



Larry William Verhage

January 6, 1964 - April 1, 2020

On April 1, 2020, Dr. Larry William Verhage went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Larry was born on January 6, 1964, to Harold and Betty Verhage in Las Vegas, New Mexico. He graduated from Trinity Christian College in 1986 and then pursued an MD, specializing in family medicine with advanced obstetrical training. This prepared him for his work here at the Moses Lake and Quincy Community Health Centers starting in 1997.

He met his wife of 33 years, Julie Verhage, during his third year at Trinity Christian College. They married on August 16, 1986. They have eight children, three sons-in-law, and one grandchild, with more on the way. His love for his wife and children helped make his family a haven, one he extended to others in need of family and friendship.

Larry saw his Christian faith summed up in the words “I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.” He expressed this conviction that his life is God’s, in everything he did, especially in serving others. In a conversation the day before his death, Larry reiterated his belief that God is sovereign, and good, even when circumstances in life seem to say otherwise.

For Larry, being a doctor wasn't just a profession. He loved the intellectual piece, but to hear him talk, it was evident he cared immensely for his patients. He got to know his patients and their families across generations and was concerned for their holistic well-being, not just their medical needs. Larry wanted his patients to know they were heard and cared for.

Larry lived with integrity, compassion, generosity, and laughter. He was spontaneous, the kind of father who takes his children day hikes turned science lessons. He was meticulous, not doing things half-way (or ahead of time). Larry tinkered. He was a wannabe farmer and car enthusiast. He was undeterred by obstacles. He became a house remodeler, a prize winning sheep breeder, and the fifty-year-old who mastered wakesurfing. He was a reader and deeply curious about all of life.

Larry had a heart for missions, specifically for Hope Medical Clinic in Guinea, West Africa. Having spent vacations serving there as often as possible, his plan was to go help train the clinic staff when the new Maternity Ward was complete. He was determined to bring with him a new ultrasound machine to replace their outdated one. Julie is making that happen and invites the participation of anyone who would like to contribute. Gifts can be sent to CAMA-Services, to Guinea-Hope clinic project, mentioning Verhage sonogram. <https://secure.cmalliance.org/give/>

Larry is survived by his wife, Julie; children, Bethany (Caleb and Micah), Rebecca, Melissa (Aaron), Rachel (Gabe), Naomi, Tabitha, Jacob and Julia; father, Harold Verhage; and sisters Lorie (Brad) Casemier and Elizabeth (David) Wright.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Joyce Verhage.

A virtual memorial to Larry has been set up at <http://verhagememorial.com/>.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ Wilma Holeman sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry William Verhage



Wilma Holeman - April 10, 2020 at 02:22 AM

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“ Larry was a very good and kind person as well as a good doctor . I met him and knew him as a Dr . Before I knew he attended our MLCMA church . Moses lake Community was a There better place to be knowing he was around . He cared for all who saw him and gave his all . There will never be as good person like him around . He will be greatly missed and appreciated wherever he went . Rip Doc , you were one of the best I knew !

Wilma Holeman - April 10, 2020 at 01:47 AM

WF

“ With Love, Carol Ganiere And Family lit a candle in memory of Larry William Verhage



With love, Carol Ganiere and family - April 09, 2020 at 10:38 PM

VD

“ What a beautiful tribute you have made to Larry on these pages! Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Veronica Dion

Veronica Dion - April 09, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MC

“ Sending our heartfelt condolences to Mrs.Verhage ,and family. From the moment we heard we have continued Praying that as you each lean on the LORD JESUS Almighty God that you each senses the Holy Spirit comfort your broken hearts. JESUS will never leave you nor forsake you. We love all your family with the love of the Lord. I also wanted to share that Dr. Larry truly loved people especially those who we're physically sick, and the ones financially down and out. Dr.Verhage (Larry) will always be in our hearts ,our thought forever. We will never forget Larry's loving kindness to the poor people of Managua,Nicaragua in wish a group of us from Moses Lake went .What a honor to have had Larry in our group . Larry is with JESUS ❤️🎈 Love bunches From Mary Lou Cedillo and family.

Mary Lou Cedillo - April 08, 2020 at 10:35 PM

JB

“ Although we didn't know Larry on a personal level, we have thought of you often. Our daughter, Amber, enjoyed being a Chapel Buddy with Julia at MLCA. May it be a comfort to you that many people including us are thinking of you & praying for you. Harold, Janelle, Cody & Amber Buell

Janelle Buell - April 08, 2020 at 01:15 PM