



Larry Andrew Silva

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Obituary of Lawrence Andrew Silva

A Celebration of Life Service will be held, 1:00 PM, Monday, October 25th, 2010 at the Sunnyside Little Chapel of the Chimes, 11667 SE Stevens Road, Portland, Oregon, 503-659-1184, Larry passed away in Vancouver, Washington October 17, 2010. He was 57 years old.

Larry was born March 17, 1953 in Klamath Falls, Oregon to Manuel Eugene & Norma Cardellini Silva, the oldest of 4 children. Raised in Klamath Falls he graduated from Klamath Falls Union High School and received his degree from Portland Community College in Architectural Design and Drafting. He was a truck driver for May Trucking, Excel Logistics, McCracken Freight and Motor, retiring in 2005. He married Theresa Ann Wolf, July 31, 1999 at their home in Vancouver, Washington. Larry is survived by his wife, children; Martha Hansen, Paul Opie, Bruce Steward, Jamie Eichell and Amanda Silva. Siblings; Mike Silva, Ronald Silva, Tenny Silva, Steven Silva, Dan Silva and Elizabeth Thomas. 11 Grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his sister Cindy.

Online condolences can be made to the family at: www.columbiafh.com



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Anonymous posted:

Theresa, Our hearts go out to you and the children. You had a full life together and carry your memories of his patience, warmth and mischievous sense of humor.##imported-begin##Randy & Tricia Roberts##imported-end##

October 24 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Theresa, Larry was my big brother, that how I always referred to him whenever anyone asked. I will always remember him as the person that would tell me 'you can do it, just don't give up'. You know what he was right I could do it. I will never forget his smile, his words of wisdom and opinions, and his love for you. I believe that Larry was the happiest in the time he spent with you at the 'ranch'. He called it his little piece of heaven. Mike... Theresa, Larry was really a great guy, he loved his children and you very much, he always gave Mike a bad time in that Silva way. If we needed him for anything he would be there for us. He always greeted me with hey beautiful and that always made me smile. The big flirt.... Patty We will miss him very much. Mike & Patty Silva##imported-begin##Mike & Patty Silva##imported-end##

October 24 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

will miss you - enjoy heaven##imported-begin##amy##imported-end##

October 24 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Will always miss uncle Lerry and he will always be in my heart##imported-begin##Josh Silva##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Larry Silva scared me when I first saw him. He was big, broad of shoulder and large boned, and his hair and beard were slightly overwhelming. I say he scared me at first glance but that ended IMMEDIATELY when he smiled. Oh what a smile Larry had. Even better than his grin was his laughter which seemed to pour out from someplace real within him. We had the opportunity to be neighbors to Larry and Theresa in Portland. Some seriously rough times came to us as we lived across the street. My husband almost died a number of times. Each and any time that we needed Larry and Theresa's help they were there NO QUESTIONS ASKED they were completely there for us! My husband Nyle and Larry had ever so much fun for several years. When Christmas came they would compete against each other to see who could decorate the best with Christmas lights. What a festive place our little corner of heaven was on those Christmases so long ago. I am making myself a vow right now that for every holiday left in my life I will celebrate Larry Silva, and what a terrific, loyal friend he was, and the zest he had for life, even in it's more difficult times. Lots of love, CJ Smith##imported-begin##CJ Smith##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

My best memories of dad: Hunting Bee's: One time dad and I went bow hunting in Springfield, OR. We went out and found a nice ridge overlooking a small valley. We split up and went out to see what we could find. About 10 minutes later I came to a clearing I looked over and saw Dad about 100 yards off to my right. He saw me then waved, and then we both started settling to wait out any game. Well dad decided to sit down on a nearby stump. As soon as he did he jumped up started dancing around, then started running back to the road. It was the fastest I had ever seen him move. When we got to the road and met up I had found out that he had sat on a bee's nest, I don't think I laughed so hard. Working on the truck: Dad and I spent a lot of time working on mom's S10 not that she remembers, and every time we would have left over nuts and bolts. Well one time I asked dad, "Why do we always have so many left over nuts and bolts?" he told me "Don't worry, if there was not left over nuts and bolts then we would have done it wrong." Sure enough we never had any problems. He showed me how to change the oil filter, spark plugs, the clutch, the transmission and how to take out the drive shaft to get to the transmission. Every time we would have left over parts, but one time when we changed out the clutch we did not have any left over nuts and bolts, so that worried us. So when mom went to start the truck up there was a loud bang and a small explosion. It turned out we put the clutch in backwards, and when mom started the truck it blew. So from that day forward, I always made sure to check things again if there were no left over nuts and bolts. Cat in my room, One night I decided to sneak a girl into my room, well we were not so quiet and Larry came in. I had just got the covers over her when he opened the door. He asked me "Who is in there with you?" I told him "The cat" he then replied by saying, "Tell the cat she needs to go home and make sure not to wake your mom on the way out." Thinking back: Looking back now I realized that Larry was a wonderful Dad to me, and I did not realize that until recently. Now that dad has moved on I have realized what the man meant to me. He was a father, a friend and one of the best men I ever knew. I will never forget you dad and look forward to see you in heaven. I know you will be up there leaning on the back of a perfectly good lazy boy, drinking Pepsi and watching a good western. So dad keep a Pepsi cold for me, and a good set I will see you when I get there. ##imported-begin##Paul Opie##imported-end##

