



## Lawrence E. Murray

November 28, 1936 - June 16, 2020

Larry died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 after battling cancer for ten months. His wife of 61 years, Dorette Mueller Murray, and his children, Keith Lawrence Murray and Laura Murray Ellison were at his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gwynne Webster Murray and Lawrence Murray Sr.

He was born on November 28, 1936 in Elsmere, Delaware. He is survived by his brother Kenneth Webster Murray and his sister-in-law Bonita Murray of Wilmington, Delaware. He attended Alexis I. DuPont High School and graduated in 1954. He attended the University of Delaware and majored in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He married his college sweetheart, Dorette Mueller in 1958. Most of his career was spent in Salisbury, Maryland working for Dresser Industries. He was chief engineer and was part of the team that developed the credit card gasoline dispenser. During that time, he served nine years in the Naval Reserve.

Larry was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Whatever his children were involved in also involved him. His son Keith married Vicky Stuelpnagel and they have a daughter, Samantha. His daughter Laura is married to Douglas Ellison and they have a daughter Mary and son Brendan. His family was a constant joy to him. He loved sharing his passion for sailing, crabbing and fishing with them. Larry and his wife Dorette enjoyed hiking in the national parks, and toured many throughout the U.S.

The rest of his time was devoted to sailing. He built his first sailboat that he and his wife enjoyed for many years before moving to a larger sailboat that was a favorite vacation for the family. He acquired his dreamboat-a Hinckley Bermuda 40 and sailed that for the past 25 years.

Upon retirement, they moved to Oxford, Maryland. There he volunteered at the Oxford Community Center, Habitat for Humanity, and wherever else he was needed.

Larry will be buried in the Oxford Cemetery where a private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Talbot Hospice, Oxford Fire Department, Oxford Community Center or the charity of your choice.

# Comments

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss Mrs Murray.



**Kathy Schlesner** - June 29 at 07:08 PM

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“ Dear Doretta,  
I was sorry to read about Larry. I understand completely how difficult this is after so many years together. George and I have two wonderful daughters and we have made it through ... and you will as well. I lost George 4 years ago. We were married at bout the same time as you and Larry. We were both very fortunate to have had wonderful marriages. You will be in my thoughts and prayers,

Love, Paula

**Paula Simpson** - June 25 at 03:40 PM

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“ Dorette, Terry and I both send our love and condolences....Larry was a truly sweet, gentle man and was admired by everyone. Please don't hesitate to call whenever we can do anything for you.....Terry & Barbara Mullikin

**Barbara Mullikin** - June 22 at 05:54 PM

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“ My name is David McCarter. I was born in Elsmere a few months before Larry in 1936. We attended elementary school together. We graduated from A.I. DuPont together in 1954. I am so sorry to hear this. So many of my childhood friends gone. Please accept my sincere condolences.

**David McCarter** - June 21 at 04:43 PM

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“ Dorette, I am so saddened by your loss. Larry will be sorely missed by many and I will especially miss his engaging smile and love of life. He lives on in my memories of times shared with Cy and me.  
God bless.  
Deb Smith

Deborah M. Smith - June 21 at 02:34 PM

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“ Neil and I always enjoyed Larry and your company Dorette, whether at Latitude or with friends, so very sorry to hear this news.  
Celia Hamilton

celia hamilton - June 21 at 01:22 PM

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“ I will treasure the memory of sailing with Mr Murray when spending many a time with Laura! Thoughts and prayers to all!

Jennifer Deshon - June 21 at 10:05 AM



“ Thank you so much Jenny! We had a lot of great times on that boat.

Laura Ellison - June 21 at 01:19 PM

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“ So sad to read of Larry's passing in the News Journal today. Sending prayers to your family and thoughts of our good times together as members of the University of Delaware Class of '58.

God Bless you, Janet Whitney Flenner

Janet Flenner - June 21 at 09:12 AM

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“ Kim Wilson lit a candle in memory of Lawrence E. Murray



**Kim Wilson** - June 19 at 02:03 PM



“ It was a pleasure getting to know such a wonderful man - he will be missed.

**Kim** - June 19 at 02:04 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Dorette and family.  
Scott and Judy Shuler

**Judith Shuler** - June 19 at 08:19 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies go out to you and your family. May God give you the peace that you seek. May my condolences bring you comfort and may my prayers ease the pain of this loss. I offer you my thoughts, prayers and well-wishes during this dark time in your life.

**Basil Girjis**

**Basil Girjis** - June 18 at 08:57 PM

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“ Oh my goodness, we loved our neighbor and Scott's mentor, Larry. He was one of the most generous souls that we were blessed to know in Salisbury and our hearts are breaking. Sending love and prayers to Dorette and family.

**Audrey Negley** - June 18 at 07:02 PM