



## Larry Vitatoe

October 14, 1939 - September 18, 2024

Lawrence "Larry" Vitatoe, age 84, of Hamilton, Ohio, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at Fort Hamilton Hospital. He was born in Hamilton on October 14, 1939, the son of James Ollie and Ethel (Burton) Vitatoe. Larry graduated from Hamilton High School. He attended University of Cincinnati, was a U.S. Army Veteran and completed Officer Candidate School. Larry married Pat Beckman on December 22, 1961. In his military career, Larry was an officer leading various divisions of the little-known Nike Nuclear Missile Program. His positions included Commander of guided Missile Integrated Fire Control (IFC) Area and base commander in West Haven, Connecticut. He retired as Director of General Operations at Lebanon Correctional Institution. Upon retirement, Larry built a stunning brick home on 45 acres for himself and Pat. He loved adventure, traveling and taking the road less traveled. Larry is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pat; his two children, David (Lee Anne) Vitatoe, Virginia Beach, VA, and Susan (Kirk) Andersen, Johnston, IA; four grandchildren, Nico and Luca Vitatoe, Virginia Beach, VA, Shelby Andersen, Aurora, CO, and David Andersen, Johnston, IA; and sister, Sandy (Frank) Vitale, Hamilton. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ronald Vitatoe and William (Debbie) Vitatoe, and his sister-in-law Debbie. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1285 Main St., Hamilton, OH 45013 with Pastor Kevin Jud officiating. A celebration of life will immediately follow at Twin Run Golf Course. Online condolences are available at [www.wei](http://www.wei)

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1285 Main St  
Hamilton, OH 45013-1695  
(513) 863-2502

## Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Twin Run Golf Course  
2505 Eaton Rad  
HAMILTON  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
weigelfuneralhome@gmail.com

# Tribute Wall



“ Peace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Vitatoe.

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Peace - October 23, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Vitatoe.



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