



## Larry Kinch Bowman

January 7, 1948 - September 2, 2021

Larry Kinch Bowman passed away at the age of 73 on September 2, 2021 at his home in Lovettsville, VA. Larry is survived by his loving children, Kelsea Bordoe of Round Hill, VA, Kevin Bowman of Austin, TX, Kim Williams (Joey) of Purcellville, VA, his grandchildren Nora and Logan Williams, his brothers Gary Bowman, Don Bowman, and Steve Bowman and his sister Shirley Perry. He is also survived by his former spouse, Linda Bowman.

Born on January 7, 1948 in Philadelphia, PA, he was the son of the late Gerald Bowman and the late Mary Foreman Bowman. Larry grew up biking, boy-scouting and creating chaos with his brothers throughout the farms and streets of Shippensburg. Larry graduated from Drexel University and put in 45 years of service with the Department of Defense as a civil servant. He treasured all of his adventures in Europe, living in Germany for 5 years.

He was a loving family man cherished by his children and his passion was cruising on his motorcycle and enjoying good German brews and brats. He was a good son, a good brother, a good father, a good friend, a good man. Larry was a dedicated member of the church choir. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to New Jerusalem Lutheran Church.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 3:00pm at New Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Lovettsville, VA.

A celebration of Life for Larry Bowman will be held at the Lovettsville Game Club 16 S. Berlin Pike following the service at 4:00pm. We are celebrating until 11pm with beer, brats and bbq. Everyone is welcome!

# Events

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**SEP** **Memorial Service** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

12942 Lutheran Church Road, Lovettsville, VA, US

# Comments

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“ RIP my friend. Larry, Thank you so much for showing me Germany, France, etc. What a great time we had. You were an awesome friend. I will miss you, but have wonderful memories of my trip to Germany to visit you. Thanks for the memories! RIP.



**Diane Thompson** - April 20 at 07:53 PM

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“ Larry was my first cousin, and our mothers shared the same bed at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia before giving birth about a week apart. My brother, Earl (who died June 2nd this year), and I used to visit with Larry and his family at their farm in Shippensburg every summer while growing up. What a joy it was for some city kids to frolic on the farm each summer - jumping on haystacks from the barn loft, going barefoot along dirt roads, learning to ride a bike, and being awakened by the mooing of a cow at the screen door in the morning when we slept on the kitchen floor. I remember bonding with Larry one summer - being that we were so close in age - by giving him my treasured army belt and the book, My War With Baseball by Rogers Hornsby. We didn't see much of each other after reaching adolescence. But I do remember visiting him at Drexel U. in the fall of our freshman year of college. What a blessing to look back on - visiting "Larry, Garry, Donny & Steve" (and later, Shirley) in the idyllic countryside beneath the shadows of the Blue (Ridge) Mountain outside Shippensburg. I wish we had more opportunities to stay in touch throughout our adult years but, alas, the "gentle soul" here remembered will always be sacred to my memory. Jim Hulihan (jim@hulihan.com)

**Jim Hulihan** - October 06, 2021 at 09:07 PM

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“ I very sorry to learn of Larry's passing. I remember the many band trips and concerts of which he was an important part. I give my deep condolences to his family and friends. He will be missed but there will be good memories of knowing Larry. Roger Heller

**Roger Heller** - September 20, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ Kelsea, Kevin and Kimberly keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. The Fawley's

**JoAnn Fawley** - September 10, 2021 at 05:25 PM

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“ shirley perry is following this tribute.

**shirley perry** - September 08, 2021 at 11:37 PM

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“ Larry was our brother in Christ .We sang together in the choir for approx 30 years. We loved to harmonize. Enjoyed church talent shows, mns night out, Va tech football games,etc.Truly will be missed. "Go rest high on that mountain as your work on this earth is done.

Rob Legard and family

**Rob Legard** - September 08, 2021 at 08:18 AM

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“ In high school and junior high, Larry and I spent many hours together in band and on to county band. He had a very sweet, kind disposition - always a smile. Our paths didn't cross as adults; I wish they had. The world was better with Larry in it.

