

Larry Phillip Clanton
December 19, 2024
Age 71
Columbia, South Carolina

Larry Phillip Clanton died in his home on December 19, 2024 at age 71 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Known as "The Dude" to his friends and "Papa Dude" to his grandchildren, Larry is survived by his brothers Dale Clanton, Michael Clanton, Dennis Clanton, and Steven Clanton, and his sister Dianne Navarra. He was the father of Jesse Clanton and grandfather of Phineas, Mckenna, and Emerick.

Larry was preceded in death by his former wife Mary Colleen Kelly.

He was a proud union member of Ironworkers Local 17, a lover of rock 'n' roll, and always lived his life to the fullest.

While he was a student at Lakewood High, Larry was on the varsity football team.

In his obituary, Larry's wish was that in lieu of flowers, those who knew and loved him should enjoy a nice meal, pour a drink, and remember the good times.

Two of our classmates shared their memories of Larry on our LHS72 Facebook page:

Stephen Knill: "True story. I bought my most favorite bass amp ever from Larry. He thought at one point of taking up the bass. In true fashion, he bought one just like Al Angel's, but with two speaker cabinets! Always living large. He only kept at it for a short while. My luck. Huge, heavy, and loud, the amp probably contributed to my hearing loss over time especially with it stacked behind my head in tiny clubs. I tried to find him at the 50th reunion to tell him this story but missed him. I'll buy a good meal tonight. Thanks for the memory."

Robert Senko: "Larry was the envy of many: beautiful hair, charming, high energy, athletic, loved music, loved people, outgoing, handsome, and above all he had a beautiful heart. I was fortunate to be a friend of his and will always cherish the memories."