



## Larry D. Mills

March 17, 1962 - July 29, 2016

Larry D. Mills, age 54 of Crescent City, CA, died Friday, July 29, 2016, at 5 miles East of Arcata Airport, timber land; in Crannell, CA.

He was born on Saturday, March 17, 1962, in Warner Robins, GA, the son of Jerry M. and Shirley J. (nee Holmes) Mills.

On Friday, September 17, 1999, he married Trina L. Mills, nee Pace, who survives.

He was a member of United Church of Christ of Marine. He was also a member of Marine Volunteer Fire Department (EMT while in the FD); Motor Heads; AOPA Organization.

He was born at Warner Robins, GA; while growing up his father's career was with the U.S. Air Force and they lived in many different places through out the country. In 1973 they moved to Marine, IL; he graduated from Triad High School in 1980. He flew gliders, helicopters, dual engine light aircraft and taught at Schafer Airport, St. Jacob, IL. He had flown in Alaska, North Dakota, Arizona and California. He worked for Cal-Ore Life Flight in northern California. He was an exceptional pilot with over 30 years of flying experience. He was a twelve year veteran of the Marine Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed music and was the drummer in the band "Wild Divine". He enjoyed

sailing; scuba diving; sky diving; riding his Sportster and Yamaha motorcycles; hiking; and karate. He had been a pit crew member at the Daytona 500. He had contracts with the US Army and Air Force to train pilots. Larry was truly a Renaissance man. He was a man of few words and many smiles; quick to listen-always happy to sit a while and swap stories; if you needed an extra hand with anything, he was your guy.

Survivors include:

Father - Jerry M. Mills, Marine, IL

Wife - Trina L. Mills, Crescent City, CA

Daughter - Chanda L. (Husband-David Anderson) Mills, Marine, IL

Grandchild - Anticipated Grandchild (January 2017)

Sister - Sherry J. (William "Bill") Chase, Marine, IL

Brother - Lowell H. (Annette M.) Mills, Marine, IL

Brother - Keith A. (Darlene) Mills, Marine, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Mother - Shirley J. Mills, nee Holmes (died 08/10/2004)

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Marine, IL.

Memorial service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at United Church of Christ of Marine in Marine, IL., with Rev. Carol Shanks, Pastor of Bethel United Church of Christ, Cahokia, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Mundis Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Larry Mills Scholarship Fund.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

United Church of Christ - Marine  
111 North Center Street  
P.O. Box 396  
Marine, IL 62061  
(618) 887-4465

# Tribute Wall

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Trina Mills - August 26, 2016 at 09:55 PM

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“ Larry was a kind and loving soul. He spent his life helping and serving others. Our hearts are broken with his loss. May he rest in peace surrounded by love and always remembered.



Trina Mills - August 26, 2016 at 09:54 PM

SG

Deepest sympathy to all family and friends. May Gods love send peace to all that are hurting.

Sandy Gentry - September 13, 2016 at 12:22 AM

MP

Larry was a great guy. Our family, and the world in general, will be a little sadder from his passing.

Mark Pace - September 16, 2016 at 12:56 PM

BW

*Aviation writer Richard Bach asked this question of his readers: "You gave your life to be the person you are, was it worth it?" For Larry's life, I'd say "Yes". God Speed Larry Mills*

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**Bill Weder** - September 17, 2016 at 07:54 AM