



## Larry Douglas "Fred" Pike

November 16, 1941 - November 15, 2020

Larry Douglas Pike, age 78, of St. Augustine, passed away peacefully on November 15, 2020 at the Community Hospice McGraw Center for Caring, with his family by his side. Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Larry was a 1959 Graduate from Miami Senior High School. He immediately joined the U.S. Navy and served his country during the Vietnam War and Cuban Missile Crisis. He continued his career in the Navy, honorably serving for 20 years. During that time he was an Air Traffic Controller and later a Systems Data Analyst and was stationed in Norfolk, Va., Jacksonville and Puerto Rico. In the latter days of his service he was in the TAR Command, training weekend reservist. While in the Navy he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree, the first in his family to achieve that accomplishment. He met his wife to be, Sue Hamby, through his cousin. Upon Larry's return from Cuba, he and Sue became engaged and married in 1964. After his discharge from the Navy, Larry relocated his family to Orange Park, and later to St. Augustine. He worked as a Data Analyst in the Civil Service for 20 years, retiring in early 2000's. A talented musician, Larry served as the Music Director at Russell Baptist Church in Green Cove Springs. He was a member and served as Deacon at Orange Park Baptist Church and Anastasia Baptist Church. He was also a 32nd degree Mason and member of Orange Park Masonic Lodge No. 267 F&AM, and a member of the St. Augustine Shrine Club. Larry enjoyed spending time with his sons and grandsons and cruising in his classic Corvette. He traveled and cruised extensively in Europe, the U.S., and the

Caribbean in his retirement. Above all, he was a true gentleman who loved serving the Lord and was deeply devoted to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Suanne "Sue" Pike, of Jacksonville; sons, Doug Pike, and his wife, Yolanda, and John Pike, and his wife, Laura, all of Orange Park; grandsons, Christian, Derek and Daniel, and several nieces, nephews and cousins, all of whom he loved deeply.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held at Jacksonville National Cemetery at a later date.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Douglas "Fred" Pike*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - August 19, 2021 at 04:16 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Laura Pike** - January 18, 2021 at 11:24 AM

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“ *Laura Pike lit a candle in memory of Larry Douglas "Fred" Pike*



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**Laura Pike** - January 18, 2021 at 11:15 AM

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“ *He was a wonderful father, father in law, grandfather, and great grandfather, but most of all he was a caring, loving and devoted husband. There was no other love in his life than his Susie. He would always tell me how great and what a good girl she was, and if you know her, it is so true. A testament of unconditional love.*



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**Laura Pike** - December 01, 2020 at 10:40 AM

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“ *I first met Larry when my aunt Sue was dating him. He took me to his parent's house to swim in their pool. This 8 year old girl fell in love. He was my "favorite" uncle. As a teenager he loved to take me to the base and show me off, but if any sailor expressed too much interest he would shoot them down because they weren't good enough. We loved to sing together around the piano, in church or a family funeral. As an adult I was a little too bossy for him but he appreciated my bossiness when I would go to bat for him when he was in the hospital, repeatedly. He was a constant in my life. I never doubted his love and support for me. He was the last person on earth to call me by my nickname, Krissy. I have been so blessed to have had an uncle like Larry and even though he will not be with me physically I know that he sits with Christ and watches me. I will have to be satisfied with that until I meet him again.*

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**Kris Mulner** - November 29, 2020 at 03:01 PM