



In Memoriam: Larry V. Jones

During the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 30, 2022, Larry V. Jones passed away following a bout with leukemia. Larry died quietly at his home in Selmer, Tennessee. He was 77 years old. His wife and children were at his side. Larry was preceded in death by his first wife, Deanna. He is survived by his current wife, Patricia, his oldest son, Larry V. Jones, his daughter Gina Jones, and his son Jesse Jones.

Larry served in the United States Marine Corp for 20 years, joining shortly after high school. He served as a rifleman in Vietnam and later in the Marine Corp Criminal Investigations Division (CID) as a criminal investigator. While serving as a CID investigator he attended the US Army's polygraph school and served as a polygraph examiner in the Marine Corp until his retirement in 1983. For the next two years Larry was a polygraph examiner with the US Air Force Office of Special Investigations. Larry then gained employment as an examiner with the Central Intelligence Agency. Larry was as an examiner for most his career with the CIA. He was assigned overseas late in his career but was ultimately med-evac'd from that location because of a disease he contracted. He was still suffering from the disease when he passed away.

Larry was an outstanding polygraph examiner and mentor. He was always generous with his time, especially with new examiners. Even when he was overworked, he would always stop to answer questions and volunteer his

assistance. Larry was an even-handed examiner and mentor. A woman in the office his depths and that he was a kind, sympathetic and extremely funny human being. It was said of Larry that he was an outstanding mentor without any of the fluff and ceremony that some mentors add to the teaching process. Everyone in the office knew where they stood with Larry, he had nothing to hide. In other words, Larry was one of the most comfortable individuals in his own skin that anyone would ever know.

Larry reminded this writer of the Indian Chieftain, Tecumseh, who is attributed to having said:

“When it’s your time to die, be not like those
Whose hearts are filled with fear of death,
So that when their time comes, they weep and pray
For a little more time to live their lives over again
In a different way.
Sing your death song and die like a hero going home”

Funeral Services were held for Larry on Friday, December 2, 2022, in Mayfield, Kentucky. Internment took place at Clark Cemetery, Fulgham, Kentucky. Larry received full military honors at his burial, and he is buried next to his first wife, Deanna.

Submitted by Larry Groseclose