



Larry D. Sheffield

October 28, 1949 - January 28, 2022

Mr. Larry D. Sheffield of Rico passed away on January 28, 2022. He was preceded by his wife, Jannea Furey Sheffield, and is survived by his children, Denver Sheffield (Newnan), Brandi Sheffield (world traveler), and James Parker Sheffield (Decatur); long-life best friend, Warren Pennington (McDonough), and his girlfriend and partner, Linda Burnett (Stockbridge). Larry's remaining living family includes Mary Shumate, Aunt (Warner Robins), Alice Bird, Aunt (Warner Robins), Fred Graham [Delores], Uncle (Warner Robins), Robert Graham, Uncle (Augusta), and several cousins.

On Monday, February 7, 2022, funeral services will be held at 1:30 at Rico United Methodist Church, 6475 Rico Rd, Palmetto, GA 30268. Burial will follow at Rico Community Cemetery, 6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd, Palmetto, GA 30268. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. The family will receive friends from 12:30 until service time at the church. Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

Larry's Story

Our father was born in Dodge County, GA, on October 28, 1949, in his grandmother Gertrude's bed. He was surrounded by the love of many as he grew into a young man who excelled in athletics such as basketball, developed his trademark witty sense of humor, and found himself in the

occasional mischief, which became some of his favorite stories to share.

With his best friend Warren, Daddy moved to Atlanta in the late '60s and met Mama at a local diner where she worked. Their new romance turned into the beginning of a love story that lasted over 25 years until her death in 1996. During this time, he grew into a man that was not only a loving husband and provider but a devoted father of three. As a humble man, he taught us all to be loving, fair, respectful, to work hard, and, most importantly, to be grateful for all of our blessings. The three of us have countless stories of childhood adventures up on "Sheffield's Hill", from wheel barrel races, to fireworks that Daddy was so proud to always come by, to BBQ's with him manning the grill, to Daddy being determined to put together an above ground pool, which ended in a hilarious disaster. The stories, which are too many to recount, shaped our childhood memories that become a badge of pride for any country kid from the south.

When not at home with his family, Daddy spent his days building his career at the Atlanta Airport Marriott. He worked his way up the Bell Captain, and in his over 30 years there received many awards and accolades for his excellent service and extraordinary work ethic. He loved to reminisce about all the famous people he encountered, such as actors/actresses, local tv personalities, politicians but particularly loved meeting athletes of any kind. It was also a special treat for the family when he would bring home abandoned suitcases sitting in "lost and found" too long for three very curious and eager kids to dig through. Daddy's humorous disdain for technology inspired his retirement when an email address became a requirement for his position, and true to form, his choice to forever only own flip phones.

He flourished in his retirement years with the love and support of his girlfriend and partner, Linda, who was by his side for a span of over 15 years. They shared a love of state parks, road trips to Florida, searching through the local

thrift stores, and time at home watching Paul Finebaum. Daddy met Linda at a card game, and they continued to share their love of a good game at a weekly get-together with a group of dear friends. Traveling by land or to sea visiting casinos all over the south, Daddy became "Lucky Larry" not only at the table but because of a remarkable partner in which to spend his days. He loved her grandkids as his own and gained another nickname of "Pop," and again, his family grew.

His love of the UGA Dawgs deserves its own space here. A love affair that started long ago and fueled season after season of dedicated watching and armchair participation. This last National Championship title, we believe, was for him. Go Dawgs!

Our father never met a stranger and, as a result, was blessed with endless stories full of amazing people who loved him, laughed with him, and filled his life with joy. Celebrating his life is a celebration of all of us and of the blessing of having him for as long as we did.

May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Providence Baptist Church Cemetery

6402 Campbellton Redwine Rd
Palmetto, GA 30268

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.

Rico United Methodist Church
6475 Rico Rd.
Palmetto, GA

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 1:30 PM.

