



## Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson

June 9, 1937 - February 14, 2024

Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson, 86, of Sylvester, died on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at Tift Regional Medical Center.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 18, 2024, at Banks Funeral Home Chapel, interment will follow in the Shingler Cemetery. The Rev. Donnie Duncan will officiate.

Mr. Larson was born on June 9, 1937 in Alexandria, Minnesota, to the late Manley and Olga Linder Larson. He had lived in Worth County all of his life, and was a veteran having served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Mr. Larson retired from Jones Construction Company in Tifton where he worked for over 40 years. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and spending time with his family and friends, especially with his grandchildren. Mr. Larson was a member of First Baptist Church in Sylvester.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Gibbs Merritt Larson of Sylvester; children, Melanie Hurst (Jessie) of Sylvester, Stephen Larson (Kay Knight) of Albany; grandchildren, Zachary Hurst (Freddy) of Sylvester, and Jessica Badgio (Andrew) of Oro Valley, Arizona; stepchildren, Bryan Merritt (Kristin) of Sylvester, Lamar Merritt, Jr. (Ashley) of Leesburg, Danny Merritt (Laura) of Athens and Melanie Foster (Danny) of Fitzgerald.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Larson was preceded in death by his first wife, Patsy DeLayne Souter Larson on December 21, 2005; sisters, Beulah Frakes, Marty Samuelson, and his twin-sister, Majel Mikkelson.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 2:00 PM until the service hour

at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Shingler Cemetery

303 North Road  
Poulan, GA 31781

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Banks Funeral Home  
PO Box 550  
210 N. Main Street  
Sylvester, GA 31791  
(229) 776-2055  
banksfh@yahoo.com  
<http://banks.funeralplan2.com/>

## Funeral Service

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## Burial

FEB 18 (ET)

Shingler Cemetery  
303 North Road  
Poulan, GA 31781

# Tribute Wall

SW

“ *Sandra Watson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



Sandra Watson - February 19, 2024 at 02:16 PM

HS

“ *HELEN SLEDGE lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



HELEN SLEDGE - February 18, 2024 at 03:11 PM

HS

*SOOOO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS LAUREL WAS ONE OF THE NICEST GUYS I EVER MET HE ALWAYS SPOKE TOO ME WHEN PASSING OUR WAYS DEFINITELY A GODLY SOUL 🙏🕊️🦋❤️*

HELEN SLEDGE - February 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM

DK

“ *Our thoughts and prayers our with you during this sad time ! Your father was such a present figure in all your lives! May God comfort each of you in the days and weeks ahead ! Sincerely, Davis and Donna King and our Family*

Donna McCourry King - February 18, 2024 at 07:24 AM

EA

“ *Eric Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Eric Adams** - February 18, 2024 at 07:22 AM

SR

“ *Sharon E Rhoads lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Sharon E Rhoads** - February 17, 2024 at 02:12 PM

SR

*My deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Sharon E Rhoads** - February 17, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DS

“ *Don Sizemore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Don Sizemore** - February 17, 2024 at 11:36 AM

CJ

“ *Carole Burkhart Jones lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



**Carole Burkhart Jones** - February 16, 2024 at 05:26 PM

TJ

“ *TonyMarcia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



**TonyMarcia Johnson** - February 16, 2024 at 04:49 PM

MF

“ *Mary Jane Fraley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



**Mary Jane Fraley** - February 16, 2024 at 09:25 AM

VN

“ *Vonnie Newell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



**Vonnie Newell** - February 16, 2024 at 09:21 AM

SL

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 10:14 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 10:13 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 10:06 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 10:04 PM

SL

*Laurel Larson, was supposed to have emojis but website not supported by emojis! So sorry!*

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**steve larson** - February 15, 2024 at 11:04 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 10:02 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 09:59 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 09:56 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 09:54 PM

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*Note; Photo was 6 heart emojis & not question marks, emojis not supported on website! So sorry!*

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**steve larson** - February 15, 2024 at 11:03 PM

SL

*Note: This photo was supposed to have 6 Red Love Heart Emojis but this website doesn't support Emojis! So sorry for the misrepresentation!*

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**Steve Larson** - February 16, 2024 at 03:58 AM

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Steve Larson - February 15, 2024 at 09:53 PM

HS

LOVING THIS PICTURE OF YOU TWO 🙏🏻✝️🦋❤️

HELEN SLEDGE - February 18, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JH

I love this picture and am so sorry for your loss. 🙏🏻  
Lisa and Jim Hamsley

Jim and Lisa Hamsley - February 22, 2024 at 11:19 PM

SL

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Steve Larson - February 15, 2024 at 09:51 PM

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Steve Larson - February 15, 2024 at 09:49 PM

SL

*Great photo but Emoji not supported!*

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**steve larsen** - February 15, 2024 at 11:01 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 09:47 PM

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**Steve Larson** - February 15, 2024 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ *Janice Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Janice Carter** - February 15, 2024 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Melanie, Steve, and all of their family and close friends.*

Julie Gunn - February 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM

DB

“ *Debbie St.Clair Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



Debbie St.Clair Banks - February 15, 2024 at 08:30 PM

SR

“ *Sending my condolences and prayers to the family. May God's grace carry you through the days ahead.*

*Sandy J Revell  
Co-worker and friend of Melanie Foster  
Fitzgerald, GA*



Sandy J Revell - February 15, 2024 at 07:01 PM

DS

“ *Truly a beautiful soul. Love and Prayers for all Family and friends. A dear , dear man* ❤️ 🙏🙏  
🙏❤️



Donna Kay Sledge - February 15, 2024 at 06:05 PM

PE

“ Melanie and Steve, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Keeping all of you in my prayers!

Penny - February 15, 2024 at 02:00 PM

DB

“ This breaks my soul.. Melanie-Steve.. I'm so sorry...

Donna Odom Broadaway - February 15, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BG

“ Melanie and family,  
We are sorry to hear about your Daddy.



Bobbie Gay - February 15, 2024 at 09:45 AM

JO

“ Melanie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I have a daughter who is a daddy's girl as well. Praying for peace and comfort in the days ahead



June Cross Odom

June Cross Odom - February 15, 2024 at 09:17 AM

DB

“ Sorry to hear. Much love to you all.



Denise Binns - February 15, 2024 at 08:18 AM

CY

“ *Carol York lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Carol York** - February 15, 2024 at 08:14 AM

BP

“ *Bonnie Potts lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Bonnie Potts** - February 15, 2024 at 07:47 AM

TS

“ *Tony Senkbeil lit a candle in memory of Mr. Laurel Virgil Larson*



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**Tony Senkbeil** - February 15, 2024 at 06:38 AM

SJ

“ *Melanie I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for you all!*



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**Sandra A Jones** - February 15, 2024 at 05:03 AM