



Larry J. Modlin

July 13, 1946 - October 22, 2025

Larry James Modlin, age 79, passed away peacefully on October 22, 2025 in Wilmington, North Carolina. Born to John and Magdaline Modlin, Larry was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sheryl Nunn.

Earlier in life, Larry attended NC State University before transferring to High Point University, where he graduated first in his class. He also served his country honorably for four years in the U.S. Navy.

Professionally, Larry built a distinguished career as a Certified Public Accountant with the federal government's General Accounting Office where he retired after 30 years of service. A highlight of his career was the eight years he and Becki spent in Saudi Arabia, where they formed lifelong friendships and created memories that enriched their lives forever. Larry often enjoyed sharing stories about their adventures with family and friends.

Larry was a lifelong learner with a passion for geography and history, particularly the Civil War era. He was deeply knowledgeable and loved engaging in thoughtful, intellectual conversations – although he also had a great sense of humor and never passed up a good joke. He was a faithful Christian and member of Faith Harbor United Methodist Church in Surf City, NC. Throughout the years Larry had a variety of hobbies he enjoyed including operating Ham radio, metal detecting, fishing and some simple pleasures like a cold Coca-Cola, eastern North Carolina BBQ, a good cigar, and tinkering on his computer. More than anything, Larry enjoyed being “Papa” and spending time with the people he loved.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Rebecca Modlin; his son, JJ (Stephanie) Modlin; his “daughter-in-love,” Sara (Steve) Pierson; his grandson, Davis Modlin; and his many bonus grandkids Cache, Savannah, Case, Jackson, Aidan, Abigail, Ethan, Carter and Jersey, as well as his devoted dog, Bubba -- and many other loving family members and dear friends.

Tribute Wall

PL

“ Occasions like this it's always difficult to find the words. My heartfelt sympathies to Becki, JJ, Davis and the entire Modlin families. I first met Larry as he welcomed me and my family to Saudi Arabia in 1981. We became friends, colleagues, and life long buddies. There is no question he will be missed by many. RIP my friend!

Paul D Lacey - November 08, 2025 at 12:16 PM

JP

“ God bless you Mr. Modlin 🙏

Jake Phillips - November 05, 2025 at 01:21 PM

HJ

“ Love you Uncle Larry.
Take care of mom and granny and grandpa. Will see you soon.
Love Heather

heather johnson - November 04, 2025 at 11:34 PM

JC

“ I worked with Larry for years at GAO. He was the only certified cost accountant we had. My folks retired to Landfall, NC, so I got to get together with Larry after he retired. He was an absolute joy to be around. I offer my sincerest condolences to Becki and the family. May God's Grace fill you with happy memories and strength to carry on.

John Craig - October 26, 2025 at 04:58 PM

MF

“ From the moment we entered the lives of the Modlin family Larry had been the most loving, welcoming, selfless Papa. We love you all and send all of our thoughts and prayers.

Amber, Todd, Oliver and Adeline

Marchio Family - October 24, 2025 at 07:20 PM

MS

“ *Rest in peace*

Mike and Iva Sizemore - October 24, 2025 at 09:53 AM

DP

“ *Larry lit up a room! I loved being around him. I think about him often and it brings a smile. Love and Prayers.*

Dave

David Phillips - October 23, 2025 at 08:22 PM