



Lawrence James Palma

February 4, 1943 - January 24, 2018

Lawrence James Palma, age 74, of Kincheloe, Michigan, died Wednesday, January 24, 2018, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born February 4, 1943, in St. Clair Shores, Michigan, to Alfred James and Mary Marie (Wetzel) Palma.

Larry grew up in St. Clair Shores where he loved to fish even as a child. He graduated from South Lake High School in St. Clair Shores. Immediately after high school, he served in the United States Air Force and lived in Cedarville, Michigan, while stationed at Kincheloe Air Force Base. When Kincheloe Air Force Base was to be closed, he left the military and worked for Elgie Pollard Construction of Cedarville. Larry went to work for the management company at Kincheloe as Housing Supervisor repurposing base housing for civilian use. He served as Kinross Township Building Inspector, on the Kinross Township Board, as the Kinross Township Supervisor, on the Board of the Economic Development Corporation, and he spearheaded the development of the Kinross Recreation Center.

Larry's love of fishing continued throughout his life. He also enjoyed hunting and archery. His mother made him take dance lessons and though he protested at the time, as an adult, he loved to dance and danced often. She also required he write with perfect penmanship. Larry was very good with numbers and could complete complicated math problems in his head. He did woodworking and was able to fix pretty much anything. Larry never sat still. He was always helping people with projects, one of those projects being the stone gates at Kincheloe Golf Course.

Larry is survived by his wife, Debra Louise (Sims) Palma, whom he married on March 27, 1982; daughter, Rhonda (Mike) Brown of Kincheloe; sons, John (Sonja Killips) Garcia of Bay Mills, Michigan, and Eric Garcia of Raleigh, North Carolina; grandchildren, Brant (Leah) Brown, Brittany (Andrew) Jaroche, and Scottie Garcia; great grandchild, Kinsley; and former wife, Carolyn Brosman. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Linda (Ron) Hudson of Cedarville; and brothers-in-law, Steve (Janet) Sims of Buckeye, Arizona, Gilbert (Trudy) Sims of Moreno Valley, California, and Ritchie (Gloria) Sims of Hemet, California.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Steven Michael Palma.

Services will be held Monday, January 29, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. followed by the funeral service beginning at 4:00 P.M.

Interment will be in Kinross Township Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions Kinross Recreation Center, c/o Kinross Township, 4884 W. Curtis Street, Kincheloe, MI 49788.

Cemetery Details

Kinross Township Lakeview Cemetery

6900 W Lakeview Rd
Kinross, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN **29**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence James Palma*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Lawrence James Palma*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Lawrence James Palma*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I got to know Larry thru my father at the time when we lived in Kincheloe, Larry was always kind and hard working, glad to have met him, my deepest condolences to the Palma family.
Truly sadden to hear of his passing may God be with you all.*

Joseph Mattson - March 26, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ *Barry and I have nothing but fond memories of Larry. Deb and Rhonda we are so sorry for your lost. We will keep you in our prayers.*

Barry and Julie Newcomb

Julie Newcomb - February 09, 2018 at 02:13 PM



“ *Debra. I am so sorry to hear you lost Larry. Oh, I remember him when he was Supervisor of the township. I am someone who has lived in the area for many years. You will recognize me if you saw me. I know Larry struggled and I know you did also, trying to maintain as much a normal life as you could. May God bless you during this time. I wish you nothing but sunshine, warmth and much love from your family.*

Carla Costner

Carla Lambert-Costner - February 01, 2018 at 01:58 PM

TG

“ Dear Larry was truly one of the sweetest, talented, caring men I've ever met and I feel so blessed to have known him. What a blessing he was to all, so loving and full of life. He would do anything for his family, friends and the community he embraced and cared so deeply for. I've always cherished the years I was so fortunate to spend in Kincheloe and looking back now with so many wonderful memories, especially when Larry was with us. He would brighten up the room and lift everyone's spirit just by walking in, with that big grin, great laugh and always a magical twinkle in his eye. Sending my warmest, deepest sympathy and prayers to all, dear friends and family of this amazing angel who's life was a treasured gift we have all been blessed by, never to leave our hearts. RIP my friend. ❤️❤️❤️ In loving memory, always. Terri (Lunt) Gaeta

Terri (Lunt) Gaeta - January 29, 2018 at 11:22 PM

JM

“ Larry was a a good guy who loved his family, friends and wanted to help anyone he met.

He will be missed by many.

Joan Reed, Kincheloe

Joan Reed Mahanna - January 29, 2018 at 05:08 PM

YB

“ Your friends at the NC Commissioner of Banks purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence James Palma.



