



## Larry Pfahler

January 27, 1943 - December 19, 2016

Dr. Larry L. Pfahler, 73, of Gahanna, OH, peacefully entered the presence of his Savior Jesus Christ, surrounded by loved ones on December 19, 2016, after a brief battle with cancer.

Larry was born in Bucyrus, OH, on January 27, 1943, to Lewis and Gladys (Auck) Pfahler. He grew up on his family's farm, excelling in everything he did. Larry loved sports and was the president of the first graduating class of Buckeye Central HS in 1961. The first member in his family to attend college, Larry graduated from Malone College and continued to medical school at The Ohio State University, paving the way for many family members to enter the medical profession. Following a decade on the mission field, Larry felt directed to integrate biblical truths into the field of psychiatry and completed his psychiatric residency at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Service in Grand Rapids, MI.

Larry lovingly served as a Christian Psychiatrist for 32 years in Worthington, OH. Prior to this he devoted 11 years serving as a medical missionary in the Central African Republic. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed playing softball, reading, and spending quality time with family. Larry devoted much time to Christian outreach with Grace Polaris Church and Vineyard Columbus, as well as with Lower Lights Christian Health Center and the Christian Medical and Dental Association. Larry loved Jesus and dedicated his life to being used by Him to impact those he counselled, supervised, and mentored. He grew to treasure the grace and presence of God, particularly in his later years. His

life's purposes were to be viewed as a man of truth and integrity and to see his children and grandchildren come to love Jesus as he did.

Larry is survived by his wife Deborah; his three daughters, whom he shared with former spouse Linda Durst: Heidi (Tracy) Stringer, Stephanie (Rand) Hudson, and Stacey (Beau) Stanley; seven grandchildren: Ethan, Gabriella, Sophia, Connor, Colton, Isaiah and Simon; sister, LaVon Luidhardt, and brother, Ray (Wanda) Pfahler.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, David Luidhardt. Visitation will be held Monday, December 26, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High St., in Worthington. The funeral service will be Tuesday, December 27, at 10:30 a.m., at Grace Polaris Church, 8225 Worthington Galena Rd., Westerville. Private interment will be at Union Cemetery, Rts. 602 and 98, in Bucyrus. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to Wycliffe Bible Translators (P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862), a work near and dear to Larry's heart.

# Cemetery Details

## Union Cemetery

Rts 602 and 98  
Bucyrus, OH

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085  
(614) 885-4006  
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation:

DEC **26**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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DEC 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

Grace Polaris Church  
8225 Worthington Galena Rd.  
Westerville, OH 43081  
<http://gracepolaris.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Joe and I learned only recently about the untimely passing of Larry. We knew him as a colleague at Malone. Larry and I dated my freshman year and Joe roomed with Larry in his senior year. I always knew that God would accomplish great things thru Larry. He was a model Christian, student and friend. I can just visualize Larry in the very presence of his Lord and Savior hearing the words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."  
Let us all honor Larry's memory by living a life as he lived. I close with the words from a favorite hymn of my Dad, "When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be."  
Judy Chapin DeVol

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**Judy DeVol** - June 03 at 07:19 PM



“ Larry Pfahler

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January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ Dear family of Dr.Phahler, My son Derric and I were patients of his for some years. We were both unaware of his illness and were extremely saddened by his loss. He was a beautiful person with a kind and loving soul. We were both thankful that he made a big difference in our lives for the better in so many ways. Kindest regards, Janet Kroemer & Deric Dobbins

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**Janet Kroemer** - February 04, 2017 at 06:07 PM

PM

“ *My heartfelt condolences. I was a patient for over 20 years and we shared many laughs and sorrows. I just found out today and I am shocked. I will never forget when he met his wife and how happy he was. And when baby Simon was born he was so proud. He was such a special person. He Never told me he was ill. I was so upset because I didn't get to say goodbye. He will be missed. Sleep with the angels Larry.*

*Patricia Metzler*

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**patricia metzler** - January 30, 2017 at 05:08 PM

RP

“ *My condolences to the family of Larry Pfahler. May he rest in peace. I have been a patient of his for many years. After my visits, I always jotted down a few words of wisdom that he offered me, and was inspired by his love for Truth and for the Lord. Our hope is in the Resurrection....and that one day all God's children will be reunited with Him forever. Courage, strength and peace to your family during this time of grieving.*

*--rosemary pasternack*

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**Rosemary Pasternack** - January 28, 2017 at 09:56 AM

PE

“ *To the Family of Dr. Larry Pfahler.....I have seen Dr. Pfahler professionally off and on for the past 20 years. I will be forever grateful for his wisdom in diagnosis and his unyielding focus on the Truth of Christ. His practice was a safe and peaceful place for which I have depended upon and will greatly miss. May Christ comfort all of you and assure you of His presence.*