**althea miller** - September 07, 2021 at 09:46 PM

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“ As a high school classmate, I remember that Larry was one of the nice guys who enjoyed playing in the band (trumpet, I think) and smiling at everyone. He always impressed me as having a quiet intelligence. In fact, he wrote in my yearbook, "Remember: a little work will bring you anything you desire." That's pretty wise for a high school senior.

God bless you, Larry.

Connie Corman Markley

**Connie Markley** - September 07, 2021 at 02:45 PM

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“ Larry Bowman has been a long time next door neighbor. A person could not ask for a better neighbor, a better friend, a better man. He lived as an example to us all. The world will indeed be a better place if we can follow his example as a positive, congenial, honest and friendly person.

We will definitely miss him. A guy like that can't be replaced.

Godspeed Larry,

Bruce & Inez Lemmert

**Bruce Lemmert** - September 07, 2021 at 02:04 PM

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“ Larry was our dear friend and best man at our wedding in 1971. I send condolences to the family (and apologies to Kelsea for calling her the wrong name!) and know that their memories, as well as ours, will be treasured. Rest in peace, Lar.

**Diana Hatfield** - September 07, 2021 at 01:55 PM

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“ My husband and I have lived next door to Larry for the past 8 years. He was a fantastic neighbor! We used to chat over the fence and help each other with neighborly things. We always thought fondly of him and will miss him dearly. Our condolences to his family.

**Michelle & Wojciech Krysztofiak** - September 07, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ It's actually been 18 years!

**Michelle & Wojciech Krysztofiak** - September 07, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ It's actually been 18 years!

**Michelle & Wojciech Krysztofiak** - September 07, 2021 at 10:34 AM

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“ I knew Larry from also working at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). My condolences to the family and friends of this very good man. He is in God's loving arms.

Sincerely, Frances Morawski

**Frances Morawski** - September 06, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ Dearest Kelsea, Kevin, Kim and family  
Jay and I are sending sympathy to all of you.  
It was a pleasure to know your Father!  
Our hearts were always warmed by his attendance at Kelseas parties ...he was  
friendly and easy to talk too.  
It was particularly heartwarming to see Larry hug his girls Kelsea and Kim in a group  
hug after their weekly Tuesday "lunch with Larry"  
Although I know how much he will be missed on Earth...Heaven is receiving a GOOD  
soul  
Susan and Jay MacKercher

**Susan MacKercher** - September 06, 2021 at 07:38 PM

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“ Larry, it was a previous gift to know you. As the sun now sets on your amazing life  
you've lived, your soul and spirit has left trails of beautiful memories.  
Dear Kelsea, Kevin and Kim, my family. Khirsten, Khira and Morgan are sharing in  
your sadness. God Bless!  
Cheers,

**Morgan Gray** - September 06, 2021 at 06:18 PM

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“ Larry was a kind compassionate man he loved his family they were always together and I am fortunate to have shared some of their good times ... this sweet man gave me the best tour of Lovettsville I ever had one day as he gave me a ride home from a winery I was suffering the loss of my dear son just two weeks earlier I decided I could go out for st Patrick's day at the barns with these beautiful kind friends the day was full of love and support Had wonderful conversations that day with this gentle soul about rock bands and hobbies and life in general Sweet Larry nursed me back to reality all the way home so kind so sweet so patient as I cried all the way home we all will miss his gentle soul I hope I can help his children and family get thru this Larry thank you for the water on that hill in Lovettsville I'll never forget that day or you

**kim santmyer** - September 05, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ Love you Larry. Rest in peace.

**Paul Colman** - September 05, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ I first met Larry as a neighbor and then at church. They were good neighbors to my mother. Missed them when they moved. He will be missed by many. I extend my sympathy to his family RIP

**cecilia cole** - September 05, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 04, 2021 at 09:54 PM

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“ I remember at the NJLC Chili Cook off each year he always made the hottest chili! He loved making it hot enough to bring tears.

**Diana Kane** - September 04, 2021 at 07:53 PM

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“ I met Larry on my first day of work in 1972. He had some kittens in his desk drawer. Such a heart.

Bright. I learned much from him. We shared 4 years of adventures in Europe. Great times.