Your friends at the NC Commissioner of Banks - January 29, 2018 at 11:25 AM

JB

“ While we mourn the loss of a great person, who was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need (even take a chance on a 19 year old looking for a place to rent!), good for a laugh with one of your many funny stories, or just bright spot in someone's day with your happy-go-lucky attitude, heaven is gaining a new angel. I wish your family comfort and peace during this difficult time. God Speed, Larry; Rest easy.

Johanna Bunker - January 29, 2018 at 10:57 AM

DP

“ You will be missed by family and so many friends. I have so many wonderful memories of our friendship that I will hold close...Christmas decoration competition on our homes - you remodeling my home with such expertise - deer hunting..cooking fish for you! We had so many karakoe parties and you abd I shared a common bond.. WE couldnt sing lol although we did alot of humming!! How many cups of coffee and talks did you, Deb and I share as neighbors and friends:) Till we meet again my friend be at peace and keep watch over us - the same as you did down here:)

Darlene Pelkey - January 29, 2018 at 10:34 AM

BJ

“ I feel saddened as we prepare to lay you down to rest today...there are so many more memories I wanted to share with you, so many things I wanted you to be a part of. You've done so much for all of us, family, friends, and community...today is our day to honor you and thank you ❤️ I love you so much Papa, and I know you know this is true.



Brittany Jaroche - January 29, 2018 at 07:58 AM

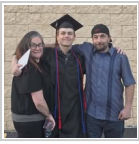
LH

“ Larry Palma: a gift of a brother by marriage to my sister, Debbie. It was a good fit from the start... as if it were meant to be. He brought with him a sweet daughter, Rhonda, my niece. We became family. He became "Dad" to my sister's sons. Family. In good times and in harder times. We loved and we played and we learned from each other. He was honest and fair and hard working. He was caring and wise. What more can a good man hope to be?

God Speed, Larry. You will be missed on this earth.



Linda Hudson - January 28, 2018 at 11:11 PM



“ *What I feel awful about is not being able to tell you that I love you one more time, but I feel comfort in knowing that you aren't suffering anymore. We had lots of laughs and great memories, including sharing birthday dinners every year. I will certainly miss walking into the house hearing you say " There she is, my favorite niece". You will always be in my heart, and one of my best friends ever. I love you. Give Gram a big hug from us all. Until we meet again.... Leslie*

Leslie Sims - January 28, 2018 at 01:15 PM

 Eric Garcia

“ *I lost my hero, my mentor, my Father. The world is a colder place with you gone. I learned so much from you. You always told me how proud of me you were and I am glad I got the chance to tell you how proud I am of you and to call you my Dad. Thank you for everything and thank you for being who you were. Until we meet again....*



Eric Garcia - January 27, 2018 at 10:30 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lawrence James Palma.*



January 26, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ You were my best friend when I was young. You were my role model as I grew older. You taught me some of the most valuable lessons in life. You would give the shirt off your back to help someone in need. You didn't have a selfish bone in your body. You were always patient and kind to everyone. You taught me to work hard at everything in life. You always sacrificed so much for the people you loved. You reminded me to enjoy the little things in life. You loved to dance and you are the reason I love music. Your hands could fix any problem. Your smile could brighten any day. You were the man I inspire to be.
Rest easy Papa.



Brant Brown - January 26, 2018 at 08:16 PM



“ Bobbi Jo lit a candle in memory of Lawrence James Palma



Bobbi Jo - January 26, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Love Steve & Janet Sims, and Skip & Trudy Sims purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Lawrence James Palma.



Love Steve & Janet Sims, and Skip & Trudy Sims - January 26, 2018 at 07:51 PM



“ Eric and family. I am deeply sorry for the loss of your father/husband. He has his wings now💕💕💕 love to all. Bobbi Root

Bobbi Jo - January 26, 2018 at 07:49 PM

MS

“ I worked with Larry for 10 years, he was a great friend, a pleasure to work with and a wonderful man. He'll be missed by many, and my family will always have a warm spot in our hearts for him. Debbie, I pray for you and the family to find peace.



Mary and Greg Sparkman

Mary Sparkman - January 26, 2018 at 03:23 PM

RB

I served on the TWP board with Larry, fished with him enjoyed trips to fish in Canada as well. shared coffee times together and always called him a friend. I'm so sorry Deb. Prayers to you and family.

Randy Bertram - January 26, 2018 at 04:31 PM

RH

I was fortunate enough to have worked with and for Larry for several years. Larry was a great boss and a truly wonderful friend. Many of my fondest memories of trout and ice fishing are of times spent with Larry. He will be missed by many. Larry was a good man. Prayers to Deb and family.

Roger Horton - January 26, 2018 at 06:50 PM