



Larry Lee Boyer

July 10, 1943 - March 17, 2025

We are deeply saddened to share the news that Larry Lee Boyer passed away on March 17, 2025 from septic shock. His passing was peaceful and he spent his final moments surrounded by his family in a hospital in Virginia.

Larry was born on July 10, 1943, in Hooker County, Nebraska. He was the son of a rancher and the first in his family to graduate from college. He received a PhD in Physics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and spent his career working at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., with extended sabbaticals at Princeton University, the University of Edinburgh, and Harvard University. Larry was instrumental in advancing the field of superconductivity by developing quantum models capable of calculating the electronic properties of crystalline atomic structures.

Throughout his life, Larry had several interests outside of work. Among them were a love for golfing, football, track & field, playing guitar, and documenting his family genealogy. He was an avid Washington sports fan holding season tickets for both the baseball and football teams. But, none of those interests came close to his love for the Carolina Shag. He took up dancing in the early 2000's and by 2019, he was inducted into the National Living Legends of Dance Hall of Fame, a recognition for those who are not only stellar dancers but have taught, inspired, and preserved the traditions of the Carolina Shag.

Larry is survived by his four children, Pete, Will, Ben, and Jonathan and his seven grandchildren, Hailey, Jasmine, Avery, Mason, Drewe, Taylor, and Michaela.

Larry will be deeply missed, but the love, memories, and dances he shared will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to:
<https://ellentaylorfoundation.org/DONATIONS.html>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Tribute Wall



“ *Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Larry Lee Boyer*



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - May 20, 2025 at 09:13 AM

LY

Sending you all my love and prayers for peace during this time of loss. I know that Larry was a wonderful Dad and Pops... I knew him from a very young age and remember him as he would always bring me gifts at the same time he would bring gifts for Judy, my sister. Thank you so much for streaming Larry's service, Loni

Leiloni Young - May 23, 2025 at 12:57 AM

BK

“ *Larry was a dear friend and colleague, especially during his years at the Naval Research Laboratory. He was a key participant in the formation and growth of the electronic structure group at the NRL with many key inputs into the group's research. He was a wonderful buddy on and off the golf course with many fun stories over the years. We will miss you, Larry. May your memory be a blessing. Barry*

Barry Klein - June 13, 2025 at 01:20 PM

DP

“ At NRL Larry, Barry, Warren and I had a close collaboration and fun. One of the stories was that Larry had changed his computer ID from Boyer to Zoyer so that he can avoid any mix up when he was picking up his computer cards decks at the computer center. Another story happened when Larry, Barry and I were at IBM Watson Center in NY doing calculations non stop for three days and nights. One night at two in the morning I said "You guys, we are not moving fast enough". Larry always remembered that and he said "Only when I did the pole vault in College I was feeling so tired."
Dimitris

Dimitris Papaconstantopoulos - June 13, 2025 at 12:16 PM

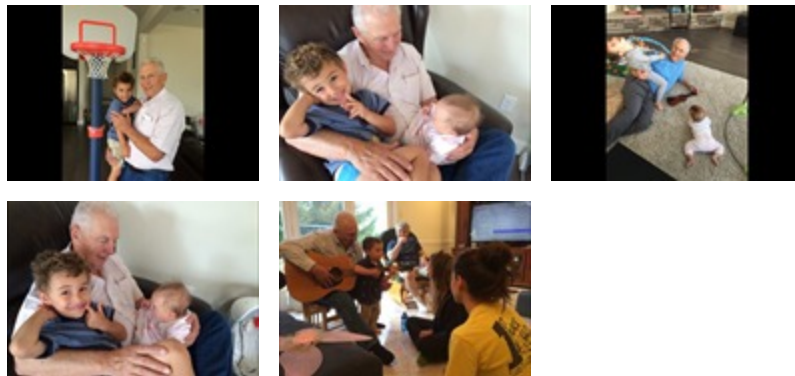
CP

“ May time bring peace, grace bring healing, and love bring comfort to all of you.
We loved our Larrys and you will miss LB like we are missing LP.
Hope to see some of you again in the Sand Hills. Love, Carol Pearson and family

Carol Pearson - May 21, 2025 at 07:32 PM

JB

“ 20 files added to the album Life Photos



Jasmine Boyer - May 20, 2025 at 03:32 PM

MC

“ Meredith, Cord, Eleanor & Chance purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Larry Lee Boyer.



Meredith, Cord, Eleanor & Chance - May 19, 2025 at 04:40 PM

JB

“ 91 files added to the album Life Photos



Jasmine Boyer - May 19, 2025 at 02:27 PM

WB

“ 1 file added to the album 80th Birthday



Will Boyer - April 20, 2025 at 08:00 PM

DS

Very well done, he was a good friend all these years and will be missed! Rip, my friend and classmate from the time we were 5 years old. Diane Wright Baldwin

Diane Steinbrink - May 09, 2025 at 08:13 PM

JD

“ *Jammie Dodgers planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Lee Boyer.*

Jammie Dodgers - April 18, 2025 at 10:33 AM

JD

“ *Jammie Dodgers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Lee Boyer.*



Jammie Dodgers - April 18, 2025 at 10:33 AM