



Larkin Dowden

July 23, 1953 - August 20, 2020

Larkin Dowden, 67 of Independence, Missouri passed away on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at the Independence Manor Care Center.

Born Thursday, July 23, 1953 in Shreveport, Louisiana, he was the son of the late John Dowden and Billie Sue Dowden (Stump). He was the husband of the late Kathleen Dowden (Drake). They were married 22 wonderful years. She preceded him in death November 6, 2019.

Larkin graduated from Fair Park High School in Shreveport, class of 1971. He joined the United States Navy in 1972, and proudly served his country while being stationed in Japan, California, and Maine until 1976. After his service Larkin worked for the Kansas City Southern Railway - Billing Department, retiring in 2018. Larkin's true passions in life were music and playing the guitar. In his younger years he did some traveling with his band, The Country Young-Ins playing his pedal steel guitar. Larkin also enjoyed playing music for his church, First Baptist Church of Independence. He loved building and rebuilding computers. He even helped his father advance into the digital age. Larkin loved his family dearly. He and Kathleen were inseparable. He was a loving husband, doting grandfather, and will be truly missed by all who had the privilege to call him friend.

Surviving are his mother, Billie Sue Dowden; one sister, Susan (Guy) Modica of Baton Rouge, LA; one step-son, Ryan Harvey of Grain Valley, MO; two step-daughters, Shelly (Tom) Ramsey of Richardson, TX, Jamie (Matt) Ronan of Kansas City, MO; and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Dowden; his wife, Kathleen Dowden; and one son, Matthew Dowden.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Services are open to the public but masks are mandated and social distancing needs to be followed.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

20109 Business Highway 13
Higginsville, MO 64037
<http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov>

Previous Events

Military Honors

AUG 24. 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM (CT)

Missouri Veterans Cemetery
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Tribute Wall



“ *Larkin Dowden*

October 22, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Larkin Dowden*

October 07, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Larkin Dowden*

October 06, 2023 at 07:00 AM



“ *Larkin Dowden*

January 31, 2023 at 02:49 AM



“ *I served with Larkin in the Navy at the Cutler Naval Radio Station on the northern coast of Maine in the early 1970s. He was a wonderful shipmate and friend. We did some jamming together during those times. He taught me a few of the fundamentals on his pedal steel guitar. I have many fond memories of those days. My deepest condolences to his family.*

Ted Thornton

Ted Thornton - March 14, 2021 at 07:58 AM

LI

“ I am so sorry fir the family. I found out today when I visited the cemetery. Rip

linda - September 13, 2020 at 11:48 PM

RM

“ Many condolences.....Larkin was a Godly man and served his Lord as often as he had the chance to share the gospel. He and Kathy had invited us to be a part of their wedding and we were blessed that we did. We continued to be a part of their church and we owe our salvation to them. We committed ourselves to Christ and we were saved and baptized in that church. We still love the Lord with all our hearts and serve him any opportunity we can.
I, Steve worked with he and Kathy for years and years. So sad to have learned of his death, today - on the anniversary of our daughter, Amy's death - 9/13/2019.
Glad for you Larkin....good and faithful servant. Grab Kathy by the hand and go worship with the other angels !!



Ruth Mitchell - September 13, 2020 at 05:57 PM

FH

“ To The Family of Larkin Dowden:
I am so sorry to hear about Larkin! I just found out from another Kansas City Southern employee who worked with him! Larkin was a wonderful human being who loved God and was not ashamed to witness his faith! I worked with him at Kansas City Southern Revenue Department for several years and also his deceased wife, Kathy. I will miss him dearly along with all his friends at KCS Railway Company!! My prayers goes out to his entire family.



*Felicitas Phyllis Hadden
Retiree KCS Railway 7/07/2017*

Felicitas Hadden - September 12, 2020 at 10:57 PM

JP

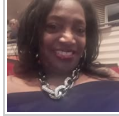
*To the family, I didn't know until tonight 9.12.20 that Larkin had passed. Larkin and I were best buds when we moved to KC. He was a decent and human. I was so glad when he found Kathy. He loved her. He became a new better version of himself. I will truly miss him.
Jackee Paul*

Jacqueline Paul - September 12, 2020 at 11:36 PM



Dear Family, this were shocking news! I miss the " bucket" as I called him, since he retired. R.I.P my friend and fly high! Until we see you again.

Isabel Melder - September 13, 2020 at 02:21 PM



Dowen Family

Larkins was a person that love life and God. Ki d good hearted person, that always made othet laugh. I missedhime deRly after he retied beacuse we didnt have anyone that mDe you laugh and brighten your day.

My prayer are with the family.

Sharon

From KCS Revenue Department/Customer Claim Dept.

Sharon B. Wesley - September 13, 2020 at 04:18 PM

SM

Total shock to hear this-I found out from his Sister on FB this morning. Don't understand why my Cousins whether they are 2nd or 3rd couldn't let myself or Ruth know. Loved Larkin & worked side by side with him for 14 years. All his KCS family approx. 40-50 people would have come to the funeral also. Hope whatever it was that I did is forgiven someday. Steven & Ruth Mitchell

Steven & Ruth Mitchell - September 13, 2020 at 05:24 PM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album Larkin Dowden Military Honors



Marshall Stewart Sr. - August 25, 2020 at 12:20 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Larkin Dowden.



August 22, 2020 at 01:01 PM

MG

“ *M R Gash sent a virtual gift in memory of Larkin Dowden*



m r gash - August 22, 2020 at 11:23 AM