



Lawrence L. Mills

May 24, 1939 - August 30, 2021

Lawrence L. "Larry" Mills, 82, of Evansville, passed away Monday, August 30, 2021 at the Walnut Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center.

Larry was born May 24, 1939 in Pulaski, WI and preceded in death by his parents, Lyle Bruce and Athlie Mills. He worked as a mechanical engineer for General Tire and Rubber before retiring from Gencorp. Larry played the bass guitar and was a member of The Wyld's in the 1960's and 1970's. He enjoyed tinkering, airplanes, old cars, playing cards and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving Larry are his daughter, Jacklyn (Beau) Buente of Mt. Vernon, IN; son, Jason Mills of Indianapolis, IN; his former wife and the mother of his children, Mary Mills of Evansville; two grandchildren, Cooper and Kennedy Buente and three brothers, Jim Mills of Krakow, WI, Roger Mills of Lancaster, CA and Leon (Sue) Mills of Clintonville, WI.

Funeral services for Larry will be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Jerry Pratt officiating. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
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Funeral Service

SEP 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence L. Mills*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Tom Houchin - August 31, 2021 at 05:09 PM

JA

“ I have many fond memories of playing music with Larry and the band the WYLDs. I was 15 when I joined the band and Larry was almost like a father figure for me since he was 12 years older. Larry was the business mind and glue that kept the band together through the years. When the WYLDs had a 25 year reunion it was amazing how the fine folks around Jasper and surrounding towns supported the band and sold out two nights at Calumet. Thought I would share some pictures too!

RIP Millsey!

John (Ed) Albertson



John (Ed) Albertson - August 31, 2021 at 01:49 PM

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“ I met Millsey for the first time circa July 1965. It was during one of "The Wylde's" first rehearsals in Joe Lorey's basement. He was 25 years old, I was 15. My mother had passed away three months before. My father was 42 with four children to raise, I was the oldest and he was not too fond of the idea of me playing in a rock 'n' roll band.

One evening Millsey knocked on our door and introduced himself to my father. He had come to request my father reconsider allowing me to become the bands drummer and assured him he would watch over me. Over time Millsey earned my dad's utmost respect and he became one of the longest and dearest friends I have ever known.

I am happy for you Millsey... you are in a much better place.

I am sad for me, my heart aches in your absence... it will for years to come.

May you rest in peace, my dear friend.

My sincere condolences to all family members and friends of this wonderful man.

Tom Houchin

Tom Houchin - August 31, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence L. Mills.*



August 31, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Millsey, as we all called him back in the day, was definitely an extraordinary individual. When the Wylds rock n' roll band was formed early in the 60's, we needed a bass guitar player. I can't remember exactly how he found his way into my basement where we would rehearse, but one day, there he was. Had never played a guitar before, but he said he could learn as he went. Needless to say, the rest is history. He not only became a solid bass player, he basically became the band's "Mother"! He found us jobs, repaired our instruments, and pretty much managed the band, all while holding a regular job at Kimball Electronics as a design engineer. He even gave me a place to live in his house for awhile when life got tough. He was always there for us. God bless you and may you rest in peace Millsey....you have certainly earned it. Till we meet again my dear Friend*

PS Please give my best to George, Hock, Steve and Noble. I miss them to.



Joe Lorey - August 31, 2021 at 10:02 AM



Steve Mullis

“ I remember performing with Larry in the Wylds back in the 60"s. He was a great guy, and would always be there to support you. I always valued his friendship.

STEVE MULLIS

Steve Mullis - August 30, 2021 at 10:00 PM



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“ Larry was a wonderful concerned and caring person for the years that I knew him. Larry was actually my landlord when I lived with him in Jasper. He was very private and easy going and a couple of things I remember were helping him move his extremely heavy full dresser Harley from the basement up the stairs on a ramp. It was the heaviest thing I've ever endeavored in my younger years. I think it might have been a 1960 model beautiful blue with the largest white seat I had ever seen. I don't think I ever saw him ride it but I'm sure he must have looked like a king on it! And I believe at one point he was making some part in mass production in the basement and I remember helping him making some of those parts to make a deadline. He was wonderful and very influential with the Wylds having such a cult following for many years. Although I have not seen him for many years since living in California I have always been kept abreast of how he was through friends back in Dubois County. Rest in peace Larry, you deserve it for being one of the great ones!

David Englert, St. Anthony, In - August 30, 2021 at 09:53 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about Larry. He was always such a happy and pleasant person to be around and a great friend to my dad. We both send our thoughts and prayers to the family.



Sandy Kocken - August 30, 2021 at 09:49 PM