



William "Larry" Peterson Sr.

February 6, 2021

William "Larry" Peterson Sr., son of late William Lloyd Peterson and Arita Marie Bush Peterson Cruz born on December 6, 1960 in Washington, D.C. was called to be with the Lord February 6, 2021.

Larry grew up in Halls Hill, a small community located in Arlington, Virginia where he was a well-known community leader and a proud member of Calloway United Methodist Church. His love and dedication to work began at an early age delivering newspapers. It was Larry's lifelong friend Charles "Buck" Carpenter who helped ignite his passion for landscaping. Larry's passion for entrepreneurship enabled him to convince his family team to devote themselves to the venture, and the incorporation of Peterson Landscape Maintenance (PLM) in 1986. Larry's siblings Daniel, Kirk, and the late Wanda were all key figureheads in the foundation of the family business. Larry remained active in the daily operations and interactions with employees for thirty-four years.

Shortly after the establishment of PLM, Larry met the love of his life Sandra "Sandy" Peterson. They were joined in marriage August 27, 1988. They are proud parents to Nicole, Dominic, TaLesha, and William Larry Jr.

Larry had a positive outlook on life and lived life through simple pleasures of welcoming and entertaining others during the holidays. Larry had an uncanny

ability to reach people in a deep and positive way. He was the happiest when surrounded by family and friends. Larry is renowned for his hard work, determination, love for those around him, and his wisdom.

Larry was preceded in death by his father William Lloyd Peterson; mother Arita Marie Bush Peterson Cruz; and sister Wanda Denise Peterson-Wanzer.

His memory will be cherished and kept alive by his adoring eternal wife and partner Sandy Peterson; his children Nicole Johnson, Dominic Williams (Savina), TaLessa Watlington (Robert), and Larry Peterson Jr; his eight grandchildren; Gregory Johnson Jr., Cameron Johnson, Lilyanah Johnson, Ava Peterson, August Williams, Malachi Watlington, Dawson Williams, and Malia Watlington; two brothers Daniel Peterson (Henriette) and Kirk Peterson (Donna), numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and other relatives and friends who loved Larry very much.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Valley Memorial Park

8420 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
3200 Golansky Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

FEB 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Larry" Peterson Sr.*

January 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Thinking of you in these difficult times. Healing wishes for you and your family.*

Michael Artson & Family

Michael Artson - April 01, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *The Faggins Family lit a candle in memory of William "Larry" Peterson Sr.*



The Faggins Family - February 24, 2021 at 05:27 PM



Larry was such a strong role model and gives credence to Denzel Washington's motivational speech about living outside of the box and taking risks that bloom into success. Larry's grandparents lived on our block and adored their children and grandchildren. The fruit did not fall from the tree, with character and integrity. May God continue to richly bless Sandy, the brothers and family during this difficult time.

From: The Faggins Family - Francine, Rhonda & Renee

Faggins Family - February 24, 2021 at 05:29 PM

FR

“ Furr Roofing purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..



Furr Roofing - February 22, 2021 at 10:07 AM

MD

“ Sandy and family, I was saddened to hear of the news of Larry's passing. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to you and your family! 🌸

Melissa Davis - February 21, 2021 at 01:21 PM

TL

“ Karrington & Theresa Lee- Larry was such a wonderful uncle to Karrington and just an all around kind and giving person. We will miss him! The family will stay in our hearts during your time of grief. We love you ❤️

Theresa & Karrington Lee - February 19, 2021 at 04:10 PM

CB

“ FROM your cousin Darren Brown and family ,, Larry's kindness gave me a chance in the Lawn and Landscape field and i starting working for him out of the basement of his parents house ,,that blessing !!!from him to this day directed my path of loving working in the Ground maintenance field ..,will be missed Love always Sandy and family from your cousin !!

Cousin.. DARREN BROWN - February 19, 2021 at 01:40 PM

HD

“ *Herb Carter Jr., Diann(Carter)Burns purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



Herb Carter Jr., Diann(Carter)Burns - February 19, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JF

“ *Dearest Sandy and Family,
Please accept my condolences on the passing of cousin Larry, Although I have not seen Larry for many years, he will be missed, but not forgotten. I am blessed to have my childhood memories of growing up on Hall's Hill with my family and friends (back in the day)!!. I guess God needed another Angel and decided it was time for Larry to come home and rest in peace.*



Much Love Always and cousin Larry, I will see you on the other side one day!!

Jo Ann Holmes-Frazier and Family - February 19, 2021 at 01:48 AM

CB

“ *Cousins: Sammy Newman, & Debbie Newman Blacknall purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



Cousins: Sammy Newman, & Debbie Newman Blacknall - February 19, 2021 at 12:21 AM

WL

“ Was one of the helpful person I've ever known always willing to pull you up and never look for gratification as long as it helped you!
R.I.P to a loving brother!💙💜

Warren Laws - February 18, 2021 at 11:32 PM

VR

“ My sincere condolences to Sandy and his entire family. May he rest in peace.

Virginia & David Ruffner



Virginia & David Ruffner - February 18, 2021 at 11:31 PM

HJ

“ Howard Pullen, Jr. lit a candle in memory of William "Larry" Peterson Sr.



