



Lawrence "Larry" Dennis Burke

June 22, 1952 - November 25, 2025

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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2

Timothy 4:7

This was who Larry was, a man who finished his race well. He entered Heaven on November 25, 2025, after a seven year- long battle with dementia and complications from Alzheimer's. But even with the disease that took away his ability to communicate effectively, his love for the Lord was still evident through his sweet spirit and concern and love for others.

Larry fulfilled many roles during his lifetime. For over 40 years he served as a pastor, missionary, and often filled the role of chaplain to the fire and sheriffs' departments in the various communities where he served.

Larry was born on June 22, 1952, in Silver Creek, New York, arriving six weeks early, impatient to get on with his life. He was born to Paul and Patricia Burke and grew up in Angola, New York. After graduating from Eden Central High School, he attended Houghton College earning a Ministerial Degree, followed by three years at Asbury Seminary for his Masters of Divinity.

He married his wife Marcia Marvin (Marcy) in 1976 during his final year of seminary, and after graduation was ordained into the Wesleyan Church. For the next eight years he would serve as both a youth and senior pastor in Northern Bradford County in Pennsylvania and took on the role of District Youth Leader, directing the teen camps at Chambers Wesleyan Camp and Retreat Center. He was also instrumental in the formation of a Christian

school during that time which has continued to impact the lives of young people for Christ ever since its inception.

Feeling the tug to serve the Lord somewhere beyond our borders, after a year of language study he and Marcy moved with their young family to Honduras where he worked with ministry, work and medical teams, helped build a Bible School, taught and pastored a church and in his spare time built a wing onto the mission house.

Eventually returning stateside, he would pastor churches in Alabama, South Carolina and New York. With the diagnosis of dementia, he continued to do what he loved, pastoring his church for as long as he was able. He finally retired back to Alabama in 2019 where he remained until his homegoing and where he is survived by his wife Marcy of 49 years.

Larry was one of nine and is survived by his six siblings: Faith (Tom) Terry of Syracuse, New York; Paulette (Calvin) Schierer of Fillmore, New York; Ken (Layne) Burke of Dallas, Texas; Kathleen (David) Jeffers of Springville, New York; Paul (Juanita) Burke of Cleveland, Tennessee; and Christine (David) Cook of Robertsedale, Alabama; preceded by Timothy Allen Burke and Diana Lynn Burke.

Larry leaves behind a rich, spiritual legacy to his four children: Angela (Jeff) Sweeney of Houston, Texas; Joel (Jessica) Burke of Wetumpka, Alabama; Fawn (Zac) Woodfin of Franklin, Tennessee; and Autumn (Jimmie) Rogers of Ellenwood, Georgia. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

In celebration of Pastor Larry's life, as he was affectionally known, he will be honored on Wednesday, December 3rd at Fountain of Grace Church at 881 McQueen Smith Road in Prattville, Alabama. Visitation will begin at 10 with the service to follow at 12 with Pastor Tony Butler officiating.

For those unable to attend, you are welcome to stream the service at: https://youtube.com/live/yRqpGqmixWM?si=4BrakBNeLO_2fZQO

If you wish to give in his memory, in lieu of flowers, prayerfully consider giving to one of the following, both important and dear to Larry: Drive-In Ministries is

an international ministry, strongly evangelistic and based here in Prattville. Drive-In Ministries, PO Box 680250 Prattville, AL 36068-0250. Marcy currently volunteers at the River Region Pregnancy Center at 150 1st Street, Prattville, Alabama 36067. Everywhere he pastored, the pro-life centers were supported by Pastor Larry and the people of his churches.

Cemetery Details

Prattville Memory Gardens

841 Fairview Avenue
Prattville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Fountain of Grace Church
881 McQueen Smith Road South
Prattville, AL 36066

Service

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Oh, Marcy,
I'm so sorry for your loss.
May our Lord's precious comfort be sensed by you and your family.
Paul Sheets

Paul Kenneth Sheets - December 03, 2025 at 09:55 AM

SH

“ My fondest memories of Larry involve prayer. He was such a prayer warrior. When he came to the office for DBA meetings, he would stop at my desk and pray over me. When he called on the phone for something, he would pray over me. Appreciate those prayers so much. I have such fond memories of him coming to the office for help with his annual service report or for his church statistical report. I also have memories of his love of Vacation Bible School and being excited to share and trade posters and decorations with our church. Sending hugs and prayers to Marcy and the family.

Sheila Huey - November 30, 2025 at 05:19 AM

MG

“ Merce, Carol, Lela, and Gaga purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Dennis Burke.



Merce, Carol, Lela, and Gaga - November 29, 2025 at 02:15 PM

MG

“ Merce, Carol, Lela, and Gaga planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Dennis Burke.

Merce, Carol, Lela, and Gaga - November 29, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JO

“ The memory of Larry which best captures his life and heart for me came via a video Marcy sent from Honduras many years ago. A man, who was having car trouble stopped at their door during a torrential downpour. Marcy had filmed Larry, soaking wet in the street, as he held an umbrella over the man while he worked on the car. I'll also dearly miss seeing Marcy's posts of his Sunday ties (and smiles) on FB. Hugs and prayers for you all. Jacie

Jacie Ongley - November 29, 2025 at 01:17 PM

JS

“ This news shook me, even though I knew it would be coming. I met Larry and Marcy through Fairlawn Heights Wesleyan Church here in Topeka, KS. They would visit and share their missionary stories. They were the reason I wanted to become a missionary. They supported my love of missions. I'll always be thankful for the opportunity to get to know Larry. God blessed me by putting them in my life! Sending my love, hugs and prayers, Jodi Adams Sturgeon

Jodi Sturgeon - November 29, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LH

“ Larry and Marcy were dear friends since we spent a week with them in Honduras in the late 1980's. Our fondest memory is the day we spent with them in Copan at the Mayan ruins. We've kept in contact on Facebook, and saw them briefly when Zac and Fawn lived in Lawrence, KS., and by hosting Angela and Hayley on their way to North Dakota. Your family is in our prayers. We rejoice that Larry no longer has dementia and that he is enjoying the presence of His Savior and the many friends and family that have gone on before him.

