



Larry Earl Allen

September 2, 1951 - December 4, 2021

Larry Earl Allen, age 70

A resident of Riverside's La Sierra area for 43 years, born in Artesia, CA. grew up in Garden Grove, CA.

Larry followed in his father's trade and owned a plastering company and also worked as a contractor for many years on local building projects. Larry's education included a bachelor's degree from Cal Poly Pomona in Construction Management. He was a Planning Commissioner for the City of Riverside for seven years and served on the City's Police Chief's Advisory Board for nine years. Larry loved his family, friends, serving his community, fishing, his dogs, hot rod cars, and history. Larry served in the military and received the national defense service medal. Larry was a U.S. Navy veteran who proudly served his country 6/27/72-5/26/77. Larry is survived by Shelley Gibson, her children Mike, Kris, Janel and granddaughters Katelyn, Madelyn & Leah ; his son Matthew Allen (Stacey) and granddaughters Maddie & Sophie; his father Richard Allen, brothers Terry (twin), Mike, Rick, Ron (Patty). Larry was preceded in death by his mother, Joanne Allen, and his son, Jason Allen.

Events

JAN **Committal Service With Military Honors** 09:45AM - 10:15AM

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Riverside National Cemetery

22495 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, CA, US, 92518

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“ Everyday with you was a gift



Shelley Gibson - February 02 at 09:13 AM



“ Shelley Gibson lit a candle in memory of Larry Earl Allen



Shelley Gibson - January 31 at 11:55 PM



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Shelley Gibson - January 25 at 08:40 PM



“ Whom ever did the pictures & songs did a really great job. Thank you for that. For a few moments I forgot he isn't here but has gone to a better place no pain there. Larry was like a son to me was always thoughtful polite & fun loving. He is very missed! No more weekly phone calls and I know his doggie is missing him greatly too. RIP dear one!

Joyce - January 21 at 12:23 AM



“ Love you Mom

Shelley - February 02 at 09:09 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Larry Earl Allen.



January 19 at 04:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Earl Allen.



January 18 at 12:05 PM



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Jay and Renee Theuer - January 17 at 03:41 PM



“ I loved the slideshow and all the memories! RIP Larry!

Peggy Wehrle(Bruning) - January 23 at 05:15 PM



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Shelley - January 29 at 01:21 PM



“ Jetta Hice lit a candle in memory of Larry Earl Allen



Jetta Hice - January 17 at 11:34 AM





“ We mourn the loss of Larry in our lives, yet we are hopeful we will see him again. Larry was an amazing man who was strong both in physical strength and in demeanor. A smart man who never stopped learning. A man that lived by doing right to others and helping those who needed a helping hand. Larry liked to share his knowledge for the betterment of his family and friends. Larry didn't just sit by the sidelines and watch life, he was an active participant. He got involved where he believed he could make a difference. As his son Matt posted, he was "fiercely loyal" to his friends and family. He loved talking about his family, local events and issues, fishing, cars, mechanical things, building things, political theater and whatever else was in front of him. I will never forget the many good times we shared. I will truly miss Larry and ask you all to keep Shelley and Larry's family in your thoughts and prayers. We honor Larry by keeping his family close.

Michael Soubirous - January 16 at 04:12 PM



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Shelley - January 27 at 10:08 PM



“ The Soubirous-Gunter Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry Earl Allen.



The Soubirous-Gunter Families - January 16 at 04:01 PM



“ Stacey Allen lit a candle in memory of Larry Earl Allen



Stacey Allen - January 12 at 07:44 PM



“ I wrote and posted this to Facebook after my father passed away. I'm sharing it here for those who didn't see the original.

My dad loved the ocean, fishing, his dogs, history, cars, and coffee -- lots of coffee. He loved building and fixing things, and seemed perfectly suited to his chosen career in construction. He took pride in pointing out projects he had worked on throughout SoCal whenever we drove by. He also took pride in his service in the United States Navy.

My dad and I are very different people, but like most children, I try to model myself after his better traits. There are two, specifically, that I hope I inherited from my dad:

First, his work ethic. I've never known anyone who worked harder than my dad. He never took a day off, never complained while on the job, and stuck it out until the job was done, no matter how long or difficult that job was.

Second, my dad was fiercely loyal to his friends and those he loved. If you got on my dad's good side he would offer the world to you, no questions asked and nothing expected in return.

I'm grateful to my dad for teaching me these traits and so much more. I know that anytime I see the ocean or someone fishing on it, hear the rev of a powerful engine, take a sip of my morning coffee, or pick up a tool to fix something around the house, I'll be thinking of my dad, and wishing he was there with me.

Goodbye, dad. I love you and will miss you.

