



Larry Lynn Shute

October 23, 1942 - March 26, 2021

Larry Lynn Shute, 78, of Solsberry, Indiana, surrounded by his family, went to his heavenly home, on March 26, 2021. He was the son of Lawrence Julian and Della Mae (Taylor) Shute. He was born October 23, 1942 in Greene County, Indiana. He lived his entire life on the family homestead in Solsberry. He graduated from Solsberry High School in 1960, attended Indiana University, went to Linotype School in English, Indiana, and was a firefighter/EMT, a State of Indiana Master Level Firefighter and Arson Investigator. After 39 years of service, he retired from The Herald-Times in 2003, where he worked as a Production Manager, then Environmental Services Manager. On April 2, 1966, he married his high school sweetheart and best friend, Helen Jean Shaffer, who was also his incredibly compassionate and loving caregiver.

Larry had always believed a citizen must give back something meaningful to their community. He worked to do that for several years, achieving most of the community-minded goals he had set for himself early in his young adult life. He was a founding member of the Eastern Volunteer Fire Department in 1963, where he served as Chief for 33 years, was given the status as a Life Time member, and was an active member for over 50 years. He was also recognized as a 50-year member of the Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Association. His interest in helping his community grew from the fire service and continued for his entire life. He was a fantastic advocate for his beloved

Solsberry community and a great friend to all who knew him.

Larry also had the privilege of serving on the Greene County Sheriffs Merit Board, the Greene County Ambulance Service Board, the Greene County Hospital Board, and he served 8 years as Beech Creek Township Trustee. He was a Bicentennial Torch Bearer in 2016, and he was recognized as a Distinguished Hoosier in 2019. He was also a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Solsberry Post 450. Beyond his community mindedness, he enjoyed model airplanes, and antique cars, but he was best known for his musical talents and his model railroad. He was a local historian, an authority on the Tulip Trestle, and a member of the Tulip Trestle Community Restoration Inc. In all of this, he believed he had given something back to the community that had given him so much. He lived a very satisfying, fulfilling and productive life in Solsberry, and was affectionately known as The Mayor of Solsberry.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by the love of his life and wife of 54 years, Jean, his daughters Amy (Steve) Denney, Mindy (Steven) Long, grandchildren Parker Shute Denney and Adelynn Isabel Long, sister-in-law Sue Shaffer, brother-in-law Keith (Phyllis) Shaffer, cousin Jill (Tom) Bunger, one aunt, several cousins, nieces, one nephew, and many beloved friends and neighbors.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12:00 pm, Thursday, April 1, 2021 at Solsberry Christian Church. Interment will follow at Solsberry Cemetery.

Public visitation will be held from 4 to 8 pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 and one hour prior to service at Solsberry Christian Church.

Social distancing and masks will be required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to IU Health Hospice House Bloomington, Indiana, The Solsberry Cemetery Association, Beech Creek Township Fire Department or the Tulip Trestle Community Restoration, Inc.

Cemetery Details

Solsberry Cemetery

Solsberry, IN 47459

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Solsberry Christian Church
10825 E. Christian Church Road
Solsberry, IN

Visitation

APR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

PK

“ I never had the opportunity to meet Mr Shute but I came across a video of this model train scene on YouTube. I had the pleasure to live in Greene County just north of Bloomfield from March 2000 to August 2015. We had the Wee Sheep Farm on East Kelly Branch Road. My husband got sick so we moved to Georgia closer to our son and his family but I have fond memories of living in Greene County and wish we never left. My husband passed away 3 years ago and I recently got into model trains to fill my time. I have begun my own scenic table for my train set and decided to model the scenery from Greene County thus I was on line looking for historic pictures and that is when I came across the video of Mr. Shute and his set up. Wow. It looks awesome. I thought I would try to contact him and was looking for contact information and found the obituary. I was so sad it was too late to meet him and talk with him about his model train layout. His family and friends are in my prayers and I hope my husband has a chance to meet him on the other side. God bless you Mr. Shute.

Pamela Kinnaman - October 22, 2021 at 01:32 PM

LB

“ I remember Larry as a schoolmate at Solsberry. My heart goes out to his family. I remember days when Larry's wife Jean, his sister-in-law Sue Shaffer and Shirley Eller (Sullivan) used to visit his mother Della during lunch breaks Aat Solsberry High School. I know he will be missed dearly. May his memory be a blessing to his family and friends.



