

## Lawrence Edward Verbon

August 3, 1943 - March 14, 2025

Lawrence E. Verbon, lovingly known as Larry, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 14, 2025, at KC Hospice House, surrounded by his devoted family. He was 81 years old.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years, Shirley A. Verbon; his cherished daughters, Amy Duncan (Kevin) and Leigh Ann Oyler (Rob), both of the Kansas City area; 11 treasured grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. His greatest joy in life was his family, and he was their biggest supporter—always present, always proud.

Born and raised in Wyandotte County, Kansas, Larry was the son of Rose Verbon. A lifelong “Dotte,” he attended St. John the Baptist Grade School on Strawberry Hill, where he received all his sacraments. He was an avid bowler at St. John’s Social Club and a pinball wizard, earning the nickname “Flippy.” He attended De La Salle High School and, as a stylish man, worked at a local clothing store, The Leader. An Eagle Scout, he embodied leadership, dedication, and service from an early age.

Larry pursued his studies at The University of Kansas, remaining a lifelong and passionate supporter of KU athletics. He had a deep love for music, with Elvis Presley and Willie Nelson among his favorites. Over the years, he built a respected career, working at Structural Steel and Nabisco before serving two terms as County Clerk for the Unified Government of Kansas City, Kansas. He worked at the County Appraiser’s Office in Wyandotte County, where he retired in 2004.

Larry's love for life extended beyond his career. He was an avid athlete, enjoying tennis, racquetball, and handball. Summers were spent sunbathing and boating at Grand Lake with Big Al's Vagabonds and the Lake of the Ozarks, making lifelong memories with family and friends aboard his beloved boat, "Old Whitey". A dedicated father, he took great pride in coaching and cheering from the sidelines, actively involved in his daughters' activities as a booster club member. His love for sports and family continued with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, attending numerous sporting events and activities. He was always spotted giving his signature thumbs-up, often alongside his grandchildren. Weekends were for golf on TV—or loudly cheering for the Kansas City Chiefs and KU basketball.

Larry never lost touch with his roots. He loved returning to "The Hill" for a classic Reuben at Breit's, and he could often be found at St. John the Baptist for the annual church social, handing money to his family so they could take their chances at winning a salami or strudel—all while supporting the cause. He was a member of the Ho De Dos BBQ friends. Even in his later years, he remained a fighter, attending exercise classes at the Parkinson's Exercise and Wellness Center (PEWC).

Larry loved fiercely and had a big smile that lit up every room. A devout Catholic, his faith guided him through life, and his kindness, loyalty, and unwavering friendship were evident to all who knew him. He was never one for goodbyes—always choosing to say "see you later" instead. His bright blue eyes held stories, laughter, and love that will never be forgotten.

He will be missed beyond measure but remembered with endless love.

The family would like to thank all of the wonderful doctors and medical staff that cared for Larry at The University of Kansas Medical Center as well as KC Hospice House.

In Lieu of Flowers please consider donations on his Behalf to the following organizations:

1. Parkinson's Exercise and Wellness Center (PEWC) 3660 W. 95th Street  
Leawood, KS 66206

2. KC Hospice House 12000 Wornall Road Kansas City, MO 64145
3. St Joseph Catholic Church 5901 Flint St Shawnee, KS 66203

### Services

All services will be held at:

St. Joseph Catholic Church

11505 Johnson Dr.

Shawnee, KS 66203

- Visitation: Sunday, March 23, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with a rosary at 4:00 PM.
- Funeral Mass: Monday, March 24, 2025, at 10:00 AM, immediately followed by a luncheon from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Private Graveside Burial at Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

To livestream Lawrence's funeral mass, please visit this link:

<https://venue.streamspot.com/48744f2b>

# Cemetery Details

## Gate Of Heaven

N. 126th Street & Parallel Parkway  
Kansas City, KS 66109

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 23. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
11505 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66203

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
11505 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66203

## Funeral Mass

MAR 24. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
11505 Johnson Drive  
Shawnee, KS 66203



# Tribute Wall

CN

“ Shirley,  
Your witness of love and living your marriage vows....”in sickness  
and in health” spoke loudly through the daily doctor trips and boxing  
classes!  
When things slow down, I want you, Leigh Ann and Amy to come to  
THE MOUNT to celebrate with your Benedictine sisters here Larry’s  
reunion with his family & friends from THE HILL. You are indeed a  
very special family !  
With fond memories.....love and continued prayers...Connie, osb

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**Connie Krstolic, osb door neighbor** - March 24, 2025 at 12:22 PM

FS

“ They were a powerful group---Larry, mother Rose, aunts  
Charolette, Elizabeth and Bernie. Somehow I got adopted by this  
formidable group and wound up the only Slovene on the bowling  
team with the Junior CFU. What a line up it was Pat Bello, Larry,  
Matt Skradski John Verbanic, Carl Rejba and Simonich, the  
Slovene. We were not title contenders, but we had fun. And that  
was all that mattered at the time. I've read all the tributes, and they  
are all on target. Larry was a great guy, husband, father and  
Catholic. Best wishes and prayer for Shirley and all the  
family....Frank Simonich

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**Frank W Simonich** - March 24, 2025 at 06:56 AM

JV

“ Larry it's hard to accept that you have left this world. Your love and affection for Shirley your children and grandchildren was always apparent. And their love and the memories of you will endure for their lifetime.

