



# Larry DeMontegre

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**L**arry Douglas DeMontegre of Huntersville, NC, passed away Saturday, March 13, 2021 at 78 years of age.

Larry was born in California, but grew up in Medford, OR. After spending 4 years in the Navy, he moved to South Carolina to attend Bob Jones University where he met his wife, Lois. He went on to get a Masters' degree in Secondary Education/Administration from the University of South Carolina and an Ed Specialists' Degree from South Carolina State College. He worked in Winnsboro and Richland School District 2 public schools in South Carolina as a teacher and an administrator. His love for young people and teaching brought him local, state, and national recognition as an exceptional teacher. After retiring from the South Carolina school system, Larry and Lois taught in International schools in Seoul, Korea and Valencia, Venezuela. However, the birth of their first grandchild, brought them back to the United States where they taught in North Carolina. Larry was devoted to his family and would drop everything to spend time with his children and grandchildren. He loved his friends and would not pass up an opportunity to speak to a neighbor, or to a stranger. In retirement, his passion was working on antique cars, especially his beloved '59 corvette. He was a member of several antique car clubs, donating his time for charity shows and working as a club officer. He enjoyed traveling and took several extended trips overseas, driving through foreign countrysides. It was important to him to make a difference in people's lives. He showed Christian love by trying to make life easier for others and was known for his kindness and generosity.

Larry is survived by his wife of 52 years, Lois DeMontegre and their children and children-in-law: Carrie and John Hemmings of Montgomery, AL; Amy and David Gabler of Cornelius, NC; and Larry Matthew and Magnolia DeMontegre of Bend, OR; grandchildren: Jake, Lauren, and Caroline Hemmings of Montgomery, AL; Ella and Meghan Gabler of Cornelius, NC; Orion, Odinn and Aurelia DeMontegre of Bend, OR.

A Memorial/Celebration of Life service is planned for early summer and will be announced at a later date.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Save the Children at [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org) or FeedNC at 275 Broad St. Mooresville, NC 28115 ([www.feednc.org](http://www.feednc.org))

Online condolences may be made at [www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com](http://www.jamesfuneralhomekn.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Bob Johnson** posted:

I went to school with Larry at Bob Jones University. We were close friends, and I remember his telling me about being in the Navy. He had a tattoo on his right wrist, and he had it removed after enduring several surgeries which left a big scare. I left Bob Jones in May 1966 after which I went into the Army. I ran across a letter that Larry sent to me in December 1966 when I was in basic training. I have often wondered what happened to Larry since I had not heard from him after I received his letter. He was a good friend, and I will always cherish our memories. I am 82 years old, and I look forward to our reunion in heaven soon. Bob Johnson Hattiesburg, MS

July 14 at 1:00 PM



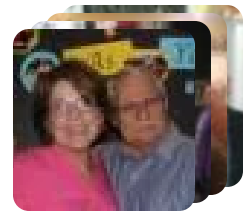
**Brian** posted:

Larry was our uncle in law. We had a great Christmas in 2019 with the DeMontegre family. Will never forget our time together. Will miss having a dark beer with Larry in upcoming trips to NC. Love and condolences to the entire DeMontegre family. Kisses from Germany!!

June 25 at 10:13 AM



**Paul Long** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



March 15 at 10:16 AM



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**Larry Demontegre** posted:

This is Little Larry, Larry's brother. I remember the day Larry came into my life. Being that he is my half Brother, I never knew him until I was around eight or nine. We picked him at the Gray Hound bus depot. I remember walking around telling everyone I saw that this is my big Brother. We lived in the mountains and non of got to town much. The one time that Larry had a date, I wanted to go too. NO WAY he said. So, I put a jar of carpenter ants in his bed for not taking me along. Think I won that little tiff. When he joined the navy, I was allowed to go out on an excursion cruise aboard his ship. Larry was in DAMAGE CONTROL. While doing a demonstration on.... DAMAGE CONTROL, his little boat started sinking. He had to be rescued. Being in the mountains, we lived a long way from the school bus stop. Larry didn't have his driver license yet but Dad let him drive the dirt road to the bus stop then come straight home. I noticed that when he had to turn the car around to go home, he would drive a little further down the blacktop road hatch time to turn the car around. Sometimes he drove out of sight. He would always say, I HAD TO TURN THE CAR AROUND. I love you my Brother, will miss you and think about all the good times we had. Was never a dull moment. Rest easy now Larry, watch for me. I will be the one with the jar.

March 15 at 12:46 PM



**Paul Long** March 16 at 11:17 AM

Lois, the tribute you wrote to Larry on FaceBook is the Larry I knew, respected, and liked very much. The stories he told were usually self-deprecating but always interesting and humorous.



**Amy Gabler** March 15 at 6:13 PM

Thank-you for sharing these special stories of my dad. I love hearing about his early life. Although I believe I heard about the ant story, the others were new. I am not surprised he took advantage of driving his dad's car as much as he could. His love for boats and cars grew stronger in his life and remained a constant. We will miss him so much- such a warm and incredible dad!



**Diann Holland** March 15 at 2:44 PM

Best obit I've ever read! You both must have had a great relationship and memories together! I know he will be missed!



**Nancy Runnion** posted:

Larry was the sweetest person I have ever known. He always had a smile. I know he at peace but he will be missed very much.

March 15 at 11:45 AM



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**Jill Mecyssne** posted:

Our hearts go out to you, Lois, and your family. We hope that all of you can soon smile as you cherish past memories of Larry. Please accept our condolences .jill & steven mecyssne

March 15 at 10:16 AM



Paul Long shared 7 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

March 16 at 11:05 AM





**Media**

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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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