



## Larry Don Bentch

May 24, 1952 - November 12, 2021

Larry Don Bentch, of Versailles, Missouri, was welcomed into the arms of his Savior on the evening of November 12, 2021. Born on May 24, 1952, he was the first son of the late H. Don and Mary Bentch. Larry was the caring older brother to Sharon, Dale, Gary, Tim, and Ron who all share fond memories of their lives growing up on a farm and wild tales of a highly energetic house full of boys, and poor Sharon who had to tolerate their shenanigans.

Larry graduated in 1970 from Morgan County R2 High school. He was one of the last young men in his community to be drafted into the service. As a conscientious objector, he instead went into voluntary service in Philadelphia, PA, where he worked with Crossroads Community Center at Episcopal Hospital from 1972-1974. Larry enjoyed a career in carpentry and co-founded Bentch Lumber prior to going into management at MO Wood. One of the most impactful jobs Larry had, however, was as the devoted caregiver in the last years of his father's life. Larry patiently looked after "Pa" and cherished the little moments they shared each day. His kids affectionately recall Pa sweetly saying that only Larry could make his oatmeal the way he liked it.

After rededicating his life to Christ, he attended Walk on the Water Church where he found his calling in ministry. He and his wife then became dedicated members of Big Rock Church where he served as a licensed pastor on the ministry staff. His last sermon was on Mother's Day of this year.

Along with his siblings and their beloved spouses, he is survived by his loving wife, Jackie, as well as their ten shared children: Shawna Evans (Ricki) of Versailles, MO, Kriston Bentch (Raylene) of Versailles, MO, Tristan Bentch (Jamie) of Williamsport, PA, Bevan Poulette of Versailles, MO, Lolly Bentch (Mark) of Camp Hill, PA, Jana Stoltzfus (Nate) of Lancaster, PA, Garrette Poulette (Kimberly) of Thayer, MO, Delica Johnson (Dane) of Thayer, MO, Darian Wisler (Rico) of Versailles, MO, and Kipp Wisler (Ashley) of Sedalia, MO. Additionally, Larry was the proud grandfather of twenty-seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and uncle to many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death is one grandchild, Devon Poulette.

The memorial service will be held at 2:00p.m., Thursday, November 18th, at the Versailles First Assembly of God Church, with a visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m. A private graveside service will follow.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 18. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church  
501 West Hicks  
Versailles, MO

## Celebration of Life

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church  
501 West Hicks  
Versailles, MO

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ *David And Debbie Mccollom lit a candle in memory of Larry Don Bentch*



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**David and Debbie Mccollom** - November 18, 2021 at 01:38 AM

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“ *Garry Teeple lit a candle in memory of Larry Don Bentch*



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**Garry Teeple** - November 16, 2021 at 08:23 AM

BS

“ *Brenda Smith lit a candle in memory of Larry Don Bentch*



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**Brenda Smith** - November 15, 2021 at 08:02 PM