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**Paula Engelhardt** - January 01, 2017 at 04:18 PM

DE

“ Dear Deborah, I'm so sorry to hear about Dr. P's passing. I was just there about three weeks before I got the letter saying he wouldn't be back! I had no idea he was ill. I'm just in shock as I'm sure you are too. Since I didn't know what was going on I wrote the two of you a card. I sent it to the office and am hoping they sent it to you. On December 9th I had my other knee replaced and had no idea he was ill. I would have been at the funeral had I known. Im really going to miss seeing you and Dr. P. Please take care and I know you know you'll see him again. GOD BLESS you and your family. Love, Debi von Eckartsberg.

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**Debi von Eckartsberg** - December 30, 2016 at 11:24 PM

DK

“ I met Larry during our freshman year at Malone. After that time, until returning to Malone several years later, the earlier class was by then expecting to embark on the next phase of their lives. I learned that he intended to go to OSU for his medical training. He was indeed an individual who left an impression of his commitment as a Christian man. Our contact was lost over the years since and I wish that I had known he had lived so close. It is a double sorrow in that fact and in his passing. Blessings to all who remain who were touched by his life.

*David M. Kulich  
(Malone College, Class of 1967)*

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**David M. Kulich** - December 26, 2016 at 10:50 AM

LL

“ Knowing Larry professionally and socially for many years, I can attest to the fact that he was not only a man of truth and integrity, but also someone with great insight and good judgment. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind! Larry Lytle

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**Larry Lytle** - December 24, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Pfahler.*



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December 24, 2016 at 09:07 AM



“ *My dear Deborah and family. Dr. Pfahler has been my doctor for many years. He was a great Dr. loved Jesus Christ, I am sad to see that he has passed away. One thing I do know Larry is with Jesus Christ. Joyce Turner*

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**Joyce E. Turner** - December 23, 2016 at 02:33 PM



“ *Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Larry Pfahler.*



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December 23, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ *I, too, was a member of the class of 1961. it was so special to see him at our 55th class reunion in October. He was a very special person and will be missed.*

*Sue (Tippin) Bartley*

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**Sue Bartley** - December 23, 2016 at 08:21 AM

PR

“ To the family of Larry Pfahler....A friend of mine knew Larry and also knew that I am a Pfahler! My family came from Ohio but I have to wonder if there is a relationship somewhere with your family! I'm very sorry to hear of your loss and I hope your hearts are filled with many wonderful memories with Larry. I would love to have someone contact me so that we might see if we are related somewhere in our family tree! My email address is: [pk.roberts@frontier.com](mailto:pk.roberts@frontier.com).

*Blessings as you mourn this loss.*  
*Pam (Pfahler) Roberts*

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**Pam (Pfahler) Roberts** - December 23, 2016 at 07:35 AM

DC

*I have been seeing Dr. Pfahler professionally for nearly 8 years. I sought him out because I had heard he was a Christian and with a thankful heart I saw the Lord work in his life every time we met. Many, many times he would insist on us having prayer before I would leave his office. He was indeed a man of God and he never missed an opportunity to express his faith. I will continue praying for the Pfahler family during this most difficult time. There is a sense of peace knowing that he is with His Savior.*

*Blessings,*  
*Darrell Cramer*

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**Darrell Cramer** - December 24, 2016 at 05:50 PM

JP

*Dear family of Dr. Pfahler, I was a patient of Dr. Pfahler's for many years. His kind words were such a blessing to me. My thoughts and prayers are with you his family. Many Blessings in Christ, Jennifer Parker*

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**Jennifer Parker** - February 22, 2017 at 10:00 PM

EL

“ I am one of Larry's high school classmates and enjoyed seeing him at or 55 year reunion in October. Such a shock to find out that he was ill. God be with his family and friends during this time of bereavement. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Eleanor (Dick) Lillo** - December 23, 2016 at 07:12 AM

KV

“ I had the privilege to meet Larry in May of this year. He accompanied his daughter, Heidi, and her husband to our family's Kentucky Derby Party. He was such an interesting person to whom to be acquainted.  
Heidi and all, I am very saddened by your loss. May God Bless and keep you in his care.  
Love, Kim Bright Voorhees

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**Kim Bright Voorhees** - December 22, 2016 at 11:55 PM

AL

“ Stephanie and Family, Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. May God provide you peace and comfort during this time of grief. You are in our Thoughts and Prayers. Love - The Lagnese Family

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**Auggie Lagnese** - December 22, 2016 at 06:41 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Pfahler.



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December 22, 2016 at 12:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of  
*Larry Pfahler.*



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December 21, 2016 at 10:02 AM