Matthew Allen - January 08 at 10:27 PM



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shelley gibson - January 13 at 12:28 AM



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Well said Matt!

Michael Soubirous - January 16 at 04:13 PM



“ Shelley Gibson lit a candle in memory of Larry Earl Allen



shelley gibson - January 06 at 10:27 PM



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shelley gibson - January 05 at 08:52 PM



“ Larry was my "cool" uncle who had all the toys. He fueled my passion for hot rods and speed. I got to see my uncle at a low point in his life where he was struggling but then he had a wonderful lady come into his life who changed his life's perspective as the glass suddenly went from half empty to being full. Life got in the way of spending more time with my uncle but time was never barrier to when we talked as it seemed like we picked up like we had just talked even if it had been a couple months.

Larry taught me how to operate a boat and back a trailer. I think he "used" me as I look back on all those trips when he'd nap in the wee hours and I would cruise the boat back and forth to Catalina. He scared me on one occasion when we were out with my parents and Shelley and we caught a big marlin. Side note in fishing it is amazing how the most practiced task in the heat of the moment turns into everyone at each other's throats. Anyway we battled each other and this Marlin, finally gaffing it. We drug it backwards behind the boat for a bit to kill it because the boat didn't have a swim step to fasten it to. It was time to run back to harbor so we gaffed the fish again and pulled it into the boat only to have to it not be dead and stab my uncle in the thigh with the bill. Larry collapsed, passed out and we summoned medical help. He came back to and demanded we cancel the emergency services as he was okay and he wasn't going to pay for it. We got back to the harbor and in typical fashion of my uncle, after cleaning the fish and the boat, he was headed to his dentist to get his leg stitched up.

I remember at the house, my mindset changing that it's a bachelor pad when he bought the speed boat and it wouldn't fit into the garage. He made the hitch of the boat removeable but boat was still too long. The next weekend I came over and saw the boat in the garage and the china cabinet on the wall for the garage and when you opened the cabinet, the boat's jet was inside the kitchen but the boat then fit into the garage.

I have countless other memories with my uncle and I was blessed when he took me under his wing. From fishing, racing vehicles, throwing bait at jet skiers or sitting around the kitchen table. We had many memorable discussions although we never saw eye to eye on the greatest motor out there. My last conversation with Larry after checking on his health was talking about his Porsche and my mustang. Larry is no longer with us but rest assured he pops into my mind daily with phrases like "it's okay Robbie, just rip a gear." I'll never forget my uncle and I know I am not alone in being one of the many people's whose life he touched and influenced.

Rob Allen - January 03 at 04:14 PM



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shelley gibson - January 13 at 12:26 AM





“ Anyone that knew Larry knows he would be straight up with you. Being a self proclaimed “Gearhead”, he lived a very full life, and always wanted to share all he knew and all he had experienced. He knew everything to help others, and seemed to know everyone from construction to city politics. I remember I had a problem with the city’s engr. dept. regarding building planning at my work. Larry said call this guy and have him meet at your work tomorrow. Well, Larry showed up, we all talked about the issue, and problem was solved. Without Larry being there, I’m sure the problem would still exist. Larry was that good friend you could call and he would be there for you. He will be missed. Rest In Peace my brother. Mark Mugridge.

Mark Mugridge - December 29, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ Beautiful tribute. Thank you, Mark. I really loved the friendship you and my father have maintained my entire life. I can’t thank you or Pam enough for being such great friends to my dad.

Matthew Allen - January 08 at 10:28 PM



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Shelley - January 27 at 10:18 PM



“ Larry, from one Veteran to another, you served you country well and performed your duty admirably. Rest well my friend and we shall meet again. "GO NAVY".

Mike McGuinness - December 28, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Larry Allen Tribute Video



Cindy Crawford - December 28, 2021 at 11:43 AM



“ Rest in peace
Bonnie Allen Hoover - December 29, 2021 at 02:10 AM



“ Thank you for creating this, Cindy.
Matthew Allen - January 08 at 10:31 PM



“ I will miss my sweet cousin beyond words!!! He became more like a brother to me than a cousin. Larry would call me at least weekly to check in on me .. I can't tell you how much I will miss our talks and the love and concern I have felt from Larry for MANY, MANY years!!!!

When Larry was diagnosed with lymphoma he was SO positive and sure that he would beat this cancer .. we thought he had!!! When the cancer came back, I'm thankful that our precious Lord took him quickly when he couldn't speak and before the pain became too great. We all know how much our Larry LOVED to talk!!!

He was definitely a bright light in my life .. my life is a little dimmer now without him in it!!!

