



## Larry Michael Korach

December 22, 1953 - September 1, 2020

Larry Michael Korach, 66, passed away September 1, 2020 at his home in Soap Lake. Larry was born in Spokane to William J. and Phyllis Korach on December 22, 1953. Larry was the second son of William and Phyllis and grew up in Ephrata.

Larry attended St. Rose of Lima, then transferred to public schools where he couldn't wait to play sports. His brother, 8 years his senior, was always playing ball with him, teaching him to throw, catch and bat, starting a life long love of sports. Larry played football, baseball, and basketball in high school. He was honorary team captain in basketball '71-'72 and won the award for Most Inspirational in basketball and baseball '71-'72. After graduating from Ephrata High School, he attended WSU for a short time, then went to work with his father at Korach and Canfield Ins. He then became owner and partner with Bob Wilson at Korach and Wilson Ins.

Even after high school Larry continued his love for sports. His favorite and best sport was basketball. He always had a hoop in the back yard, was rarely beaten on his own court. He played softball both in the town league and the Moose State Tournament. Larry also bowled on a 3-man town league with his best friends Bob Austin, and Leroy Boyd. Larry also coached youth basketball, and little league baseball for several years.

Larry had an engaging sense of humor and took a light hearted approach to most things in life. His brother, Bill, characterized him as a "hard dog to keep under the porch." He loved being with his friends and would get together every year with Leroy and Bob to watch the AFC/NFC championship games, never missing one in over 25 years. He was a lifelong Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and also loved the Chicago Bears, New York Yankees, and LA Lakers.

Larry loved to drive, owning a mustang, and a corvette before being introduced to Porsches by his older brother, who sold him his first. A red '86 911 Targa, which he loved driving with the top down. He also had a '96 911 Turbo. The back roads were always his choice of travel, while listening to the Beatles or the blues.

Larry was a very giving person, and was the primary care giver to his aging parents so they could stay in their home. Larry loved watching his step-grandsons play ball. Either driving to Pullman or Pomeroy to watch Byron play football and basketball, or to Spokane to watch Shaemus and Declan play soccer. He never missed a chance to go, even after a

stroke left him mostly blind in 2019 and Theresa had to do the driving. This time in the Porsche Cayenne.

The past few years while undergoing grueling chemo-therapy, he became the most popular person to enter the infusion unit. Had had such a great attitude, bringing chocolates to the nurses, always with a smile on him face. Most people are lucky to have 1 best friend. Larry had 4... Jim, Bob, Leroy and Tim. He will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know this kind, funny, generous soul. Forever and always you will be missed!

Larry is survived by his beloved life companion of 25 years Theresa Fitzgerald, her children Jeremy, Jennifer and Tim and their 7 children, His brother Dr. William Korach and his wife Ricky, and their children Kira Maloof (husband Josh) and Kelly Korach (wife Hiroko), and their two girls, Daughter Jamie Cook (husband Dave), son Shane Korach, and 5 grandchildren. He is proceeded in death by his parents William and Phyllis Korach. Following Larry's wishes, no services will be held. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.nicolesfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicolesfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are under the care of Nicoles Funeral Home of Ephrata.

# Comments

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“ Larry was the most upbeat and fun man to play ball with or share a day in the sun at Blue Lake. There was never a dull moment with Kooch! Love you, little man.  
Dave Sparks

**Dave Sparks** - September 11, 2020 at 07:01 PM

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“ Heart felt sympathy for Larry’s family and friends. We went to Junior high and high school with Larry in Ephrata. Riding in the Koarch’s boat at Blue Lake in our teen years was wonderful. George and Kathy Waltho

**George and Kathy Waltho** - September 09, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Larry Korach was one of a kind. Never did I see a frown on his face. He was one of the most positive and most confident persons I ever had the pleasure to know. He would lend a hand to anyone, at any time .. if you needed help and he could help, Larry would help, even if he did not know you. His laugh and his good nature will stay with me forever. The memories I have are flooding in as read this awful news. Rest In Peace, my brother

**Steve Wallace** - September 12, 2020 at 10:01 PM