Howard Pullen, Jr. - February 18, 2021 at 10:50 PM

BV

“ To the loving Peterson family,

On behalf of the Vaughan/Lightfoot family, please accept our sincere condolences. Specifically, when I, Bernetta Vaughan heard about Larry's transition to heaven, it stunned me to the core of my being. Even though I have not interacted with him for many years, I always considered him as family due to the child/adult friendship he had with my twin brothers (Mitchell and Michael Vaughan). Also, I do recall that he and his lovely wife, Sandy encountered my sister Beverly and her husband Reggie Harrison at a restaurant a few years back. The moment was pleasant, joyful, and ended in my sister receiving a “big hug” from him. Larry was a fine man of distinction, and all of “Haul's Hill” is in mourning for him.

At this time, I wanted to take this moment to enlighten you with a few other memories about Larry in his early young adult years: Larry was an athlete who excelled in the art of football. Memory serves me to say that “back in the day” I and other neighborhood girls (Paulette Washington, the late Paula Leftwitch, Vanesa Colman, Karen Miller, Toney Taylor, Angie Powell, Tina Powell, Tashia Powell, Tammy Vaughan, Terina Vaughan, and others) were cheerleaders for the afterschool intermural football teams (Hawks and Bearcats), as well as cheering for him and others (my twin brothers, Carry Gomes, Skip Powell, Bow Robertson, Cornell Washington, the late Kim Gordon, Ricky Bethal, the late Dennis Bell, Kevin Brown, George Long, Steve Bridgette, Rodney Foreman, and other “Hauls Hill” exceptional young brothers) when they played for the Yorktown High school Patriots Varsity football team.

Personally, I also recalled the times when Larry and I executed janitorial services for the Calloway United Methodist Church. He was my supervisor and my neighborhood big brother who gave me teenaged advice at times and the occasional ride home in his pristine navy-blue mustang from afterschool football and cheerleading practices. As you can see, as a young adult he exhibited an exceptional work ethic which he excelled in by creating

his own Landscaping company for over 30 years and helping others to succeed in life. I and my family and neighborhood friends are truly blessed to have known him.

Respectfully, to his devoted wife Sandie, their children, and grandchildren, be blessed, celebrate his life and may God be with you during this time of mourning.

*Sincerely,
The Vaughan & Lightfoot Family*

Bernetta Vaughan - February 18, 2021 at 10:27 PM

MG

“ Mike Geter lit a candle in memory of William "Larry" Peterson Sr.



Mike Geter - February 18, 2021 at 10:24 PM

MG

“ Words cannot express my deepest sympathy to the Peterson Family. Continued Prayers for you all.

Mike Geter - February 18, 2021 at 10:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..



February 18, 2021 at 08:08 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 18, 2021 at 06:11 PM



“ *Sandy and children: I feel so much sadness for your loss Sandy. But I know you have good memories of Larry. Talk about him and remember the good times. The memory of your loved one will not fade but it will get easier to remember him. I promise. He was such a nice man and I know you were blessed to have him in your life. Love you cousin!*

ANN MARIE WILLIAMS - February 18, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *To the family,*

We are so sorry for your loss, Larry had a kind spirit and good heart. We will always remember the good times at the family gatherings. The memories you have will keep your hearts full.

*Sincerely,
Earl, Joanie & Corey*

Earl & Joanie Henderson - February 18, 2021 at 02:44 PM

SH

“ *Stevie and Mary Holmes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



Stevie and Mary Holmes - February 18, 2021 at 12:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 18, 2021 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 18, 2021 at 12:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 18, 2021 at 06:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 17, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 17, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 17, 2021 at 06:18 PM

SC

“ I remember when Larry's sister, Wanda, and I did his paper route one day because he had a stomach ache. We thought it would be so easy, but we realized it was hard work. The area was called Hall's "Hill" for a reason; we were just teens, but evidently Larry was more physically fit than us. And our aim was not good, so we had to walk up to each door to leave the paper instead of tossing it like Larry did. Finally, we had to collect payments that day, but somehow the money was off. After Larry gave us a short lecture, he said "next time pay attention to what you're doing!"

Larry knew his business well for such a young guy. We learned a lot from him that day; like, you can learn from anyone -- even youngsters -- all you have to do is let them speak, and listen.

Thank you Larry. I'll never forget.



Sherry Coles - February 17, 2021 at 04:33 PM

YJ

“ Your cousins: Yvonne & Neil Brown, Ayanna, Juanita purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..



Your cousins: Yvonne & Neil Brown, Ayanna, Juanita -
February 17, 2021 at 02:49 PM

CH

“ Cory & Melanie Hanifan purchased the Serene R
etreat for the family of William "Larry" Peterson
Sr..



Cory & Melanie Hanifan - February 17, 2021 at 11:04 AM

VC

“ Vanessa Necie Coles lit a candle in memory
of William "Larry" Peterson Sr.



vanessa Necie Coles - February 16, 2021 at 07:18 PM

VC

Rest peacefully old friend.

Necie

vanessa Necie Coles - February 17, 2021 at 04:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
William "Larry" Peterson Sr..



February 16, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Larry" Peterson Sr..*



February 16, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *There is no sufficient manner in which to console the unimaginable pain you and your family have experienced. But our words can only express how much we love you, and we pray that God's Love will show extra favor in comforting all of you.*

LaToya Reynolds - February 16, 2021 at 10:37 AM