



## Larry Wayne Armstrong

August 22, 1961 - December 14, 2025

Larry Wayne Armstrong, of Altus, Arkansas passed away, Sunday, December 14, 2025 in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was born August 22, 1961 in Lodi, California to John Tilford Armstrong and Vera Lamoine Jennings Armstrong. Larry was a Navy Journalist Seaman. He was a crew member aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal, homeported in Mayport, Georgia. He served in the Navy for 10 years. Larry worked for Wiederkehr's and Post Winery. His favorite things to do was getting together with his closest friends and to hang out with his dog, Riley and take him riding around.

He is preceded in death by his father, John T. Armstrong; two sisters, Sharon Detherage and Deborah Ray; and one brother, Richard Armstrong.

Larry is survived by his mother, Vera Lamoine Gragg of Ozark, Arkansas; one brother, John Armstrong and wife Ruth of Lawson, Missouri; and four sisters, Sue Kelley and husband Ken of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Sandy Birdsong and husband Hugh of Ozark, Sherry Black and husband Monte of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Brenda Copenhaver and fiancé Clay Porter of Soldotna, Alaska.

A family held memorial service will be set for a later date. Cremation arrangements were made under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark.



# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I just found out about Larry's passing and I wanted to let the family and friends know how sorry I am. I knew Larry when we were both stationed with the Navy in Misawa, Japan in the 1980s. Larry and I were friends and we shared many laughs together during that period when we were both trying to figure out Japanese culture. I caught up with Larry in the 1990s after I got out of the Navy but then we lost touch, and I feel badly about that. I can still hear Larry's laugh.

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**James Derheim** - April 16 at 06:11 AM

DR

“ Larry was a good friend. We worked together and he was always very helpful to me and supportive of whatever we were doing. I will miss his good humor and his kind heart. May he rest in eternal peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, especially his mom, whom he loved so much.  
*Debbie Ramey*

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**Debbie Ramey** - February 01 at 02:15 AM

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“ Larry and I met 7/4/1986 on Governors Island . The Navy flew Larry in to cover it for their newspaper and I was there to have fun. Snail mail! I saw him in Ca after he left the Navy and he came to NYC with his nephew. We stayed in touch and became great friends. We developed a great, genuine friendship over the years. A few months ago we started with phone calls. We spoke the weekend before his bypass. And he called Thursday before he passed away to tell me he was doing well .. I reached out to Janice ( New Yorkers can be very foward) who kept me apprised. Shocked to get the news Sunday that he passed away.  
May his memory be for a blessing. My condolences to his family and friends. He'll be missed. sandy eckstein



sandy eckstein - January 01 at 12:13 AM

DM

“ We are so sorry to see him go. Larry loved his family, his pup, art, and a good laugh. We spent many happy evenings laughing and watching musicals over a glass of wine. We will miss his gentle spirit and his kindness.

Dave and Roxanne Milligan - December 23, 2025 at 08:21 PM

SJ

“ So many good memories with Larry from my childhood till today and always He was kind generous, caring, lovable, and fun to be with  
Rest in peace cousin Lar  

Shawna Jennings - December 22, 2025 at 07:33 PM

DA

gOING TO MISS YOU LARRY/REST IN PEACE!!1LOVE YOU ALWAYS!

DAVID ARNOLD - December 24, 2025 at 12:05 AM

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“ *Annie Coleen Mohr lit a candle in memory of  
Larry Armstrong*



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**Annie Coleen Mohr** - December 20, 2025 at 11:39 PM