Shelley, thank you so much for the love and care you gave Larry these last few years that have been so difficult with his failing health. Thoughts and prayers for everyone who loved my precious cousin, Larry Earl Allen.



Cindy Crawford - December 28, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Thank you Cindy, U2 really were more like brother and sister than cousins and he loved you very much. Thank you for your positivity and support during this difficult time. We love you!

Shelley - December 28, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ I knew Larry as “Uncle Larry.” He wasn’t my real Uncle, but he was always there for me growing up and always called to check in. Larry was best friends with my dad, John Alford, since they were kids. He always knew how to tease my dad about owning his own Porsche, when he knew how much my dad loved those cars. It was hilarious how he knew how to get my dad fired up in a brotherly way. We loved Larry’s sense of humor, love for America, straight forward views, strong faith, and wisdom. Larry watched me in my mother’s belly and beyond my wedding day. After I got married, Larry grew a special bond with my husband, Lincon. Larry always treated him as a son and Lincon looked forward to their phone calls. Larry even helped us renovate our home and taught my husband a lot of building tips. Larry was family to us and we are forever grateful for the memories we had with him. He will be missed.

Aubrey Cain - December 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM



“ Thank you for the beautiful tribute Aubrey and Lincon, It is and always has been a very special bond he has with the Alford family. God bless!

Shelley - December 28, 2021 at 05:18 PM



“ Thank you, Aubrey. Your dad was a great friend to my dad.

Matthew Allen - January 08 at 10:32 PM



“ Larry used to always say that people won’t remember you for what you said or what you did, but I’ll always remember you for the way you made them feel. I’m truly blessed to have had been so loved and adored for over 23 years, You will forever be in my heart



Shelley Gibson - December 27, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ Rob Allen is following this tribute.

Rob Allen - December 27, 2021 at 10:09 PM



“ Where should I start? I'm Mike Gibson and Shelley's oldest son. I first met Larry when I was around 14 playing Junior All American Football as he was my coach in Norco where I grew up. Later on down the road Larry came into my Mom's life and made her feel loved and Larry was my Mom's main squeeze. Larry is the reason I got into Saltwater fishing at a young age, he took me on my first overnight boat out of San Diego aboard the Apollo! That guy could cast a jig a mile and was hooking Albacore left and right making it look so easy. That trip started my passion and eventually a career on Sportfishing and Commercial fishing vessels from San Diego to Alaska and picking up my USCG 100 ton Captains License along the way. Whenever I had a question about engineering on a boat or just a dumb question about drywall, Larry would always thoroughly answer in the most professional manner and would throw a Larry style joke in the end. I spent many days working with him in the off season doing drywall, painting and plastering. I would pretty much just go for the entertainment of Larry riding everybody ass and yelling at his brother Mike. I am proud to say he fished his last saltwater trip with me on the Pacific Queen. I got him the best bunk, all the crew tee shirts and sweaters he wanted, all the food he could eat, best baits outta the handwell and he caught some nice fish to take home. The last time we hung out we just sat in the living room this last Thanksgiving and talked about this and that as we usually did. I gave him a big hug with a kiss on the cheek and said I'll be back in 2 weeks....I'm really going to miss you Larry. Thanks for loving, protecting and always being there for my Mom the last 23 years. You are a good man and I love ya! See ya soon and save me a spot at the rail! Love -Mike

Mike Gibson - December 27, 2021 at 08:47 PM



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Shelley - December 28, 2021 at 05:25 PM



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Thank you, Mike. Reading that made me extremely proud of my dad.

Matthew Allen - January 08 at 10:30 PM



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shelley gibson - January 14 at 10:16 PM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Larry Allen. He was my boyfriend during my senior year at GGHS (1970). Maybe the funniest memory was the time he tried to teach me how to drive a stick shift in his Camaro! It took both of my feet to push in the clutch. His frustration resulted in him getting out and walking. Or maybe the time when we had a double date with my brother and his fiancé, Debbie, to see the Rose Parade in Pasadena on New Year’s Day. But my fondest memories are the most recent. Larry called me after my husband, Fred, passed away in 2016. Larry, having lost a son, was no stranger to grief. His compassion and understanding were so helpful to me. Over the next few years, he continued to “checkup” on me every so often. His love for Shelley, his children, and his grandchildren were so prevalent in our talks. We even talked about his illness, but, typically, Larry made it sound like it wasn’t so bad. I took a lot of comfort in knowing that Larry would call again to make sure I was doing alright. The news that he had passed away came as a sad surprise. I’m really going to miss those phone calls. I’m going to miss my friend.

Marylou Brown - December 24, 2021 at 10:53 PM



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Shelley - December 28, 2021 at 10:03 PM