



## Johnny Mac Larrabee

May 15, 1948 - July 10, 2021

Johnny Mac Larrabee “John Larrabee”, 73, of Moscow Mills, Missouri, passed away on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at his residence in Moscow Mills, Missouri. He was born on May 15, 1948 in Oxnard, California, son of James D. Larrabee III and Oleta (McCabe) Larrabee.

Johnny graduated from Camarillo High School in 1966 and continued his education at Columbia Broadcasting. He had a true love for broadcasting. Johnny began his career in Oxnard, CA at KUDU radio, moving onto Bakersfield, Salt Lake City, Chattanooga, New York and then St. Louis which he said were the best years of his career and his life. His main gig was afternoon drive host on KYKY Y98 FM DJ “Cartunes” for your ride home. He hosted the show for 28 years and 5 years with his sidekick, Julie Buck. He was a very successful FM DJ on highly ranked CBS/ top 40 station. Later in his career, he was a pilot for the AM drive on KMOX. Johnny retired after 28 years of service to the broadcasting industry.

He was an avid pilot and motorcycle enthusiast. Participating in many Sturgis Motorcycle Rally trips to Deadwood, SD. Often times he would fly to Sturgis, with his motorcycle and while visiting, he would offer plane rides to others. Johnny was known for providing champagne flights in St. Louis for newlywed couples or romantic proposals.

Johnny was President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and President of Birthday Place Chapter of Jaycees for the St. Louis Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was the chairman of 4 air shows in St. Louis, MO. Johnny was the founding chairman of the Teddy Bear Express, the program distributed teddy bears to 7 Children's Hospitals during Christmas. The project received first place in the US National Child Assistance project and third place in the world. Johnny was honored to receive the JCI Senatorship, most prestigious award to be received in the Jaycees International.

He is survived by his one sister, Jeanie Marie Gibson and husband Michael of Plano, TX; nieces and nephews: Shannon Pineda of Camarillo, CA, Laura McCarter of Moorpark CA, Cynthia McManus and husband Rob of Charlotte, NC and James D. Larrabee V of Bull Head City, AZ; great-nieces and great nephews: Amanda Pineda, Robert Paul Markus, James Paul Markus, Matthew Markus, Andrew Lonie, Michael McCarter and Reagan Larrabee and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Oleta Larrabee and one brother, James D. Larrabee IV.

Family and friends will be received from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Troy Chapel. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may be made to COPD Foundation in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street, Troy, Missouri 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Johnny Mac Larrabee

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM



“ Johnny Mac Larrabee

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ I remember working on John's Instrument Rating. After covering up practically the entire panel, John executed a near perfect VOR-A approach into the Spirit of St. Louis Airport. When his time ran out, John looked out side and there was the airport. John looked at me and said, "well?" I laughed and said, "Okay, you're ready." John took his flight test with Howard Williams. When Howard covered up just one instrument, John looked at Howard and said, "Is that all you're going to do? Tony covers the whole panel." John was a great pilot and a good friend. Adios, amigo.

Tony Jestis - August 03, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ I only knew John from around our home town :) Really grateful to have met him! I didn't not know of all of his Great accomplishments until reading his obituary and others comments. What wonderful things he did in his lifetime :) I am sorry for your loss!!! My Deepest Sympathy. sincerely, Connie Berry.

Connie Berry - July 29, 2021 at 10:58 AM

CW

“ So honored to have met you John! Mike and I enjoyed many great times sharing music and listening to your wonderful stories!! Miss you much! Rock on John! Charlotte and Mike West

Charlotte West - July 28, 2021 at 10:26 AM

SP

“ Tragic loss of another one of my BIG D Brothers. John wrote “The Christmas Gift” that my Dad was honored to have voiced. It’s still played on the radio every Christmas. God bless you John. Dad’s happy to have you back.....on WGOD.

Steve Parker - July 27, 2021 at 06:28 PM

DO

So sorry to hear about John’s passing. One of my great privilege was to produce a Christmas piece that John wrote in the Mid 70s. It was about an old man writing a letter to Santa Clause trying to regain his Christmas spirit. The Piece was entitled The Christmas Gift. It was narrated by the late Charlie Parker, Program Director at WDRC. As Steve Parker said, this is played on Hartford radio every Christmas. Rest In Peace my friend and Big D brother.💔😞🌹

Dave Overson - July 28, 2021 at 08:06 AM

SF

“ St. Louis Jaycees Foundation purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Johnny Mac Larrabee.



St. Louis Jaycees Foundation - July 27, 2021 at 05:07 PM

GW

“ John was always able to find humor even in the most serious situations. He was a great listener and a great friend.

*Greg White*

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**Greg White** - July 26, 2021 at 01:40 PM

MF

“ I met John when I worked at Y98 in ad sales around late 99/00...what an all around nice guy. I always remembered him as someone who knew the game, and just did his thing. Had some great happy hours with him at Cousin Hugos. I always appreciated his kindness. Rest in peace.

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**Matt Fogle** - July 26, 2021 at 12:02 PM

 Kevin Day

“ R.I.P my friend who encouraged me and gave me plane rides and helped me get my pilots license, to the many nights and the laughs we had at Cousin Hugo's and our Christmas Time excursions to families in need. You are and will be missed

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**Kevin Day** - July 18, 2021 at 06:29 PM

SM

*The officers and members of the ST LOUIS JAYCEES and the JAYCEES FOUNDATION send their deepest prayerful sympathy to the JOHN LARABEE Family on his passing. A dynamic Jaycee, chapter president, JCI Senator and civic bon vivant and talented radio broadcaster, John really helped our organization make its mark with the host of successful charitable, civic and community building activities he initiated as a leader in the Jaycees movement! Rest in Peace, JOHN-- your cherished memory is eternal among your fellow Jaycees!*

*From*

*The Officers and Members of  
ST LOUIS JAYCEES ("The Birthplace Chapter") and  
THE JAYCEES FOUNDATION  
St Louis, MO*

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**St Louis Jaycees Officers & Members** - July 24, 2021 at 10:50 AM

RK

*“ Rest In Peace John. We certainly enjoyed some interesting times together in the air and also at certain places other than airports !!  
Your old friend Roland  
( from the other side of the pond)*

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**Roland Kunkel** - July 18, 2021 at 05:37 PM

SM

*“ John was just an AWESOME guy!! Nice, polite, sweet, fun just a great human being!! I never met anyone so knowledgeable about so much stuff. I am better for knowing him and calling him my friend. R.I.P. John you will be deeply missed. I've never forgotten the 1st time we met at your house, I came with Darrell and you called me Emerson ( you that know him you figure it out, lol). We had lots of laughs & good times & I treasure those. Love ya my friend see ya on the other side.*

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**SHERRY MIDDLECAMP** - July 16, 2021 at 10:42 AM