October 21 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My dad was the sweetest most gentlest soul I have ever met. He was always there for me no matter what. He was and will always be my best friend. I love him dearly. I will make sure my daughter Jessey knows all the wonderful stories about her papa. She loved him and loved to tease him. ##imported-begin##Jamie Silva Eichel##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Larry was a good friend##imported-begin##Don Wilson##imported-end##

October 22 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Theresa,Larry was a joyful, fun loving brother, and you and he had a wonderful time building memories together. We are sure the stories will be told and the laughter will fill the room as everyone remembers and celebrates his life. It was varied and full, and we know you two were blessed to find each other.Larry was so proud of the life you two made together and of his and your children. Family was very important to Larry, and it showed in how he would drop everything if he had any idea that a friend or family member needed anything.As I said, whenever I tell the story of how we got through last April and going through Mom's things, you, Larry, Jamie and JD are the center point of that story because without your daily help from sunrise to sunset to sunrise again, doing all the heavy lifting and heavy hauling, the job would still be there to do. Some people just give lip service, but you truly demonstrated with your joyful hearts and the sweat of your brow, how family reacts, supports and pulls together to help each other.We pray the Lord will be your strength and comfort as you walk this path.As it is, Larry, Mom and Dad are up there ribbing each other and swapping tales! You can bet that the good Lord has his hands full now!We will all miss you, Larry.Love,Mike, Liz and Michael Thomas##imported-begin##Mike, Elizabeth & Michael Thomas##imported-end##

October 21 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dan and Family, I am so sorry for your loss, brothers are such special people in our lives. He will be missed, but is now with his dad and your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nancy Felton##imported-end##

October 21 at 5:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Theresa, Bruce, Jamie and Amanda,We are so sorry for your loss, please know you are in our prays. We'll miss him on family nights.We will keep in touch. All our love,Dan, Sandy and family##imported-begin##Dan Silva##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Larry, You have been a good brother, husband and father. You are going to be missed. Always there for others, honest and easy going, not like the rest of us, trying to get ahead, no time for family until we got older and wiser, something you too learned. Thanks for the laughter, support and love you gave. Take care and may you find rest and a happy hunting ground until we meet again. PS Now can't shoot for the road!##imported-begin##Dan Silva##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Theresa,How I will miss my big brother Larry,What a kind and generous soul he was and is. He was always looking out for others. His motivation was to be in the moment. He was an attentive listener when he was younger and could hear better. He always looked people in the eyes when he communicated with them.I often was struck with ah at the ease in which he could absorb complex mathematical formulas; and yet he was just as humble and would say, "Well geees Steve, I'm not sure about that". His interests were wide and varied. From history, to geography, to cards to cars. Larry just made it seem just so easy. He'd be teaching me a card game or show me how to fix one of my tired 'ol cars and he'd say, "Now Steve, it's really pretty simple..." I was completely lost. I often told my friends I have Einstein for a brother. Larry had a crazy IQ that matched his hair...electrifying.He always told you the score. Even when he was feeding his bull. He'd be talking to the bull and say, Now you know why I'm feeding you all this good expensive hay don't you? It's because in about 6 months I'm goanna be eating you. So you better enjoy it while you can. With that the cow mooded and backed up steeping on Larry's foot. Larry had a black and blue foot for months. He just said, "I guess I had that coming."Larry You did have it coming. Your kindness and generosity was given back to you in the love Theresa had for you. Your Children Amanda, Jamie and Paul have given you love and respect. AND your brothers and sister have great memories, We love you dearly.We will miss you, our biggest and oldest brother.Tears of sadness flow down my cheeks as i write this letter.I miss you already!The world has lost one of its gentle giants.I'll miss you Big brother.Love always,Your little brother,Steven##imported-begin##Steven Silva##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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