Please allow me a trip down memory lane for my benefit and perhaps your family's amusement. We are still sitting on the SLAB at ST. Johns waiting for the girls to visit on a summer's night , at Wakelys or Sammy's playing the pinball with TY and Rock Bone Head , or with Toes Bello at De Angelos he is playing. Cherry Cherry Pie on the jukebox while we are all having meatball sandwiches and Cherry coke or setting pins late league Friday night 3 hours for \$3 and getting a quart of beer at the Blue Arrow to drink in the alley, basketball at Bancroft talking about going to LAKAWANA NEW YORK to bowl , fishing with Strick and Bello at Kickapoo hunting frogs at night in the canoe , how about when you and I and Uzi went in a blizzard to camp there and the pop in our backpacks froze before we got to the cabin .These and many more of our youth live on.

All the tennis , cut throat racquet ball with Gene Baska , double dating with Marsha and I , Mrs. De Grave trying to teach us to polka in her basement it didn't work for me , of course the world of politics, the wine from your basement with Jack Reardon I remember he's speech to us even then at 17 , your pulling me to safety when I was dangling over the Kansas River in the winter when we went exploring at 10 years old . It all comes to an end I know my FRIEND but we lived wondrous life . God Bless You Shirley and all your lovely family

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**John Verbanic** - March 23, 2025 at 01:23 PM

FF

*Great memories*

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**frank felich** - March 23, 2025 at 09:44 PM

FF

*I can always remembering Larry always coming in a room with his smile that' would light up the room god blsss you Larry you will be missed by many dottes*

frank felich - March 23, 2025 at 09:46 PM

WP

“ *Wilma President purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.*



Wilma President - March 22, 2025 at 10:37 PM

WP

“ *Wilma President planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Edward Verbon.*

Wilma President - March 22, 2025 at 10:37 PM

WP

“ *Anna my sincerest condolences to you and your family. Many hugs and prayers. Sincerely Wilma President*

Wilma President - March 22, 2025 at 08:30 PM

AD

“ *From the De La Salle Board and Alumni Association we wish to send you our prayers and sincere condolences for Lawrence and family.*

*President  
Al Denzer*

Aloysius Denzer - March 22, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.*



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March 22, 2025 at 03:52 AM



“ *Leigh Ann and Family, I am sorry to hear the news of your Dads passing, I ran into him and your mom a couple of years ago at Wyandotte Bbq and had a nice visit with them . He was a great man and will be missed. You all are in my thoughts.*  
*Scott Garvey*

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**Scott Garvey** - March 21, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *It's extremely difficult when you loose your best friend . Larry and I were neighbors and friends for 50 years! We spent a lot of days at Big Al's place in Oklahoma . We enjoyed going to the Chiefs games and concerts for many years . He was always there if i needed any thing as I was for him. I will him miss him so much. Rest in Peace Larry. , aka Flipper*

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**Bill Horton** - March 21, 2025 at 07:15 PM



“ *Todd Amber Dillon Blake Chloe Duncan purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.*



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**Todd Amber Dillon Blake Chloe Duncan** - March 21, 2025 at 05:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.



March 21, 2025 at 04:42 PM

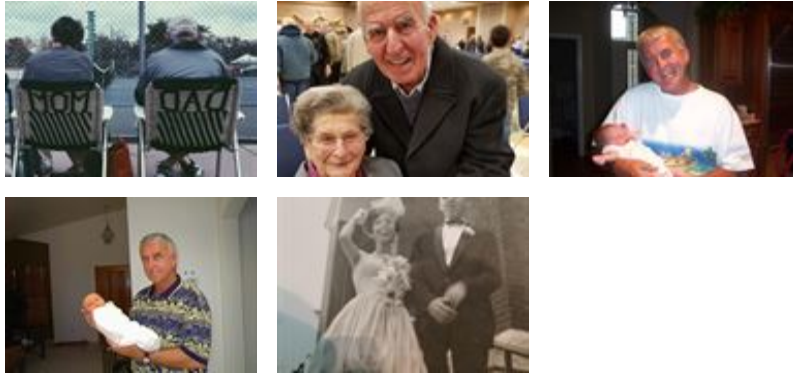


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Edward Verbon.

March 21, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ 190 files added to the album LifeTributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 21, 2025 at 09:52 AM



“ Larry, God bless you. May you Rest In Peace. Ho De Dos forever.

Jay Vader - March 20, 2025 at 01:47 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.*



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March 20, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lawrence Edward Verbon.

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March 20, 2025 at 12:02 PM



“ *My memories of Larry are all the fun times at Grandpas cottage at Grand Lake. He was always so funny and kind to everyone. Absolutely loved him. Judy*

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**Judy Degraeve** - March 20, 2025 at 09:32 AM



“ *From the De La Salle Board and Alumni Association we wish to send you our prayers and condolences for Lawrence and his family. President Al Denzer*

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**Al Denzer** - March 19, 2025 at 08:10 PM

JF

“ Jeff, John, Julie , Jill & our families purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.



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**Jeff, John, Julie , Jill & our families** - March 19, 2025 at 12:59 PM

DD

“ A smile, a handshake, a friendly pat on the back- Larry never met a stranger, everyone was a friend. His love of life was contagious and made him someone you wanted to be around. He will be missed.

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**dave druten** - March 19, 2025 at 10:32 AM

JF

“ Jon & Heather Steffens & Family purchased the *Joyful Memory* for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.



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**Jon & Heather Steffens & Family** - March 19, 2025 at 08:39 AM

JF

“ Jon & Heather Steffens & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Edward Verbon.

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**Jon & Heather Steffens & Family** - March 19, 2025 at 08:39 AM

GC

“ *Greg and Lori Kinney in Colorado purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lawrence Edward Verbon.*



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**Greg and Lori Kinney in Colorado** - March 17, 2025 at 10:40 PM