



Larry Paul Carr

December 15, 1949 - August 4, 2025

Larry Paul Carr passed away the evening of Monday, August 4, 2025, after a brief time in hospice care.

He was born in Lebanon, New Hampshire to Guila (Moodie) Carr Doucette and Charlie Paul Carr on December 15, 1949. An only child, he grew up in his father's junk yard where he found his passion for muscle cars. Charlie Carr died when Larry was sixteen, and he dropped out of school to support himself and his mother.

For a time he lived in California, catching and selling venomous snakes and other reptiles, but he soon felt the pull to return to New Hampshire, where he worked in sales, built and raced Mopars, and continued to raise reptiles.

Larry met the love of his life, Audrey, in 1981 and they married in October of 1982. Their son was born in 1983, followed by a daughter in 1987. Together they ran the business he was most

famous for, Carr's Cars and More Cars, selling used vehicles to the Upper Valley and creating some of the best local TV commercials ever. Not your typical salesman, Larry always operated with a deep sense of integrity and honesty, always aiming to fill customers' needs, never pushing for more.

For many years he was an active member of the following organizations: Lebanon Lions Club, Lebanon Area Jaycees, Lebanon Zoning Ordinance Review Committee, Lebanon Planning board and the Lebanon Historical Society. He arranged and participated in many fund raisers including several car shows, and Haunted houses. He donated to the Children's annex of the

Lebanon Public Library, and proudly showed the plaque to his children whenever they visited.

He was an avid drag racer and enthusiast, finding his niche as a Mopar muscle car lover and hot rodder, known for modifying and selling many Mopars in the Upper Valley area. He was very excited that one of his old cars, a 1971 Roadrunner, appeared in a popular restoration tv show.

Larry always valued education despite not having graduated high school, he earned his GED in 1993 and went on to take one college class with his wife, earning himself a 4.0 GPA.

He worked many years as a Safety and Security officer in Dartmouth College, and delighted in telling tales of the many exploits he endured with his colleagues. Since the start of at-home computing, Larry was always learning new technology and new skills with computers, especially programming his own tools for his “side business,” Motorvations. It took many years, but eventually his skill at programming was recognized and he moved to a tech support role in Dartmouth Dining, and then finally to Dartmouth’s IT department, one of his proudest achievements. Larry retired from Dartmouth in 2012, excited to take on the role of “kept husband.” To no one's surprise who knew him, he never stopped selling whatever he could get his hands on, even when the near total loss of his vision ended his ability to drive.

Larry and Audrey relocated to Orlando, Florida in 2017, and immediately embraced the lifestyle of their 55+ community in Fairways. He would often go to poker nights and ride around the neighborhood on his recumbent tricycle as often as time would allow. His passion for sales continued, as he saw the value of mobility scooters in his community. Many hours were spent “souping up new hot rod scooters” and demonstrating he could still pop a wheelie. He was still

actively selling mobility scooters and e-trikes until a stroke sent him to the hospital in early June.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Audrey Carr, their yellow lab Skye, children

Christopher Paul Carr (Lena) and Crystal Amber Metric (Andy), and five grandchildren

Cameron, Freddy, Ariel, Kelvin, and Lumen. His stories, jokes, and thoughtful guidance will be

missed by his neighbors, friends, and family.

Larry's ashes will be laid to rest in his beloved Lebanon, New Hampshire, a Celebration of Life

will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital or your local Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Larry's family I will say that Larry was the most patient, thoughtful and kindest person I've ever known. It's sad and very tough to know that Larry is no longer with us.

During the early 1970s Larry would come to Clifford's Garage in West Hartford and negotiate with Erwin Clifford to buy large numbers of used cars off our upper lot. Later Larry would return with an army of friends and a few dealer plates and head down RT.14 with quite a line of cars. I have often wondered if every car had a dealer plate.

On one memorable day Larry gave one of our fellow employees a ride in his "souped up" 440 powered pickup. That truck was FAST!! Buzz was some impressed, bet he hasn't forgotten it to this day! From that day on we had a great appreciation for Larry's mechanical skills and the potential of Larry's Mopars.

Later, after Clifford's had closed I would see Larry at various car shows. Sometimes he would suggest some new technology that might help my own Mopar.

Later still, Larry and I both worked at Dartmouth College. From time to time Larry would show me videos of his latest races at New England Dragway. I have a lot of those videos archived on my computer.

Loved that burnout and resulting dual strips of rubber on Tuck drive. Pretty cool Larry Carr thing!

We knew Larry was interested in a lot of things but Pete Porter's report that Larry was a Karate student was a new one, but then that would be Larry.

Today it's hard to believe how young we were in 1970 and how quickly the years have gone by. Larry was such a big part of those times. Larry contributed so much to our lives. I have been very lucky to have known him.

Bruce Tuthill - August 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM

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“ I had the honor and pleasure of knowing Larry through my marriage to his nephew, Mark Lancaster, Jr. Larry was the type of person that created levity when he walked into a room. A loving husband, father, grandfather and uncle, he will be sincerely missed. To those that survive him, I am so sorry for such an extreme loss. My heart is with you all.



Christen Lancaster - August 12, 2025 at 03:05 PM

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“ My husband and I met Larry and Audrey through our boys who went to school together. For many years we spent weekends together. Larry taught me the game of bridge, and was so patient with me. I still love the game. We were sorry to see them move to Florida, but happy they enjoyed their time there. Larry and Audrey are a delightful couple, and we are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful man.

Kathleen Berger - August 11, 2025 at 10:27 PM

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“ Larry has been a close friend as long as I can remember. He sold me quite a few cars over the years. He was a great karate student. If you met him, he was a friend. All will miss you my friend.

Pete Porter - August 11, 2025 at 12:57 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Paul Carr.

August 11, 2025 at 12:49 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Paul Carr.*



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“ *I met Larry In 2000 when I went to work at Dartmouth College at the Dept. of Safety and Security. We become fast friends and spent a lot of time together. I ended up going to the car auctions with him weekly and to car dealerships to buy used cars. I learned a lot from him and we had a lot of laughs. We'd get done bringing cars back to the house and Audrey would ask why he bought so many cars! I could count on Larry telling her that I made him buy them all. lol. We did breakfasts together on Sunday mornings with friends up until they moved to Florida. Even then we talked almost weekly. He always kept me up to date on his scooter business and how he was hopping them up to make them go faster and further. He never lost his need for speed. I was so looking forward to his trip up here this summer and spending time with him and Audrey. You will be greatly missed my friend! RIP!*

Ken Holbrook - August 11, 2025 at 12:12 PM