



Lanny Verl Wallis

August 16, 1956 - March 6, 2026

Lanny Verl Wallis was born on August 16, 1956, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the son of Lawrence and Trucella (Nash) Wallis, affectionally known as Larry and Trudy. Lanny grew up in Jerseyville, Illinois and graduated with the Jerseyville High School Class of 1974. After graduation, he continued his education at Lewis and Clark Community College.

Lanny proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for several years before later continuing his service in the Army National Guard. He carried a deep sense of pride in having served his country faithfully and honorably.

Throughout his life, Lanny was truly a jack of all trades. He worked in many different fields over the years and was known for his willingness to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed.

Lanny was engaged to Vaunda Richardson and was excited about the future they were building together. He deeply enjoyed spending time with her son and granddaughter, and those moments meant a lot to him. Family was important to Lanny. He shared a special bond with his cousins and treasured the time they spent together.

Lanny loved the outdoors, taking country drives, and visiting Relphe Springs

with his beloved fur baby, Bolt, who was constant companion. Music was one of Lanny's greatest passions. He especially loved Southern Gospel and Bluegrass music. A gifted and talented musician, he played several instruments and was particularly skilled on the guitar. Music brought him great joy and was a meaningful part of his life.

On September 11, 1966, Lanny was baptized at Healing Waters Temple, a moment of faith that remained important throughout his life.

Lanny passed away on March 6, 2026, in Rolla, Missouri, at the age of sixty-nine years. Those left behind to treasure his memory include fiancé: Vaunda Richardson of Edgar Springs, MO; future stepson: Louis Richardson and fiancé Sara of Bentonville, AR; future granddaughter: Jolie Richardson; sister: Pamela Wallis; nephew: Issac Wallis; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents: Larry and Trudy Wallis.

Lanny will be remembered for his love of family, his appreciation for music, his hardworking spirit, and the many friendships he formed throughout his life. His memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Funeral Services were held Friday, March 13, 2026, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Rev. Stanley Wallis officiating. Music was provided by the Wallis Family. Military honors was provided by the United States Army and American Legion Post 99. The family was served by Wilson Mortuary, Salem, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Lanny to Wilson Mortuary to help with Final Expenses. Memorial Envelopes will be

available.

Online Condolences may be left at www.wilsonmortuary.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wilson Mortuary - March 13 at 09:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lanny Verl Wallis.



March 12 at 09:59 PM



“ *Lanny was a unique guy and I loved that about him. He loved people and was very generous. We shared a love of music and collecting quirky things that might someday somehow be something potentially cool. He would laugh because I would call him the bearded wonder...wondering what he was going to come across at the next flea market. We will miss you Lanny!*

Jeremy Jamison - March 11 at 06:35 PM

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Sweet guy, full of love for life and anything with a heartbeat. He would send me videos of cute animals or anything he thought I'd enjoy. Knew him since I was 15, and for 2 decades he was a very good friend. The world could use more Lanny's!

Laura Riggins - March 16 at 09:22 AM

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“ Prayers 🙏🙏 for the family. Lanny is my cousin, whenever we saw each other which was not very often, but he would call me little cuz. He will be missed. RIP

Teresa Stark - March 10 at 10:23 AM

RW

“ One of my good friends I spoke to several times a week. Sure am going to miss our conversations.

Randy Williamson - March 10 at 05:28 AM