Linda (Bland) Benjamin-Miles

Linda (Bland) Benjamin-Miles - April 05, 2021 at 05:54 PM

MR

“ Jean, Amy & Mindy;
So very, very sorry to hear of your loss. It is definitely a loss for all, the entire community! Larry was such a kind, caring and generous person. Always going above & beyond to make it happen. It didn't matter who or what it was for, if it was a matter, issue or event to be dealt with, he did it. From the fire department to trustee to starting the Solsberry fireworks he was always there always involved. I will forever remember him in his bib overalls and his golf cart. Remember him helping cook breakfast at the firehouse for the community pancake breakfast. For setting up the fireworks and getting the band together and especially his extreme talent and knowledge of the viaduct and model trains. His scale model of Solsberry is absolutely amazing and should be in a museum for all to share. May your cherished memories live on forever and help ease your pain through this difficult time. He is not suffering now, he is looking down from heaven with a smile and watching over you. Angels from above. Love & Prayers to you all! 🙏💕

Marcia Ranard-Perry - April 04, 2021 at 08:35 AM

DW

“ I got to know Larry while working for him years ago at the Herald Times. Wonderful person, I am honored to have known him. Rest well friend.....

Dan Wilson - April 02, 2021 at 10:02 AM

PS

“ Phil & Helen (Whaley) Sims lit a candle in memory of Larry Lynn Shute



Phil & Helen (Whaley) Sims - March 31, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JT

“ John, Jason, Margie, Linsey, James, Tatum purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Larry Lynn Shute.



John, Jason, Margie, Linsey, James, Tatum - March 31, 2021 at 12:22 PM

TD

“ The Lunch Gang, Rex, Gerald, Dale, Lorri and Dan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Lynn Shute.



The Lunch Gang, Rex, Gerald, Dale, Lorri and Dan - March 30, 2021 at 06:05 PM

TW

“ The Family of Dan & Shannon Wagoner purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Lynn Shute.



The Family of Dan & Shannon Wagoner - March 30, 2021 at 05:14 PM

DE

“ Remembering high school days at Solsberry. His involvement in basketball. cruisi classics car club. Fire Department viaduct miniature village of Solsberry Indiana. Now playing his drums for Jesus.

Donna Curl English

Donna English - March 30, 2021 at 02:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Lynn Shute.*



March 30, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *We have so many memories of Larry through the years, clear back to the 70's when he was playing the Drums with the guys, we usually showed up alot of places they were playing, even in the barn for practices LOL.
He always came in the store picking up parts for his little town, always hanging around chatting for awhile. He was such a great Guy, he will be missed by all. Our prayers are with you all. This has been such a bad year, we both lost our moms, so we understand your sadness and pain.*

prayers and hugs

*David and Ruthie Smith
and the Staff at Stansifer Radio*

David Smith - March 30, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Laurel, Marjorie, Jane, Steve & Sue purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Larry Lynn Shute.*



Laurel, Marjorie, Jane, Steve & Sue - March 30, 2021 at 08:12 AM

KB

“ Heartfelt sympathy to Larry's family. May your sweet memories bring you peace during this difficult time.
I worked with him for 9 years at the HT and he was one of my favorite people there.
He had such a great personality, sense of humor and large presence that he always made everyone feel like family. RIP big guy!

Kelly Barrow - March 29, 2021 at 04:06 PM

RR

“ May the Lord Jesus give you peace and understanding, in this time of loss, knowing that Jesus is Lord and he has prepared a place for us.

Ronald L Raney - March 29, 2021 at 09:03 AM

RB

“ Rodney And Martha Burch lit a candle in memory of Larry Lynn Shute



Rodney and Martha Burch - March 29, 2021 at 08:17 AM

VM

“ Vince May lit a candle in memory of Larry Lynn Shute



Vince May - March 29, 2021 at 07:59 AM

AM

“ Alan Vincent May lit a candle in memory of Larry Lynn Shute



Alan Vincent May - March 29, 2021 at 07:58 AM

LH

“ Jean, Amy and family, and Mindy and family: Solsberry has had a major loss. Larry done so much for the community and people of Solsberry. I am so pleased to consider him and all of you folks my cousins. I am so thankful that I could follow the sharing of condolences on FB. The train stopping and blowing its whistle in Solsberry was so precious. Larry had so very many friends. I pray that God gives all of you comfort and peace during this sad time.
Laura Jean

Laura Jean Hollingshead - March 28, 2021 at 10:57 PM

KM

Larry was in our band along with Bob Cox , Marvin Wagner and me Kenneth Martindale. We had a lot of fun playing music together

ken Martindale - March 29, 2021 at 04:37 PM

JP

“ Larry will be remembered for his love of the History of Solsberry. He has left us but his works on the History of his beloved town of Solsberry will never die. He is gone but never forgotten. I will miss him. Jim Ed Prow of Hendricksville

Jm Ed Prow - March 28, 2021 at 10:18 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Larry Lynn Shute.* ”



March 28, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Larry Shute* ”



Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - March 28, 2021 at 11:23 AM