



Mr. Larry Dillard Jr.

November 18, 1964 - July 19, 2025

Larry Dillard, Jr., affectionately known for his humor, charm, and strong presence, passed away on July 19, 2025, at the age of 60 in Peoria, Illinois. He was born on November 18, 1964, and throughout his life, he remained a pillar of strength, laughter, and love for all who knew him.

Larry was the kind of man who could light up any room he entered. Short in stature but mighty in spirit, he was known for his wit, big personality, and that signature “big dog” energy. He was a protector, a provider, and a teddy bear at heart — a gentle giant who carried his family with fierce love and pride.

He worked as an apprentice in concrete finishing, always putting his hands and heart into whatever he did. He was also a phenomenal cook who brought people together over meals and good conversation. His style was unmatched — suave, handsome, and confident. More than anything, Larry was deeply family oriented. He was a devoted husband, loving father, uncle, loyal brother, and proud grandfather.

Larry shared a beautiful journey of 39 years with his beloved wife, Raynell Dillard — 21 of those in marriage. Together, they built a family rooted in love, laughter, and resilience.

Larry is survived by his father, Larry Dillard, Sr.; his loving wife, Raynell

Dillard; his sons Alphonso Dillard, Ivan Dillard, and Landyn Dillard (Damara Dillard); his daughters Lasashai Dillard (Vernon Jackson), Sanashai Dillard, and Laricia Dillard; his brothers David Dillard, Robert Dillard, and Danny Dillard; his sister, Yveta King. He also leaves behind a host of cherished grandchildren, close friends, and extended family who adored him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved mother, Beverly Dillard, his brother Michael Malone and his son, Monterrius Dillard, Sr.

A Visitation will be held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Bethel United Methodist Church, 210 N Richard Pryor Place, Peoria, IL 61605. The funeral service will begin immediately afterward at 11:00 AM. Rev. Tyson T. Parks III, Pastor will present the eulogy.

Arrangements were made especially for the "Dillard" family and professionally directed by T.W. Parks Colonial Chapel. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of "Larry Dillard Jr." please visit our Sympathy Store.

Larry's legacy of love, strength, and humor will live on in the hearts of everyone blessed to know him.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethal United Methodist Church
210 North Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Celebration of Life

AUG 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethal United Methodist Church
210 North Richard Pryor Place
Peoria, IL 61605

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Cousin Larry Dillard may you rest in peace and be with your mother Cousin Beverly. We are praying for blessings and comfort for your family. Love Linda Hardy Avondale Arizona and the Marshall and Hardy family.*



Linda Marshall and Hardy family - August 02, 2025 at 11:58 AM

AK

“ *Rip Chilli sauce much love AK*

Aaron Kelly - August 02, 2025 at 01:02 AM

VW

“ *Vernae Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Dillard Jr.*



Vernae Watkins - August 01, 2025 at 02:46 PM

CH

“ *Prayers and condolences 🌸 to Raynell & their children & family for peace, comfort and strength during this time of mourning.*



Camille Harris - August 01, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ *Missing you my friend and your honest brotherly love. May God be with you transcend to another life a better life with God love you brother.*

Sylvester Scott - July 31, 2025 at 08:28 PM

JG

“ *That's my Guy Funny as hell always full of life you will be miss my Brother*

Jean Genard - July 31, 2025 at 12:07 PM

MR

“ *Mattie Risby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Dillard Jr.*



Mattie Risby - July 29, 2025 at 01:42 PM

GR

“ *Sending my condolences to the family, 🙏*



Gregg Randle - July 23, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MA

I ❤️ u big bro u mean a lot to me thank u for all da good times rest up king

Mainframe - July 24, 2025 at 11:14 PM

DB

“ *Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Dillard Jr.*



Dorothea Banks-Burse - July 23, 2025 at 07:08 AM

SP

“ *Sonya Pounds sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Dillard Jr.*



Sonya Pounds - July 22, 2025 at 11:51 PM

MP

“ *Mancy Pittman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Dillard Jr.*



Mancy Pittman - July 22, 2025 at 04:38 PM