Larry Ivan Diegel

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Our world lost a remarkable man on Tuesday, June 7th, 2022. Larry is a new star in the sky as he has gone home to be with his devoted parents, Ivan and Gerda Diegel.

A machinist by trade, his joy in making items with precision and working with people merged in his second career with Lee Valley Tools. He enjoyed sharing his skills and knowledge, helping people's problems, and always learning new things.

Born and raised in Calgary, he and his wife, Leslie AnnE, moved to Bergen in 2015 when he was blessed with early retirement. He was in his element! Coffee and naps on the deck, caring for his banditry of chickadees, like his Dad — hand feeding squirrels, and tranquil sunsets ending each day. He built a small shop and began puttering in earnest. A 2017 move to a small acreage near Sundre came with his dream shop.

Along with Leslie AnnE, he leaves his in-laws, Joan and Art Jorgenson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Jacquie (Tom) Dipple, Jeffrey Jorgenson, and Karen Jorgenson (George). An only child, his extended family is huge! Remaining are uncle, Robert (Pearl) Greig; many cousins, countless nieces and nephews, and now their children, as well as cherished friends worldwide. Two young men held special places in his heart, Godson, Keal Kaminski; and nephew, William Jorgenson.

Larry loved life. He loved deeply and truly. He looked for meaning in his life through his faith and strong values. A light of happiness, he had deep memories and hurts that began to surface after his two MIs.

Doctors, hospital staff, and counsellors always treated him with care and respect so he could return home. Thank you♥. The Sundre Fire Department, EMS, and the Sundre doctors and nurses gave Larry their very best on June 7th. Larry fought his hardest, but his heart was not able to.

In Larry's honour, please consider donations to the Sundre Hospital Futures. Online: https://www.sundrehospitalfutures.com; by mail: Sundre Hospital Futures, Bag 3, 709 – 1 St NE, Sundre, AB T0M 1X0.

Details of a celebration of his life will follow.

Rest peacefully, my Larry, my hero. My heart is yours forever. ♥

Messages of Condolence

To know Larry was a privilege that we always enjoyed--his sense of humour, his cheery approach to life, his attitude to work, all fine characteristics that he showed to the fullest. We will miss him.

— Robert and Joyce Lee

So sorry Leslie on your loss of Larry. We have such good memories of the both of you and our conversations at All Saints. He always took the time to say hello and ask how things were. Larry was a good guy...this is such a shock. We will hold you and your family in our prayers. Sincerely, Alan & Kari

— Kari & Alan Paul

We are some of the privileged to have known Larry. He was a special person with that winning smile and friendly manner.... we doubt he had an enemy in the world! He was a caring, cheerful man and gave his time willingly. Leslie, and family, we send our sincere condolences for your loss, but we will look for that shining star in the sky with fond memories.

Jim and Jean Harren

— Jim and Jean Harren

Dear Leslie,
Please accept our sincere condolences on Larry’s passing. I have fond memories of time spent with Larry when we were kids and enjoyed our visits with you both in Sundre, I was hoping to drop by when we were in your area this summer. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Wes Diegel

— Wesley and Barb Diegel

Oh Leslie - my heart aches for you and the family - I only hope you have the strength and are surrounded by all the loved ones. The impression you and Larry have had on our lives is insurmountable - the love and strength of character have left lasting impressions on me and mine. When you are up to it please call as I no longer have contact information. Much Love Us Murrays

— Bobbi Murray

We are so very saddened by hearing of Larry’s passing. We missed seeing Larry for the past several years but well remember the kindness and the friendly helpful nature that identified Larry. We grieve with and for you AnnE and the many others who knew Larry. Our world needs more Larry Dieigels - not less.
Glenn & Joan Schultz

— Glenn 7 Joan Schultz

Dear Leslie. I am so sorry to hear of your loss and a huge loss it is. Larry was such a wonderful guy and the two of you were such a wonderful couple. I have so many fond memories and, of course, he was one of my favourite people to dance with when we had the opportunity at all the functions we shared. I always think of you on your birthday and have been thinking of you a lot these days, hoping you are doing alright during this very sad time. Our deepest condolences to you and your family.

— Alicia Lou Stevenson

We were saddened to hear of Larry’s passing. When we first ran into him at Lee Valley he recognized Garry right away. It was like no time had passed. Our thought and prayers are with you and your family at this time

— Garry & Christine Eros

Our condolences go out to you on Larry's Passing, Leslie.
I remember Larry in Choir at All Saints, and Dick from his many visits to Lee Valley.

— Beth & Dick Olver

Dear Leslie,
Please accept our condolences and deepest sympathy on the passing of cousin Larry. You will be in our prayers. Sincerely,
Brad, Angie Diegel & Family

— Brad Diegel

Dear Leslie,

So very sorry to hear of your loss. It was an honour to have known Larry, such a gentle, kind and happy soul. We always looked for him at Lee Valley and he always made time to chat.

Sending prayers and all our deepest condolences to you and your family at this time.

Shireen and Rod

— Shireen Symonds

Our deepest condolences to Leslie and all the families, we have fond memories of Larry at all the Diegel functions such a good time. He was a very humble, gentle,kind and generous man.Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.

— Barrie and Claire Wright

Big hug. Larry will be remembered by always having a warm smile and hello when we met at gatherings. Our condolences Jennifer, Jeff Ron Diegel and Families

— Jennifer Diegel-Swift
