



## Lawrence Ray Palmiter

December 16, 1940 - June 5, 2024

Lawrence (Larry) Ray Palmiter, 83, of Charlotte passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2024. Larry was born December 16, 1940 in Lansing, Michigan. Larry was a father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend to many. He was a very dedicated, ambitious, and driven man, well known for his musical history, exceeding expectations with his band, The Blue Echoes. Larry and two classmates formed the band in 1957 at Resurrection High School, in Lansing. They were best known for their hit songs Debbie, Its Witchcraft, and Cool Guitar, with Larry as the songwriter and lead vocalist. Larry and The Blue Echoes recorded their final single in 1972, but continued to play at more local events and venues. One of Larry's proudest accomplishments is when the band was inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame and the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame.

Larry's passion for music began as a child while playing his mother's piano, which grew into a love for playing guitar, a self-taught venture. He then began writing songs at the young age of fourteen. Larry's passions did not end with his music, he was always ready to be a part of the party, if he was invited to anything, he was there without a question. Larry enjoyed spending time with his family, taking his grandchildren to the movie theatre to watch the latest flix, going to breakfast at Big Boy, visiting his daughters in Florida, and getting together with his long-time friend Roger Benham.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Sheila Palmiter; mother, Bernice Paquet, father, Robert Palmiter; sister, Mary Catherine Ryan; and brother, Ron Palmiter. He is survived by his sister, Roberta Lott; daughters, Angela, Nina, Theresa; stepdaughter, Jodi; son, Paul; grandchildren, Brandon H, Britnie, Briana, Christine, Jessica, Matthew, Kevin, Micheal, Ryan, Truman, Robin, Brandon, Samantha; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Friends are encouraged to support Larry's family by attending services or sharing memories on Larry's Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Funeral Services will be held at Pray Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 with visitation from 11 am-1 pm, with funeral following at 1 pm with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery.

The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com), click on Larry's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smartphone). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Funeral

JUN 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W Seminary St  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Burial

JUN 11. 2:30 PM (ET)

Maple Hill Cemetery  
801 Tully Brown Rd.  
Charlotte, MI 48813



# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Lawrence Ray Palmiter



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 11, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence Ray Palmiter



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 11, 2024 at 02:04 AM

TI

*Oh I love this so much. Larry and I spent so many days scanning all of his old photos and me touching them up for him was a pleasure. I am so blessed to see them in this slideshow.. A few of those I had to beg him to let me take.. The one with the minion santa hat and also the Alvin and the chipmunk shirt with the thumbs up. Great memories.*

Tiffany - June 10, 2024 at 11:22 PM

JB

*Awww Bless your heart Larry, Thank You for all the great memories that you gave to Tiffany & I. We had card playing parties, going out having fun and us coming to watch you play gigs. You will be missed.*

**Julie Bapst** - June 11, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Pray Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 10, 2024 at 09:56 PM

JS

“ *Very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Worked with him at Spartan Motors. A very smart and soft spoken man. i also enjoyed his music.*

**Jeff Smith** - June 10, 2024 at 01:56 PM

EC

“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

**ECHRS** - June 10, 2024 at 01:53 PM

BC

“ I was so sorry to hear of Larry’s passing. While we hadn’t had much contact over the past several years, we were closest friends in high school. Among other things we shared a great love for music, especially rock n’ roll, which was taking the country by storm in the mid to late 1950’s. I was part of the original Echoes group that Larry formed while we were still in school and became part of the Blue Echoes after high school. I was fortunate to be part of both recordings of Debbie/ It’s Witchcraft and Cool Guitar. We played all over the state in 1959 to promote the recordings and made some great memories in the process. I will be forever grateful for Larry letting me be part of his enduring legacy. He was an amazing talent and will be missed. My sincere condolence and sympathy to Larry’s family.

*Bob Coscarelli*

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**Bob Coscarelli** - June 09, 2024 at 05:03 PM