



Lawrence "Larry" Arthur

March 7, 1944 - December 5, 2025

Lawrence ("Larry" / "Bear") Arthur Obituary

Lawrence "Larry" Arthur, 81, of Lake Forest, California, passed away on December 5, 2025, after a lengthy battle with arterial vascular disease, preceded by COPD and anemia. He fought the ultimate battle as any superior warrior would.

Larry was born on March 7, 1944, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Hugh and Virginia Arthur. He was the second of three sons, preceded by his older brother Robert and followed by his younger brother William. After many cold, snowy winters, a move to sunny California felt inevitable. He grew up in Santa Monica, where the Pacific Ocean was just a stone's throw away. When his first love at the age of 12 was sailing, he felt he had reached heaven. His love for sailing only grew, and as it turned out, he was never without a boat.

After graduating from Santa Monica High School in 1962, Larry enlisted in the United States

Marine Corps. As he often said, "I just wanted to see if I could do it. And I did!"
At the time of
enlistment, he needed to gain weight to qualify and famously ate six pounds of
bananas to meet
the requirement. Upon graduating from boot camp, Larry had gained 18
pounds and grown three
inches. The warrior had emerged.

Larry's family will forever remember him as a man's man. Those closest to
him affectionately
called him "Bear," a nickname that grew from "Lar Bear" and became a name
he proudly carried
as part of the family. He was deeply respected, intelligent, loved sports, and
loved his family
more than life itself. His greatest goal was to provide his son and daughter
with a college
education and to instill the value of hard work, believing the rewards would
follow.

Larry spent much of his career in auto financing before becoming a real estate
agent. He later
helped his wife, Judy, open and manage Higgins & Arthur Escrow Company in
Lake Arrowhead,
California. In his later years, they moved to Orange County, California, where
he spent the final
10 years of his life close to his grandchildren.

Lawrence is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Judy; his children,
Matthew Arthur and
Meredith Schroeder; his son-in-law, Mark Schroeder; his grandchildren, Liv
Schroeder and

Theodore Schroeder; and his beloved dogs, Sonny Boy McVay and Rayban.

A celebration of Larry's life will be held on Friday, March 6, 2026, at Westwood VA Cemetery in Westwood, California. Full details will be shared via a special announcement mailed to family and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a small contribution be made to Wounded Warriors of America.

Tribute Wall



“ Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence "Larry" Arthur



Reflecting on Memories - December 22, 2025 at 03:44 AM



“ Missing you today and every day since you've left us. Sharing a couple of photos that I rediscovered the last few days bc I love them



Meredith Schroeddr - December 24, 2025 at 12:52 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Family Movies*



Reflecting on Memories - December 22, 2025 at 02:26 AM



“ *Beasties...*



Lisa Mulvey - December 21, 2025 at 11:42 AM

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“ To the Arthur family,

On behalf of each of our Green Meadows Hospice team and as Larry's hospice chaplain, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to each of you. It was truly an honor and a privilege to walk beside Larry during the final days of his earthly journey. His courage, steadfast faith, and deep love for his family spoke volumes about the man he was—a devoted husband, a proud father, a faithful Christian, and a Marine who served his country with dignity and strength.

Larry was there for us as a US Marine, and it was our privilege to be there for him in his last days. He was a mighty warrior for his country and a mighty warrior for the Lord.

Larry's quiet resilience and unwavering trust in God remain an inspiration to all of us who had the blessing of knowing him. Please know that our thoughts and prayers continue with you as you walk through this time of loss and remembrance.

In honor of Larry's life and legacy, we have created a memorial website where his friends and family can share memories, photos, and stories. May this space serve as a living tribute—a place to celebrate the life of a man whose service and faith continue to bless others.

With deepest sympathy and gratitude,

Chaplain Roger Rustad

Roger Rustad - December 20, 2025 at 08:44 PM

JA

I am humbled and honored to have met you through the most difficult time of my life. Thank you for your patience and guidance. May God Bless you Chaplain. Warmest regards, Judy Arthur

Judy Arthur - December 23, 2025 at 02:39 AM

MA

“*Hello all! This was one of my Dad’s favorite songs. Please click on the link below to reimmerse yourself in the lasting glory of Van Morrison’s. Hopefully dad can still listen to it wherever he’s gone into the Mystic himself.*

https://youtube.com/watch?v=9_X-NI-rTco&si=gWISHqaoV79YuxYy

MATTHEWDARTHUR44 - December 10, 2025 at 02:36 PM

JH

Larry was a neighbor of mine and always a joy to visit with. A huge Rams fan and a man with a dry sense of humor. Our hearts go out to Judy and his family. We’re sorry for their loss. ❤️

Joe Hunter - December 14, 2025 at 12:29 PM

JA

“*Never met a man who loved dogs more than people. Larry’s boys Ray and Sonny Boy*



Judy Arthur - December 09, 2025 at 11:14 PM

JA

“ Larry’s favorite people, granddaughter Liv and grandson Teddy, 10 and 6



Judy Arthur - December 09, 2025 at 10:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Dog Tag Memories



Reflecting on Memories - December 09, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Family Memories Album



Reflecting on Memories - December 09, 2025 at 12:47 PM