



Lawrence Christian Gangle Jr.

November 5, 1938 - January 12, 2014

Lawrence Christian Gangle Jr., 75, unexpectedly died on Sunday at his home in Corvallis.

He was born to Lawrence and Ruth Gangle on Nov. 5, 1938, in Corvallis.

Larry was raised in Coos Bay and received his bachelor's degree from Oregon State University. After college, he worked as a biologist for the U.S. Forest Service in Oregon and Washington.

He enjoyed travel and duck hunting. After retirement, he traveled extensively to exotic places including the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador and the Amazon. His travel mostly centered on duck hunting; he had an extensive collection of species, both domestic and foreign. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl and the National Rifle Association. He loved sports and was an avid Oregon State, Trail Blazer and Seahawk fan.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Gerry; and his parents. He is survived by his sons, Lawrence Gangle III and Kenneth James Gangle; daughters, Kathleen Gangle and Barbara Ledbetter; and nine grandchildren.

A funeral Mass is set for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis. The casket will be open at 9:15 a.m. After the Mass, a

reception will take place in the Upper Social Hall of the church. A committal service will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Alder Grove Cemetery in Waldport.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Larry's family,
Sorry I won't be able to attend Larry's service. I have a prior work commitment that involves over 100 kids who will be planting trees for scouting merit badges.

Larry was a good friend. I first met him when he worked for the Forest Service in Alsea. You were living in a house up behind the Ranger Station. We hit it off immediately. I always liked his desire to learn more about his surroundings. I never enjoyed any hunting or fishing trip more than the times I sat in a duck blind with him and your dog, Tommy. Larry could name every bird that flew by. He was a real student of nature.

He loved your mother and was really broken hearted when she passed away. He never got over that loss. I always respected him for his strong feeling for his family and friends.

When I quit duck hunting we got out of touch, but he would occasionally drop by, as he did last summer, and we would catch up on what was happening. I think he could have written a very interesting book about his travels and life in general.

He was definitely one-of-a-kind and will always have a special place in my memories of good things. I know you will miss him, but it helps get over the loss if you will, "remember the good times".

Sincerely, Gary Blanchard

Gary Blanchard - January 18, 2014 at 03:40 PM

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“ I've known Larry since we were in St Monica's Catholic grade school together in Coos Bay, Oregon in the late 1940's....Larry and I went to Marshfield High School and Oregon State University at the same time and were in some of the same classes. I always enjoyed seeing him in August each year at Bush's Park in Salem, where our Marshfield High Class of 56 had a picnic. Larry always brought a new stuffed duck and tales about his quest for shooting about 2500 different species around the world. He was a friend, an interesting man and marched to a different drummer than most of us. The Larry Gangles of the world brighten your day and I'm proud to have known him and to call him friend and classmate.....Steve Langenberg

Steve Langenberg - January 18, 2014 at 01:16 PM

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“ Dear Gangle Family,

Please accept my sincerest condolences for the loss of your dear family member. Death is surely our enemy. It is very comforting to know that Jehovah, our loving God, is also pained by your loss, and has promised to completely do away with sickness, old age, and death (Revelation 21:4, John 5:28,29). I hope that reflecting on these comforting promises will help you to get through this most difficult time.

L. Alston - January 14, 2014 at 01:13 PM