Lynda Huffer - November 29, 2025 at 11:57 AM

JC

“ My condolences to this family! Pastor Larry was a very good man. One of the only man I've ever met. That was a true holy man he saved me when I was younger, which was carried into adulthood. Eventually, he baptized me, purified me, and showed me the way the truth, there was nothing but a genuine good person.

Jessica Corley - November 29, 2025 at 11:16 AM

PS

“ Larry Burke was a dear friend. His love for the Lord and people were so real. Larry and I share a bond for missions and loving people. Every time we saw each other we picked up right where we left off. Even though we didn't see each other very often, I am grateful for the friendship and shared love of Larry and Marcy Burke. Looking forward to the day when We can sit together in Heaven and praise the Lord together. Rest in peace my friend. Our prayers are with you Marcy and family. Love you all. Karen and Brian Snyder. (Sandy Creek New York).

Pastor Brian and Karen (Pickett) Snyder - November 28, 2025 at 07:05 PM

HF

“ Hurschik family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Dennis Burke.



Hurschik family - November 28, 2025 at 04:48 PM

BH

“ Pastor Larry truly had a heart for the lost. He was always there to minister to all. Mercy was a wonderful partner in life. She was so supportive of his ministry. We will always remember him with loving memories. Our love and prayers. Bob and Kathy Huff ❤️

Bo and Kathy Huff - November 28, 2025 at 01:21 PM

BH

“ Pastor Larry was a very special person, so great with people and would give you the shirt off his back. He will be missed by a great many people. I do know he has a huge welcoming coming into Heaven.

Bruce Hurst - November 28, 2025 at 12:15 AM

RC

“ Rocco & Nicole Coniglio purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Dennis Burke.

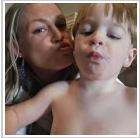


Rocco & Nicole Coniglio - November 27, 2025 at 08:52 AM

CG

“ Oh, so many wonderful and powerful memories, but none more so than the twenty years of Sunday morning phone calls to hold each other accountable before the Lord and uphold one another as we prepared for our services. I have often spoken of him to my congregation, and especially to the men I have mentored over the years for the ministry (both things to do and a few things not to do in preaching!!). We love your family and will pray for you often, as he and I did for many years together.

Chris Gardner - November 27, 2025 at 08:11 AM



“ Pastor Larry you will be missed. You had a big impact on a couple of my life's journeys. You officiated me and Chris' wedding and was there to not only officiate Keltons death but was also there as a true caring friend. And helped me and chris with some marriage counseling too. Your words and your presence were so gentle but yet they stuck and i still remember like it was yesterday . Rest in peace Pastor Larry.

Staci Willis - November 27, 2025 at 06:01 AM

NS

“ I met Pastor Larry when I was 19. I had never had a youth pastor that brought the truth of the Bible to light like he did. He had a huge impact on my life. Praying for comfort for all who loved him.

Nancy Souder - November 26, 2025 at 08:58 PM

RR

“ We were so sorry to hear about Pastor Larry. As long-time neighbors, we’ve shared so many years watching our families grow. My funniest memory of Pastor Larry was when he hung fake apples on a small tree Rick planted. Brent and Trey enjoyed going to VBS with Tyler and Hailey. Ya’ll both were always so kind to all our kids and grandkids. Please know that we’re holding you, Joel, Angela, Fawn, Autumn and the rest of your family in our prayers during this difficult time.

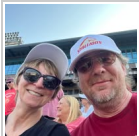
Rick & Joey Robinson - November 26, 2025 at 08:49 PM

JB

“ Prayers to my friend, Joel’s family during this difficult time. Love and big hugs to you all during this difficult time.



JJ Baker - November 26, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ Pastor Larry had such a sweet and gentle spirit! We love him and Marcy so much! Marcy and their kids are in our prayers!!

Shari Nelson - November 26, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Dennis Burke.



November 26, 2025 at 04:52 PM



“ My time as secretary, treasurer at the church made me think of pastor Larry as my big brother. I will always remember when he asked my husband (Bill) to go into his office on a Sunday to help him with his socks Bill was a willing servant. Now they both are there in Glory enjoying their time together. I am kind of Jealous, but I will be there some day. Marcy you were my big sister and I loved you both. Actually, love the whole family. And what is that saying, "God only takes the best" And Larry was one of them.



Cathy Owens - November 26, 2025 at 03:03 PM



Bill was a fantastic man

Jeffery Sweeney - November 26, 2025 at 05:36 PM



Pastor Larry was a great man and awesome pastor.He had the best smile and made me laugh. He was there when I was young in my faith and help me grow stronger.Praying for all the family ,as they walk through this time.Julua Potter

Julia Potter - November 26, 2025 at 10:39 PM



“ He always made you laugh and or smile with the jokes he had he was always so friendly and welcoming and was a great pastor and friend loved him and rip

Marie Dean Havens - November 26, 2025 at 02:58 PM

CS

“ Thanks for introducing me to your sister and officiating at our wedding. We miss you already.

Calvin.

Calvin Schierer - November 26, 2025 at 02:41 PM