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Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Brandi and James, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Cherish the memories. Sending thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

Marlo Fogle - February 07, 2022 at 07:59 PM

CM

“ *Larry was a kind and gentle soul that I knew from the Atlanta Airport Marriott. We were among the opening team in January 1981. He was quite professional at all times in his job and was adored by many guests and associates.
I am sorry for your loss. He was a special man. God bless and keep you always.*

Carole Bomar Matthews.

Carole Mathews - February 07, 2022 at 07:39 PM

BR

Thank you for your kind words

Brandi - February 10, 2022 at 12:14 AM

SJ

“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to the family of Larry Sheffield. I worked with Larry at the Atlanta Airport Marriott for years and he was such a nice man, always kind and friendly. We were a part of the original associates who were hired at the hotel within the first couple of years of it's opening and it was such a family atmosphere. It was a pleasure to know him. My prayers are for peace and comfort to the family and friends during this difficult time. May God Bless and Keep you all in His Perfect Peace!!



Shelia James-Shay

Shelia James-Shay - February 05, 2022 at 03:17 PM

BR

Thank you

Brandi - February 10, 2022 at 12:16 AM

KF

“ Ken, Linda, Nick and Drew Furey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry D. Sheffield.



Ken, Linda, Nick and Drew Furey - February 04, 2022 at 08:51 PM

CF

“ *Christy Dickerson / Chattanooga Fire purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Larry D. Sheffield.*



Christy Dickerson / Chattanooga Fire - February 04, 2022 at 10:05 AM

BG

“ *I am so sorry friends... I am absolutely praying for your hearts and your family. I'm grateful for high school memories at the Sheffield home. Love you guys mucho and my heart is with you. ❤️*

Brittany Girle - February 03, 2022 at 01:27 PM

BR

Love you honey

Brandi - February 03, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry D. Sheffield.*



February 02, 2022 at 06:52 PM

AB

“ Alice G Bird lit a candle in memory of Larry D. Sheffield



Alice G Bird - February 02, 2022 at 03:25 PM

AB

Oh how I will miss you. . Didn't see you often but I sure was always happy to see you. I remember the morning I first saw you after you were born at Mama' house. I was only 5. You sort of became a little brother instead of nephew. You were so special all thru your years. Always a quiet and kind spirit. I wish you could see all the comments from your classmates. You would smile. I have always loved you and Mama loved you as her very own. It sure hurts to say good-bye. You will always be right here in my Heart. Things were not always easy for you but I believe you have many rewards waiting. My 3 daughter's and I will never forget you. You are so extra Special. I can see that smile and those blue eyes right now. It will be tough every Oct 28 thinking of you all day. I know God will greet you with Well Done and Welcome Home My Son. Will always love and miss you... Tootsie

Alice G Bird - February 02, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry D. Sheffield.



February 02, 2022 at 01:37 PM

RH

“ sending so much love. Larry's humor and never ending smile will forever be in my soul! Love you guys... What a blessing for you to have been able to call him dad!

Rebecca Henderson - February 02, 2022 at 10:33 AM

BR



Brandi - February 02, 2022 at 05:42 PM

JL

“ *From a classmate that thought the world of Larry. I met Larry in grade school, we became quick friends, played little league baseball, middle and high school basketball together. He was a great basketball player. A quiet and gentle type of guy. I will always cherish his friendship. My prayer and thoughts are with all of you (his family). May God's grace and love comfort you..*
Jimmy Lowery

jimmy lowery - February 01, 2022 at 09:50 PM

AB

Thank You for those kind words.

Alice G Bird - February 02, 2022 at 03:48 PM

BR

Beautiful ❤️

Brandi - February 02, 2022 at 05:43 PM

JP

“ *John & Jo Ann Pfaffenberger purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry D. Sheffield.*



John & Jo Ann Pfaffenberger - February 01, 2022 at 11:06 AM

OE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
May you find comfort and peace in the loving care and support
of your family and friends. Owen and Bobbie Edge*



Owen and Barbara EDGE - January 31, 2022 at 05:52 PM