Great Loss to all who knew him.

Howard

**Howard Bylund** - September 04, 2021 at 04:50 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 04, 2021 at 04:39 PM

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“ Larry was a very special person and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He was a devoted member of the New Jerusalem Lutheran Church and the choir as well as many other things he did for the church. He is singing “acapella” now with the heavenly choir.

**Joyce Hoopengardner** - September 04, 2021 at 02:52 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:36 PM



“ Daddy loved riding! Now he can go as fast as he wants!!!!

**kelsea** - September 04, 2021 at 12:34 AM



“ I really miss seeing the four brothers in line on a country road on our way to - anywhere...!!  
Whether you are bringing up the rear, or leading the pack it was all wonderful...

**gary bowman** - September 06, 2021 at 10:12 PM



“ I remember on this ride we stopped at a country restaurant literally on a creek. As we stepped up the worn wooden stairs onto a spacious wood deck someone says "must be popular - with the worn steps".

About then the screen door to the dining room flies open and a teenager runs across 20 foot of deck and throws up over the railing. We looked at each other and shrugged - "Well what the hell - lets try it..!!"

It was actually not bad...

**gary bowman** - September 06, 2021 at 10:44 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ "We're gonna do what...??"

**gary bowman** - September 06, 2021 at 10:08 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ Lemon Meringue Pie at Bluebonnet Cafe 2014 Kevin & Dad on Rented Harleys in Texas

**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ It don't get a any better than this...!!!

**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 10:54 PM



“ That's a happy guy with his meringue pie!

**kelsea** - September 04, 2021 at 12:36 AM

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:20 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ ...And yes - those are brewskis.....!!!

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:11 PM



“ Larry on Right Skyline Drive 2004

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:08 PM

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“ PA Four Corners Brothers Ride - Larry is second from Right

**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:05 PM



“ This picture was taken in Wellsboro PA at an Inn Don & & stayed at one time to ride the Pine Valley trail at the PA Grand Canyon on bicycles. We had had it by then with camping in near freezing weather and stopped there to look up hotels near Jim Thorpe for our last night on the Four Corners ride. Looks like a happy bunch...!!

**gary bowman** - September 06, 2021 at 10:31 PM

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**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ Larry on Right "PA Four Corners Brothers MC Ride" Lake Erie

**gary bowman** - September 03, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ This was the epic ride of The Brothers. Brother Don & I Started from Hershey in a driving rain, picked up Brother Steve in Carlisle, met Brother Larry at Luther Ridge in Scotland. We cooked breakfast for Aunt Annie's birthday in October for AA & Mom a group of AA's friends, did a go-round at the Inn where Mom lived for her and her friends, and headed in spotty rain to Butler PA near Pittsburgh where we camped in 39 Degree weather. Played cards by lantern light and made it through the night. Coffee and breakfast never tasted so fine...!!! Mom had never seen us all on motorcycles together in her life before that day. It was a fine day...

This picture was on the second day...

**gary bowman** - September 06, 2021 at 10:28 PM



“ I remember Larry from the first day he reported in at the Defence Communications Engineering Center fresh out of Drexel Tech. He and I worked together for about three years. Informally, I was his mentor for the first two years him as he learned the ins-and-outs of data communications. Then he went to our field office in Germany and quickly gained a reputation as a person who you could count on to get the job done. He soon developed into one of our best engineers at the top of his profession. He was a always a pleasure to work with. I am saddened at his passing and will keep him in my memories and in my prayers .

Matt Prisutti

**Matt Prisutti** - September 07, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ Larry and David Hatfield shared an apartment just off campus while we were attending Drexel. In their apartment they taught me how to develop and print B&W pictures. One of the best gifts Larry gave to me. A very happy memory.

Some folks make lots of friends, I made few: Larry, David & Diana are my Drexel friends.

I still remember Larry's wedding in 1974. The gasoline shortage was a "special" part of it!

We did not see each other often but Larry was our gracious host in November 2019 which was our last meeting.

Losing a brother is hard. Losing a father is worse. My sincere condolences to everyone!

**Joseph Bienkowski** - September 07, 2021 at 04:56 PM