



## Laurence "Larry" Armstrong

October 21, 2019

Laurence "Larry" Walter Armstrong, Jr. was born August 13, 1929 in Walton, New York to Laurence Walter Armstrong, Sr. and Gladys Puffer. He died peacefully at home on October 21, 2019.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Arletta Storrer Armstrong, with whom he enjoyed a remarkable partnership of 70 years; their seven children, Mickey (Pamela) Armstrong of Alton, VA, Vickie (Frank) Winkler of Andes, NY, Jon (Marilyn) Armstrong of Walton, NY, Reva (Steve) Jones of Walton, NY, Tracy (Eileen) Armstrong of Youngsville, NC, Laurie Armstrong of Raleigh, NC and Barry (Linda) Armstrong of Rockingham, NC; as well as 19 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren; his sister, Celia Ruff of Kellogg, Idaho and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert and George "Raymond;" his brother-in-law, Philip Ruff; and great-grandson, Hunter Jones.

Larry spent most of his working life as a dairy farmer and upon moving from his native upstate New York to Raleigh in 1972, he managed several successful herds in Wake County, including the Dorothea Dix herd that once occupied the land where the North Carolina State Farmers Market is now located. After retiring from farming, Larry became a bartender at the Angus Barn, joking that he might have left the farm but couldn't stay out of the barn. During 28-years of working for his beloved Vann Eure, he mentored scores of young men and women and became known as "Larry the Legend."

Larry was an avid bowler in his younger years and became an excellent golfer in his 40's who "shot his age" throughout his 70's and 80's. He enjoyed woodworking, reading and watching sports – especially when his children and grandchildren were competing. He was often known to declare that if wealth was measured by a man's pride in his family, he was the richest man in the world.

A memorial service will be held at a later date yet to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the memory of Larry to St. Jude Children's Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Comments

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“ Larry's happy nature & smile was a blessing to me & all around, fun to play golf with and such a loving family man. He is making a joyful sound with the angels in Heaven now. May the Lord comfort Arletta & all the family. Bill & Vickie Wade

**William Wade** - October 27 at 04:54 PM

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“ Richard always spoke fondly of "Squeak". He loved being in the Guard with him. He always told about stopping the Guard caravan at WDLA while Squeak climbed to the very top of the antennae to change a light bulb. Our deepest sympathies to all his family. Richard and Cecelia

**Richard & Cecelia** - October 25 at 05:02 PM

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“ Vicki and Micky and the Armstrong families  
Sorry for your loss. My condolences to you all.

**nancy gilbert** - October 25 at 08:19 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the Armstrong family.  
Deb and Neil Bartlett.

**Deb** - October 24 at 10:44 PM

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“ Mickey/Vickie and Families: Deepest sympathy is extended to you all.

**Diane (Rising) Werdebaugh** - October 24 at 10:33 PM

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“ Class of 1969: Mickey and Vickie and Families: The Class of 1969 extends our deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. Please know that others are thinking of you at this very sad and difficult time

**Walton Class of 1969** - October 24 at 09:57 PM

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“ Mickey, Vicky, Jon and the entire family. I'm sorry to hear about your dad's passing.

God bless you all during this very difficult time.

John Henderson

**John A Henderson** - October 24 at 09:25 PM

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“ To the Armstrong Family. We are so very sorry for your loss. "Squeak" was a man we respected and we always enjoyed talking with him. Thoughts, love, and hugs to you all. Butch and Judy Neale

**Butch Neale** - October 24 at 09:02 PM