



Laurance Murn Roush

April 5, 1935 - February 12, 2021

Laurance Murn Roush, 85, of Columbus, OH, passed away peacefully in his sleep at St. Ann's Hospital on February 12, 2021 in hospice care. Laurance was born April 5, 1935 at White Cross Hospital in Columbus, OH, to the late, Lewis Murn Roush and Dorothy Ruth Roush. He graduated from high school in June 1953, in the fall of 1953 tried out for marching band at OSU. He made the band and loved it! A favorite highlight being the Rose Bowl trip of 1955 and his marriage to his late wife, Julie Ann Roush. He was also in the Army Reserve, 338th Army Band, for over eight years, reached the rank of Sergeant E5.

Laurance enjoyed performing and teaching his music. He was an avid animal lover, he had many different pets over his lifetime. He particularly loved his cats and 2 dogs, Corkie and Barney. He also loved sports of any kind, his favorite team being OSU.

Laurance is survived by current wife, Carolyn of 20+ years; children, Mike Roush (Connie) Worthington, OH, Vicky Whittemore (Kevin) Columbus, OH, Steve Roush Worthington, OH, Sandy Roush Columbus, OH, and Craig Roush Worthington, OH; grandchildren, Jennifer, John, Eric and Karlie; and great grandchildren, James and Brantley.

Services will be held at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME, 515 High Street, Worthington, OH 43085. Visitation Monday, February 22, 2021 at 12:00PM-1:00PM, funeral services following at 1:00PM. Laurance will be laid to rest at Union Cemetery following the service.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Visitation

FEB 22. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

FEB 22 (ET)

Union Cemetery
3349 Olentangy River Road
Columbus, OH 43202

Tribute Wall



“ *Scott Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Laurance Murn Roush*



Scott Humphrey - February 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *I met Larry through our time together at Colonial Music. We had so much fun and laughs and always made sure music education was first. Larry touched so many lives in such a positive way. I will always remember any time I left the store and said goodbye to Larry his response was always "write if you get work." I am better for having known you my friend. Rest easy and fly free.*

Scott Humphrey - February 22, 2021 at 10:43 AM

“ Support Your Local Musician

He was a musician. The Larry Laurance Orchestra, Dr. Love, or just "Doc." Not the music some of you would know. An orchestra along the lines of Big Band days, or a dance band and vocalist, a jazz combo or trio later. The bands he led or played with chose their own music to play, and also what the "job" required if asked. Dad knew many local musicians over decades. After many years, I began calling his bands and those he played with The Sultans of Swing: they all had daytime jobs. "They don't give a damn about any trumpet playing band/It ain't what they call Rock and Roll."

I used to go with him on gigs and help him set up the band on weekends. Black bandstands with his stage name initials. "LL" - the Larry Laurance Orchestra. He had painted them himself. Sheet music from a "fake book" as they called it, laid out for the rest of the band when they arrived sometimes, in case their book was different. Sax, trombone, guitarist, keyboard, bass, drummer, lineups varied. Dad played the slide trombone, trumpet, valve trombone, flugelhorn (flugabone), handheld percussion. His portfolio picture with that damn flugelhorn looks cool! Still have it hanging on the wall after many years. Chuck Mangione eat your heart out.

I was the roadie, age 11 or so, at a VFW hall with a screened-in riser stage as beer bottles were thrown at the stage, crashing and breaking on the dance floor while the band played. The presence of screening more an issue with the VFW members, not bands hoping to earn a buck on Saturday night to pay some bills. At an Elks Club out of town they announced a member had passed, shortly after the gig had begun. The band stopped, packed back up, headed home. An outdoor party around a pool, drinkers start the Bunny Hop fully clothed, leader of said hop not expecting push into pool. The band played. A restaurant, playing "Black Magic Woman," dad on vocals. We're not talking the Rolling Stones at Altamont here. We are however talking about a certain dedicated level of musicianship.

Dad introduced me to Gene Krupa after a live drum tutorial at Van's Music Store. He took me backstage to meet Maynard Ferguson and get his autograph. He made one trip to the Rose Bowl with the OSU Marching Band in the 1950s. When they traveled by train. He was a Sgt. in the local 338th Army Reserve Band for 8 about years, Ft. Hayes. He owned his own music store at a mall for a while. Taught students at another store he had once managed. He taught via Zoom from home near the end. He adapted to PCs and technology, he always wanted to be first on the block to own new electronics. He tinkered with Hi-Fi and television tubes in the 50s and 60s. (MR-022121) He set up a Quadrophonic Stereo in the family room in the 70s, a sound fad that did not quite catch on. He always had his ear and his foot stuck in the Music Business door.

He could play a little on a few instruments. He knew when strings needed tuned.

He could string a guitar or replace the pads on a clarinet, pound out a bell on a coronet.

We were lucky at our house, music was always part of our home. We grew up listening to all the Big Bands, Jazz, Musical soundtracks, Frank Sinatra, Folk Music and more. He brought home the first Moog Synthesizer LPs, "Switched On Bach Live." I know the difference between Herbie Hancock and Herbie Mann. Les Paul and Chet Atkins. He turned me on to Don Ellis, but he also brought the Beatles into our home.

The next time you hear any professional musician - instrument or vocals, even a Beat-Boxer or Kenny G - remember they do it because they LOVE it. Sometimes it's not about receiving one single dollar.

Despite any music genre you like, appreciate the effort and confidence required to perform? At the least. Whether you like the music or not? Support your local musician. Like other artists it could be how they eat. It is their job. The Pandemic has made support more crucial than ever.

#TBDBITL...dad was a believer.

Mike Roush - February 21, 2021 at 06:45 PM

MM

“ Carol, sending our sympathy and prayers to you and Larry's Family. My husband worked with Larry for many years in the music industry. We enjoyed many good times over the years with Larry and Carol. Keeping you in our prayers

Mike and Barb Maiberger

Mike and Barb Maiberger - February 18, 2021 at 11:33 AM

SM

“ I will never listen to Frank Sinatra without thinking of you!
Love you, Dad!



Sandra K Mahan - February 17, 2021 at 04:00 PM

TS

“ I send my condolences to everyone in the Roush family.
RIP Laurance Rouch 🎺



Tom Daniel Swisher - February 17, 2021 at 09:43 AM

SK

“ Sorry about Larrys passing. He had a wonderful personality. He was always helpful when needed. Clara and Steven Kirk



Steven Kirk - February 17, 2021 at 09:10 AM



“ RIP Padre. I will miss YOU. I LOVE YOU. :-)



Vicky Whittemore - February 16, 2021 at 02:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurance Murn Roush.



February 15, 2021 at 07:39 PM

SW

“ Mr Roush was a favorite of our family! He taught or son trumpet and his friend was right before. More often than not, he had both of them in for an hour lesson / counseling session.

He was a wonderful man a a great influence on our son in middle school!

Susan WHITTAKER - February 15, 2021 at 07:34 PM

KW

“ One of my favorite memories of Larry aka my father in law was the day he and his band played at mine and Vickys wedding

Kevin A Whittemore - February 14, 2021 at 04:57 PM

LS

I have known Larry for many years through our North High connection and our days at Colonial Music. I enjoyed talking with him about North and music and I appreciated his sense of, humor. Please accept my condolence for your loss.

leslie susi - February 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM

DC

I send my deepest sympathy and condolences to all his family. I didn't know Larry well even though he was my 1st cousin but my whole family appreciated his musical fame at OSU and other venues. I'm glad he left behind family that will carry on the Roush name. Bless you Larry.

Donna Kay (Roush) Clark

Donna Kay (Roush) Clark - February 22, 2021 at 03:07 PM