



## Larry Kenneth Saunders

December 1, 1943 - July 4, 2013

Larry Kenneth Saunders was born December 1, 1943 to Kenneth and Elizabeth Saunders in Bishop, CA. He passed into eternal life on July 4, 2013 in Yreka after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Larry is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sharon; his beloved daughter, Charity, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren Wren, 9, Garrison, 6 and his namesake, Lara, seven weeks. He is also survived by “the son I never had” Lance Bickford and his family; his mother Elizabeth Saunders, mother-in-law Vivian Crader; nephews Brad Saunders, Jeff Grossen and Sean Davis; nieces Stacy Harrison, Cara Bibee, Heide Enos, Heather Davis, Heath Havlick, Jeri Sue Barnett and their families; sisters-in-law Sandy Eiler-Trost and Susan Winters.

Larry’s greatest desires, in the last months of his life, were to meet his new granddaughter Lara and to see Alaska. The family is grateful that God granted him those wishes. Larry loved life, and above all, his family. His daughter Charity was truly ‘the apple of his eye.’ He loved to cook, hunt, fish, work on old cars and his old Victorian home as well as trips with the Serendipity Corvette Club. He was able to travel to all fifty states, Canada and Mexico. He taught his great niece Morgan to drive his 1976 Corvette and held her responsible for many whiplashes.

Larry enjoyed working in the lumber industry and driving truck for Aggressive, but his passion was working with people affected by mental disease. Larry co-owned a residential treatment facility with his wife and enjoyed the many

years they worked there. His compassion was unfailing; his goal was to help improve the quality of life for anyone he could assist - he never passed a street person without opening his wallet.

The family is comforted knowing Larry was a born-again Christian, has left pain and suffering behind and now resides with his Heavenly Father, his dad Ken, sister Helen and father-in-law Frank.

Funeral services will be held at Girdner Funeral Chapel in Yreka, CA on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at the Fort Jones Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Enloe Oncology Lymphedema Clinic at 251 Cohasset Road #105, Chico, CA 95926 Attn: Karen Fleming.