



Lawrence Anthony Strollo

May 11, 1934 - July 14, 2021

On the evening of July 14, 2021, as the clouds parted and the sun set on the horizon, Lawrence “Larry” Anthony Strollo was welcomed by his parents, Pasquale and Louise Strollo, to his eternal home in heaven. He passed away peacefully with his devoted family by his side.

Larry was born in Youngstown, Ohio on Mother’s Day, May 11, 1934. As immigrants from Italy, Pasquale and Louise raised Larry and his surviving siblings, J. Pat “Jim” Strollo of Orlando, Fla.; Frances “Fran” DelGarbino (Leo) of Girard, Ohio; and Patricia “Patty” Strollo of Lakeland, Fla. The Strollos valued the importance of hard work, perseverance and a love for delicious Italian food. But at the top of the list was a love for family.

In 1968, Larry first spotted his beloved wife, Patsy, while attending St. Benedict Catholic Church in Richmond, Va. One year later, on Oct. 25, 1969, he married his soulmate, his one true love, Patricia “Patsy” Gibrall Strollo. He steadfastly believed she was sent to him from above. For 52 years, they always held hands, always smiled when they looked at each other, and always loved each other - and always will. He adored Patsy for her beauty, kindness, love and warmth. Most importantly, he was blessed with three sons; Anthony Joseph Strollo Esq. (Anna) of Baltimore, Md.; Michael Pasquale Strollo (Julie) of Girard, Ohio; and Patrick Lawrence Strollo (Allie) of Moseley, Va.; and three grandchildren, Sophia Rose and Nicholas Sean, both of Girard,

Ohio, and Abigail Louise of Moseley, Va.

Larry is also survived by his brother-in-law, W. Barry Gibrall (Toni) Henrico, Va. and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Together they will live and pass along the values Larry taught them.

Larry was a proud 1957 graduate of The Ohio State University and a true Buckeye fan. He never missed a game and spent many Saturdays cheering on the Buckeyes with the Ohio State Alumni Club.

Larry was a partner in the architectural firm of Strollo & Strollo Associates of Orlando, Fla., and, while residing in Richmond, Va., was a partner in the architectural firm of Griffey & Strollo. His accomplishments in the architectural field were many. But his most important accomplishment was his devoted love to his large Italian family, "La Famiglia."

A Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. on Sept. 22 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Mount Dora, Fla., with a Celebration of Life to follow at The Country Club of Mount Dora's clubhouse. Contributions, if so desired, can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or The Ohio State University.

The family of Lawrence Anthony Strollo invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in his memory.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
6803 Alt. Route 441
Mt. Dora, FL 32757

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Larry at Strollo in Orlando and have always had fond memories of working with him on his Virginia projects. He always made sure you knew exactly what he wanted, even though his drawings were immaculate. I appreciate all that he taught me and wish I had the opportunity to visit let him know that in person. My heart goes out to Patty and his family in this difficult time.



Sincerely,
Karen (Phillips) Hall

Karen Hall - September 21, 2021 at 07:44 PM

“ There is too much to say. Larry embodied a lot of attractive qualities so no superlative truly defines who this man really was. To his family - I share the unbearable weight from the loss of this incredible man. To his wife, Patsy - please accept most sincerest condolences for your loss. I'm convinced that he was touched by God. He was genuine and he was made of divine goodness and he will be sorely missed.

After Andy passed (Larry's life long friend and partner of Griffey and Strollo) Larry and I drove his ashes up to Andy's family property somewhere in West Virginia. On that road trip we got to talk about a lot of things and did quite a bit reminiscing about our dear friend. But when we got back to Virginia we stopped at the the office they shared. I told Larry that there was a song I wanted him to listen to. It is a very sad and emotional song by Nora Jones called "The Long Day is Over". I asked him to tell me what his reaction to the song was when he was done. Some time had gone by and so I went to look for him. He seem to have disappeared. When I found him, he was outside standing next to the buckeye tree he and Andy planted on the eastside of the building years ago. He said it was a beautiful song and that it reminded him of Andy. He said that after listening to the song he got a little emotional and came outside to pull himself together. The buckeye tree was a joint venture for the two of them and a symbol of their bond and their alma mater as both were architure students at Ohio State University. I had worked for them for twelve years in that building and I never knew that tree was there. No, I saw the tree but never knew what it was nor was I aware of its significance - not until that moment.

The song, "The Long Day is Over" is my dedication to Larry and it will forever remind me of what a beautiful soul and what an amazing human being Larry was.

Larry, I miss you and I love you more than words can say. God bless...

Romney

Romney Moody - September 20, 2021 at 07:51 PM

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“ *Romney Moody purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence Anthony Strollo.*



Romney Moody - September 20, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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“ *I became a part of the Strollo Family when my grand-daughter Allie Adams married Patrick. He and Patsy welcomed me with open arms. Every other Christmas I had the pleasure of spending time with them while I was in Virginia. Oh what fun it was watching Larry and Patsy in the kitchen preparing their Italian treats for all to eat. And eating the many sweets Patsy prepared...And the thrill of watching the Ohio football games over the holiday with the excitement they showed during the games. They even made me become a big fan of Ohio. One year I even had the pleasure of spend Thanksgiving with them along with of course, football. I was happy that I got to spend a few hours with them when Greg brought them for a visit to my son's home in Buffalo Junction, Va this past Christmas.....Patsy, my sympathy to you, my heart aches for you, you loved him so much and took such good care of him. And you had his love in return. To the rest of the family, there remains a spot in the family that can never can be filled. And that is the way it should be. I am so glad I was given the honor of sharing even in a small part of his life. God Bless and watch over you..I love you, Margaret*

Margaret Norton - July 30, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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Gregory Gilligan - July 30, 2021 at 12:46 AM

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Gregory Gilligan - July 30, 2021 at 12:35 AM

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“*RIP: Lawrence A. Strollo (1934-2021) Heaven gained a huge Buckeye angel on July 14. I'm sure Larry will be rooting for the Buckeyes in heaven as he did on earth. Larry bled scarlet and gray. He was a big Ohio State fan, always wearing an OSU baseball cap, shirt or sweatshirt around town, at Ohio State football games or game watches.*

Besides being a big OSU fan, Larry was a dear friend to me. He was a second father to me. He and his wife, Patsy, and I have been good friends for 30 years. It was because of our Ohio State connections that we became friend (“How firm thy friendship O-H-I-O”).

I had just visited them in Mount Dora, Fla., over the Fourth of July weekend. Larry had been battling prostate cancer for the last couple of years and he had been getting weaker in recent weeks. But he took a sudden turn the following weekend. I am so thankful that I got to spend some quality time with him and Patsy. We made pepperoni rolls one day and he showed me how to make eggplant rollitini the next day. We told stories, reminisced about our travels, we laughed and, of course, we talked about Ohio State football.

Larry was a loving husband, father, uncle, great uncle, mentor, and a good friend to many. His death is a big loss to the Strollo family and to many others whose lives Larry touched over the past 87 years. He certainly earned his Buckeye wings in heaven. Peace. And Go Bucks!

Gregory Gilligan - July 30, 2021 at 12:30 AM