



## Larry D. Purdy

July 9, 1944 - March 18, 2019

Larry D. Purdy, age 74, of Portage, Indiana, formerly of Hammond and Highland, passed away Monday, March 18, 2019 at Golden LivingCenter - Fountainview Place, Portage.

Larry was born in Gary, Indiana on July 9, 1944, the son of Homer and Elizabeth (Russell) Purdy. His first marriage was to Patricia Hacker and she passed away November 29, 1999. From this union, Larry and Patricia raised two sons, Timothy and Sean. Then, on May 13, 1995, Larry married Rudel Levila O'Donnell and she passed away September 16, 2005.

Larry was a railroad man, working as a clerk for the Indiana Harbor Belt (IHB) Railroad for 30 years, taking an early retirement so he could care for his ailing wife, Rudel. Larry was an accomplished musician. He was proficient in playing the organ and other key boards. During his younger years, he was known to organize and host musical gatherings in his single-car garage, turned music studio, with friends and family. Music was a way he connected with people and an opportunity for him to share his gift in a communal way. Larry and Rudel were also animal lovers. They cared for many pets over the years. Larry was also an avid collector of Hargrove paintings and Sci-fi collectibles.

Larry leaves behind his two sons, Timothy (Julie) Purdy of Tuscon, AZ and Sean Purdy of Hobart, IN, one granddaughter, Brianna Skudra-Purdy; two

sisters, Judy Wenzel of Hobart, IN and Carol (Julius) Najzer of Portage, IN.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, both spouses, Patricia and Rudel, three brothers and two sisters.

Cremation services are being handled by Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. A memorial service for Larry will be held at a soon to be announced date and time. His final resting place will be in Osborne Cemetery, Rensselaer, Indiana.

# Cemetery Details

## **Osborne Cemetery**

Osborne Cemetery  
Rensselaer, IN 47978

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ Please accept my family’s sincere condolences on the loss of your dear loved one Mr. Purdy. May you find comfort in fond memories of him, and hope in God’s assured promise to shortly awaken those asleep in death to perfect health and conditions under his new earthly government.

Greene Family - March 31, 2019 at 01:43 PM

TP

Many thanks Family Greene. Tim

Tim Purdy - April 01, 2019 at 11:56 PM

TP

“ There will be a burial service for my Dad, Larry Purdy, at Osborne Cemetary in Rensalaer, IN. We will be meeting there on Monday, April 1st, at Noon. Peace and Love. Tim

Tim Purdy - March 30, 2019 at 05:50 PM

AL

“ So sorry to hear about Larry. Tim and Sean, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Angie Long - March 28, 2019 at 12:30 PM

TP

Thank you much Angie.

Tim Purdy - March 30, 2019 at 05:45 PM

JW

“ *Jan Wright lit a candle in memory of Larry D. Purdy*



jan wright - March 25, 2019 at 11:34 PM

JW

*Sorry Tim and Sean. Your Dad loved you both so much. Could write a book on your Dad, he was truly one of a kind. Loved going places with him and RuDel in the big gray Dodge van. They both loved their furry kids and were great parents to them all. Tied getting ahold of Larry but lost track of him. not sure when you're planning to be at Osborne Cemetery. There is a shelter with tables if you wish to have an outdoor service. God Bless you both, cuz jan*

jan wright - March 25, 2019 at 11:50 PM

TP

*Thanks so much Jan.*

Tim Purdy - March 30, 2019 at 05:44 PM

RM

“ *So sorry to hear about Larry, Greg and Roberta Messer*



Roberta Messer - March 24, 2019 at 03:29 PM

TP

*Thank you Roberta and Greg.*

Tim Purdy - March 30, 2019 at 05:43 PM

JB

“ *Tim and Sean, Sending our condolences to you and family. Gerry, Jo, Nicole, Kim and Ger Barkey*

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**Jo Barkey** - March 24, 2019 at 03:05 PM

TP

*Thank you Jo, Nicole, Kim and Ger.*

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**Tim Purdy** - March 30, 2019 at 05:42 PM

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“ *A celebration of Larry (my Dad's) life will take place at Sanfretellos, 9400 Indianapolis, in Highland, IN, Sunday 24-Mar-2019 from 5:30-7:30p.*

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**Tim Purdy** - March 24, 2019 at 12:00 PM