



Larry Randall Crane

September 28, 1953 - January 3, 2022

Larry Randall Crane of Nashville, TN, passed away at 68 years old on January 3, 2022 of natural causes. Larry was born in New Martinsville, WV on September 28, 1953, the son of G. Lucille (Rush) Crane (2009) and James Randall Crane (1992). In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, James E. Gilbert (2016).

Larry was a 1971 graduate of Magnolia High School where he was awarded the Magnolia High School Athletic Boosters Life Achievement Award. Larry graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Marshall University in 1975. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and has often visited his fraternity brothers in Huntington as an avid Marshall sports fan and supporter of the University.

For over 30 years he worked as a business consultant for many different companies throughout his career. His independent consulting career took him all over the world working with many types of industries. For the last 6 years, upon his brother's death, he has passionately worked to grow a food manufacturing business, Bluegrass BBQ, Inc. Bluegrass BBQ, Inc. has grown from what once was just a hobby of his brother's to a full line company that offers BBQ Sauces, Rubs, and Seasonings. Most recently, Bluegrass BBQ was on the brink of releasing a Wing Sauce and Seafood seasoning. Larry's hard work and passion leaves Bluegrass BBQ with products distributed throughout the U.S. and Internationally. Additionally, all three sauces can be found in every Publix Grocery store in Tennessee.

Larry is survived by sister-in-law, Brenda Gilbert (Summersville, WV), three nephews - Vince Carelli (Chattanooga, TN), Ron Carelli (Chattanooga, TN), and Andrew Gilbert (Wilmington, NC); he is also survived by a niece, Kelly Rochow (Los Angeles, CA) and 13 great nieces and nephews.

To honor Larry, the family will be planning a memorial service to be held in New Martinsville, WV this spring.

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Randall Crane*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *When I arrived at Marshall University my freshman year (75) - 2nd floor South Hall Larry was there to greet me. I only had one suit case and Larry asked me where hell are you coming from? I was from out of state and ever since that moment we always stayed in touch and remained good friends throughout the years. I called "Donuts" and left VM's to see how he was doing. I'm so sad about my/our loss and will always miss the good times we had together. Your friend alway! John Kahrs (JK)*

John Kahrs - October 04, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *I met Larry through my friend Ty. We attended many Marshall events together over the years. Larry was quiet and oh, so kind. I am sad for his family and friends but I will always smile when I remember him. RIP good sir! -Connie*

Connie Reed - January 20, 2022 at 04:12 PM

JF

“ I met Larry thirty one years ago as he was my husband's best friend. I always loved hearing about his travels. He went to so many countries for work and pleasure. On the return of one of his trips he introduced us to a Lemon Sherbet-Champagne drink, which we shared many times and love to this day. Over the years we spent many Friday nights eating Mexican or hanging at the Sportsman's Grill with Larry. It won't be the same without him. I could go on and on but mostly I will remember Larry for his kindness to everyone he met and the love he had for his family and friends. You will be missed! Rest in peace Larry!

Jacqueline Frisch - January 07, 2022 at 04:13 PM

JM

“ Larry and my mom (Jane Blair) grew up in New Martinsville together. They stayed in touch for the rest of their lives. I remember him visiting when I was a child and bringing pictures from all over Europe. As a kid in WV, this left a big mark. Larry is the reason I was able to travel outside of the US. We went to Paris after my college graduation and London after I was married. We even flew to Ireland just for fun. Larry, Andy, and I in the gift shop after a breakfast Guinness is something I will never forget. But he was more than a travel buddy, he was family. He cared deeply for his family and friends. I heard updates and stories often. He is missed.

Jaren McCormick - January 07, 2022 at 01:29 PM

JG

Jaren, I've never met you, but I've heard so many good things about you from Larry through the years, and of your travels together with Andy in Europe, I feel I know you like family. I'm sure this is no surprise, but he loved you and your family very much. I hope to meet you one day.... Btw, I took your mom and Larry to a Mets and Yankee game and we ran around the city when I lived in New York. Jane was a wonderful lady, and I'm glad they will have a chance to be together again. God bless.

Julian Gomez - January 16, 2022 at 01:05 AM

CR

Jaren, I met your mom with Ty and Larry. She was AMAZING!

Connie Reed - January 20, 2022 at 04:10 PM

JM

I am so grateful to hear such nice words. Julian - my mother talked about that game for years. Larry spoke of you often. Connie - I have heard of you and Ty too! I'm so grateful he had such a supportive network of friends.

Jaren McCormick - January 28, 2022 at 04:23 PM

JG

“ When Larry was an independent business consultant, he racked up more than a million miles with American Airlines and he even earned an around-the- world trip. Unfortunately, he never got to take it... No big deal for Larry, though, he had already been to 53 countries (some more than twice), and he lived in Ireland and England on assignment for a couple of years. He had a brilliant mind and memory that never failed, and he was able to recant the most minute details of trips and events that a normal person wouldn't think twice about. He was a real character, to say the least, and he was a good friend. I'm gonna miss you Larry. May you rest in peace, brother!

Julian Gomez - January 06, 2022 at 08:27 PM