SK

“ From: Steve & Issa Koennel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Ray Torbert.

Steve & Issa Koennel - December 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM

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“ Steve & Issa Koennel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.



Steve & Issa Koennel - December 20, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.



December 19, 2024 at 11:15 AM



“ Larry was a great friend to all of us in his Laurel High School Class of '67. He stayed active in all class functions throughout the 57 years since graduation. He will be deeply missed by all of us who extend our deepest condolences to Faith and his family.



Scott Phillips - December 18, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.*



December 17, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ *Mark Hastings, Ramona, David, Alexia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.*



Mark Hastings, Ramona, David, Alexia - December 17, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.*



December 17, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Ray Torbert.*

December 17, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.*



December 17, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ *Judie Brasure sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Torbert*



Judie Brasure - December 17, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *Jacki Hammond lit a candle in memory of Larry Torbert*



Jacki Hammond - December 14, 2024 at 12:02 AM



“ *Larry graduated with all of us in the class of 1967 and we all loved him so much- nicest, kindest guy ever! Always good to see him at events over years and catch up- RIP ❤️*
Sue Warrington-Doud

Sue Ellen Warrington - December 13, 2024 at 10:42 AM

TF

“ *Tammy Faulkner lit a candle in memory of Larry Torbert*



Tammy Faulkner - December 13, 2024 at 08:44 AM

WD

“ *Wanda Dukes lit a candle in memory of Larry Torbert*



Wanda Dukes - December 13, 2024 at 06:21 AM

WD

*Larry,
Thank you for being a big brother I looked up to, always willing to give me a helping hand with anything I wanted or needed, our memories are stored in a special place in my heart, until we meet again, give everyone a hug and kiss for me, love you!*

Wanda Dukes - December 13, 2024 at 11:05 AM

JC

“ *Rest in Peace Larry.*



Joe Constantine - December 12, 2024 at 07:55 PM

BL

“ *Brandi Lee lit a candle in memory of Larry Torbert*



Brandi Lee - December 12, 2024 at 07:02 PM

BC

“ *Brandi and Chris purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry Ray Torbert.*



Brandi and Chris - December 12, 2024 at 06:58 PM

PL

“ *Phyllis Lynch lit a candle in memory of Larry Torbert*



Phyllis Lynch - December 12, 2024 at 05:56 PM