



Russel Lowell Lamkins

August 5, 1946 - January 29, 2022

Russel "Russ" Lamkins of Bonita Springs, Florida passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, January 29, 2022.

In his 75 years, he lived a fulfilled and honorable life doing what loved, which was working with his hands in carpentry and construction.

Russ was born August 5, 1946 in Ogdensburg, Wisconsin to the late Lowell and Blanche (McKay) Lamkins. He was a middle child of seven children, and worked on the family dairy farm growing up.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served as a Radioman, in combat, during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged and returned to his home in Ogdensburg and started Lamkins Construction, focusing on residential and commercial building. He also volunteered with the Ogdensburg Jaycees, including serving as the chapter's President.

Russ worked for Millcraft Housing, which led to relocating to Clear Lake, Iowa in 1977. He later formed his second residential and commercial construction business, Lamkins and Paulson Construction. In 1988, he and his family relocated to Naples, Florida, where he worked for BCBE Construction as a superintendent until he retired in 2010.

In 2012, he moved to Bonita Springs, Florida, where he and his bride, Sandra "Sandi" Bottcher, found their "home in paradise" and spent 10 of their 20 loving years together.

Russ will be remembered for his love of woodworking and carpentry, his ability to solve even the most impossible puzzle, his beautiful craftsmanship, and singing "Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be...carpenters" while happily working. He and Sandi enjoyed traveling all over the United States in their motorhome, as well as boating, fishing, and volunteering with the Optimist Club of Bonita Springs.

Survivors include: his wife, Sandra Bottcher; children, Angela (Andy) Lamkins-Rogers and Tyler (Karen) Lamkins; step-son, Keenan (Brooke) Hopple; brothers, Roy (Gloria) Lamkins and Gary (Linda) Lamkins; sisters, Betty Stevens and Cheryl Lamkins; mother-in-law, Anne Bottcher; granddaughter, Elizabeth; and step-granddaughters, Ruby and Rebecca.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Russ's name may be made to Moffitt Cancer Center or American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Tribute Wall



“ *Russel Lowell Lamkins*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *This was the real Russ that we all knew and loved.*



Sandi Bottcher - April 08, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Connie Stevens - February 21, 2022 at 03:25 PM



July 2021 conversing and laughing it up at the Stevens Tilton Hilton - Russ and niece Connie

Connie - February 21, 2022 at 05:16 PM

SB

“ Our last trip this summer was to North Dakota fishing with Roy and Gloria Lamkins. We stopped in St. Louis to visit the arch and the waterfront. We took a tour of the City, it was wonderful. We also went to the Black Hills in South Dakota. He had such a good time. I will miss my best friend do much!



Sandra Bottcher - February 16, 2022 at 09:14 PM

BS

“ I worked in construction during the summer around 1974 with my uncle Russ and we stayed in a travel trailer on construction sites in the Stevens Point, Wis. area. I remember being at a grocery store with Russ and looking at pickle jars and picking out a jar of pickles with the most pickles in it. I also remember Russ playing with a garden hose in an open basement of a house we were building and the water pressure of the hose dancing around Russ like a snake charmer. I will always cherish these and many more memories of my uncle Russ. I know he is in a better place alongside our earthly dads and our heavenly Father, probably working on a project together.

Brian L. Stevens - February 07, 2022 at 04:32 PM

CA

“ Chris And Mike Autenrieth lit a candle in memory of Russel Lowell Lamkins



Chris and Mike Autenrieth - February 06, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Russel Lowell Lamkins.*



February 02, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Russel Lowell Lamkins.*



February 01, 2022 at 09:12 PM



“ *Patti Stevens Tenor sent a virtual gift in memory of Russel Lowell Lamkins*



Patti Stevens Tenor - February 01, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ *We send our deepest Condolence to you and the families, It is a pleasure being friends for 20 years, We will miss our brother Russ (Russel) Gone but will never be forgotten, 4-ever n our hearts R.I.H.*



Jeff & Sharon Sykes - February 01, 2022 at 12:41 PM

SS

“ *Sheila Soul Schilling lit a candle in memory of Russel Lowell Lamkins*



Sheila Soul Schilling - February 01, 2022 at 12:30 PM

CS

“ *Dear Sandi, we grieve with you and in honor of Russ, we ordered 10 Gideon bibles in his name to share the good news.*

Cynthia D Stevens - February 01, 2022 at 05:39 AM