



Larry Lee Books

March 14, 1949 - July 24, 2012

Larry Lee Books, age 63, passed away suddenly at home in Battle Ground, Washington on Tuesday July 24th 2012. He was born on March 14th, 1949 in Fulton Missouri to Lee and Lois Books. Larry grew up in Eastern Washington where he attended primary and secondary school graduating with his teaching certificate from Eastern Washington University in 1973. He obtained his Masters Degree in Teaching from Portland State University. He started teaching in Napavine Washington and then survived 27 years in the Evergreen School District teaching high school woodshop and drafting. Larry built a successful program at Evergreen and Mt. View High Schools for his students. His progressive style of teaching and the incorporation of technology prepared his students for a life long appreciation and love of woodworking, some even establishing successful businesses in the trade. Larry and his wife Janet were married for 29 years living in Battle Ground, Washington. Together they built a very successful business, Gallery Florist, which served the patrons of Clark County and surrounding areas and retired after 24 years in business. He is survived by his wife Janet, two daughters, Kerrie and husband Doug Carl of Prince of Wales, Alaska and Krista and husband Robert Johnson of Washougal, Washington. He had five grandchildren, Tim, Tori and Jillian Carl of Alaska, and Erika and Emily Johnson of Washougal, Washington. Larry enjoyed a life long passion of working with wood and creating studio art furniture and selling it in galleries throughout the United States. He was published in both Fine Woodworking and The Old Saw magazines

showcasing his beautiful furniture designs. He created amazing lamps, tables, plant stands, chairs, cradles, music stands and many specialty pieces for his family, especially his grandchildren. The funeral service will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Funeral Chapel on Monday July 30th at 3pm. To honor Larry's love of woodworking the family suggests choosing a favorite tree and planting it in memory of him.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SH

“ *Sad to just hear of Larry's passing. He was once my brother in law. Many many years ago. I was still a teenager at the time. But I had fond memories of him and his parents.*

Scott Hoffman - January 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *I am sorry for your loss, I was a student of Mr. Books from 1995-97. He was an important part of my education at MtnViewHs, his was the only class I wouldn't skip! Thank you Mr. Books for giving me the ability to create quality, detailed orientated craftsmanship in whatever I build, you will be missed.*

Barron M. - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Janet, My heart aches for you and your family. May the memories and love you shared together help you get through these hard times. Pam Tereza*

Pam Tereza - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Prayers abound for Janet and the whole family. I was very fond of Larry, and I loved growing up next to such wonderful neighbors. Larry was also my first employer, paying me to clear-cut the weeds throughout about an acre of the property/power-washing the deck, etc. I especially remember being fed and kept warm one evening when I was locked out of the house on a stormy evening. Larry will be missed greatly.

Curtis Farr - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RV

“ My heart felt thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Larry's passing. I will always remeber with foundness the number of discussions we had at the flower shop centered mainly around woodworking and the family. I found him to be very kind, helpful, talanted and a man with a deep and loving commitment to his family. No matter how busy he was he always seemed to have time to talk with me and share his advise and woodworking related stories. We often talked of the projects he was working on for the family. I will miss him, as we all will, and will continue to think of him often. I really liked him. Bob

Robert (Bob) Vaughn - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

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Jessica Weeks - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I have so many memories of Larry. From seeing him come thru the back door of the shop, to the fantastic food on our buying trips. He had a love for numbers and always enjoyed telling me how we stood compared to the year before in sales. I remember how much he loved chocolate and eating at chowder at Ives in Seattle. I will miss him, but I know that there is a bright day coming in the future when we will see him again. I love you Janet and want you to know that you can call me anytime. I am here for you. Love Fran

Fran Gladden - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ May our ever faithful Lord be with you Janet and your family at this time of your loss and sorrow. My prayers will be with your entire family. Larry will be forever missed.

Trisha Sikes - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ My heart is so sad for you Janet and your family. What an unexpected tragedy. I always remember Larry and his love for woodworking and the florist. He loved chocolate and the newspaper => He was always so laid back and friendly. I had a wonderful time learning from him at the flower shop in all different areas of life. He was always so knowledgeable! He will truly be missed and I was blessed to know him and you Janet. The flower shop was my second family and I often miss it. He will be missed Janet. God Bless you and comfort you through this difficult time! All my love!

Christina Dawson - July 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family.

Speer Family - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers go to Janet and the Books Family. So sorry for your loss.*

Debi Hughes - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ *Praying comfort and peace for you and your family. May HE wipe away every tear...*

Debra & Art Ashton - July 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM