

Lawrence Allen Corpe

January 13, 1943 - October 05, 2023

Lawrence (Larry) Allen Corpe passed away Thursday, October 5th, 2023 in Lansing MI. Larry was born January 13, 1943 in Alpena to parents Leonard Charles Corpe and Lucille Almina (Allard).

He grew up in Williamsburg, graduating in 1961 from Elk Rapids Cherryland High School. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany, later attending college.

Larry married the love of his life, Bonnie Jean Booth on March 28th, 1970 at the Elk Rapids Methodist church.

Being promoted throughout the years in the field of electronics, technology & computers, Larry spent the majority of his career working as telecommunications specialist for the U.S. Dept. of Justice (DOJ). He lived most of his working life in Alexandria, VA, and later Arlington, TX, near both locations of the U.S. DOJ's main computer centers for our country. On May 22, 1997, in Washington D.C., Larry was very proud to have received a Special Commendation Award for outstanding service from the U.S. DOJ, presented by Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General. Prior to entering civil service, Larry worked for several private electronics firms, involved in projects which developed electronic technology for NASA, the Apollo 17 mission, and the U.S. Treasury Dept.

After retiring from his long standing career with the U.S. DOJ, Larry & Bonnie did some travelling to the Bahamas, Montana, and Michigan to visit family & friends. Larry's love of church, family gatherings, homecooked food, playing harmonica & banjo, attending sing-a-longs with good friends, classmate luncheons and writing music were some of his most enjoyed pastimes. He wrote many songs, both music & lyrics, about his life growing up, his wife, mother, and Christian praise. He gifted many of his family members these musical memoirs for them to cherish.

Larry is preceded in death by his wife Bonnie, his parents, sister Alice A. (Burfiend), brothers Clare C. and James T. Corpe.

He is survived by his sisters Edna M. Leach, Leona M. Webb, many beloved family members, good friends, and his care giving family the Cross's.

Larry will be laid to rest alongside his beloved wife Bonnie at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Elk Rapids, MI. A memorial for family & friends will be held at a later date.

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