



## Larry J McGurk

April 23, 1944 - June 14, 2023

On June 14, 2023, Larry J McGurk passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by family. He was 79.

Larry was born in Britt, Iowa to Joe and Helen Gerdes McGurk. He spent his childhood in Iowa until leaving for college in Colorado. He graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in Business. It was in Denver that he met his wife, Janice, whom he was married to for almost 49 years.

From his teenage years, where he sold fireworks out of the back door of his Iowa home, Larry was always the salesman. He continued his passion for sales, going on to sell everything from real estate to computers to alarm systems to phones. His sales career took him and his family from Denver, CO to Sacramento, CA and ultimately to Longwood, FL. It was in Longwood where he started his company, UAS Automation, and worked until his retirement in 2011.

While Larry was always an avid sports fan and loved cheering on his teams (especially the Denver Broncos), he was the biggest fan of watching his sons from competing in the Boy Scout Derby race to playing baseball and soccer. He was involved in his children's activities – coaching (soccer), announcing baseball (he was the voice of the Bishop Moore Hornets), fundraising, and especially cheering them on with his distinct and resounding

voice. He continued to cheer his boys on while they were in college, and then continued supporting them in their own careers as Electrician, Fireman, and Businessman.

Larry absolutely loved spending time with Janice, his sons, his grandchildren and his friends. He was quick with wit and humor, and had a joke for every occasion. He loved parties and was usually the life of them.

In his retirement, he enjoyed taking daily walks, reading, grabbing breakfast with friends, and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

He was a faithful parishioner of the Church of Annunciation for over 40 years where he helped lead a marriage retreat, served donuts on Sundays, volunteered for Fall Festivals, was a lector, and was the silent facilitator of The Long Retreat. He is survived by his loving wife, Janice; his sons John, Mike (Jill), Patrick (Marie); grandchildren Michael, Brielyn, Ethan and Audra; his sister Sandy Riis(Don); nephews Greg and Jeff Riis (Marcy); grand-nephews Joey and Sam and a multitude of cousins also two brothers-in-law John (Barb) and Doug MacEachin.

Services for Larry will be held on July 3, 2023 at ten o'clock at Church of the Annunciation 1020 Montgomery Road, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. This service will be live streamed.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyROVBa\\_Up4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyROVBa_Up4)

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Mission Helpers of the Sacred

Heart. Please mail your gift to: 16 Greenmeadow Road, Suite 301, Timonium, MD 21093. Or donate online at [MissionHelpers.org](https://MissionHelpers.org).

# Tribute Wall



“ *DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Larry J McGurk*



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**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - June 26, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JK

“ *Larry's sense of humor was truly one of a kind!! He was a complete joy to be around with that fantastic laugh and twinkle in his eye. He shall be greatly missed!*

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**Jenna Kennedy** - April 11 at 09:17 AM

JR

“ *When I think of Uncle Larry I remember when he would come to see us during the holidays with grandpa Joe. I remember the time when he was moving from California to Florida and stopped to see us. He had a cool custom van. I will always remember the time Greg and I went to visit and we had such a great time. Uncle Larry meant so much to me!*

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**Jeff Riis** - July 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM

MM

“ I remember when I was first starting my pressure washing business, Larry hired me to wash his entire pool deck and screen enclosure. Up to that point it was my biggest project yet and also one of the most complicated for me. I'm sure my my finished product was mediocre at best, but Larry came outside when I was done and made me feel like a true professional. That kindness and generosity helped me build more confidence in my work and I became better because of it. I'll always remember him for that.

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**Matt Magee** - June 30, 2023 at 06:27 AM

GR

“ Have So Many Precious Memories of Uncle Larry....Growing Up So Excited When He Would Come and Visit Our Family....His Infectious Laugh and Warmth...His Stories Growing Up in Britt with My Mother and Grandparents , Aunt Betty, Uncle Don...All American Small Town Iowa....It is truly heaven...Sharing our love of sports especially listening to the streaming of Britt High School Football...His Beautiful Family--Aunt Janice, Johnny, Mike and Pat and their families...Uncle Larry Lives Forever in our Hearts.....God Bless The McGurk Family....Love--Greg Riis (His Nephew)

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**Greg Riis** - June 28, 2023 at 05:25 PM

BM

“ *Larry McGurk was a great guy and bigger than life! We remember one New Years Eve as we were visiting with he and Janice in Longwood. Larry and Janice took us to a great restaurant in Winter Park for dinner that night. Larry was always our "chauffer" in his famous Lincoln Town car. Also with us that night was Doug MacEachin, and good friends of the McGurk's, Pete and Debbie. What a magical night it was!*

*We will miss the "big guy".*

*Continued love and prayers for the family.*

*Barb and John MacEachin*

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**Barbara J. MacEachin** - June 26, 2023 at 11:11 AM

AB

“ *We have lots of great memories and will keep Larry and his wonderful family in our prayers. Jim & Ann Burns*

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**Ann Burns** - June 23, 2023 at 03:08 PM

JM

“ *Papa Larry was always wearing a smile on his face, and open arms for big hugs. We loved spending time with him at the house swimming, having dinners, and just hanging out. I loved listening to all of his stories! What a love for his family. Such admiration for his sons and so proud of all of their accomplishments. Truly committed and dedicated to Janice. A beautiful marriage and love for one another. She was his light and you could see his love for her when together. He adored his grandkids, and would play so sweetly with Brielyn. A fun memory of when he let her play hairdresser on him. Such a good sport! We will miss him dearly. Always and forever in our hearts ❤️*

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**Jill McGurk** - June 21, 2023 at 01:34 PM

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“ Going to St. Augustine together and Papa taking me to the big ice cream store❤️

Brielyn McGurk - June 21, 2023 at 01:22 PM

BM

“ Going on so many beautiful walks around the lake together❤️

Brielyn McGurk - June 21, 2023 at 01:19 PM

LM

“ We, Linda and Roger McCullough, met the McGurks when our first born sons were 3 months old! Later, we both had second sons, Janice named her 2nd son Patrick, so we named our 2nd son Patrick too! We did everything together and were so very sad when they moved from Denver to Sacramento. One train trip to Glenwood Springs comes to mind.. Janice, remember “Hey Howard”? Larry was one of a kind and we were so lucky to have known him all these years.

We love you so much, may God comfort you, Janice, Michael and Patrick and Johnny and their families, through this sad, heartbreaking time🙏

Linda McCullough - June 21, 2023 at 01:08 PM