



## Mr. Larry Joe Birch

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Larry Joe Birch passed away peacefully at the age of 82 on Saturday, November 23, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Chicago, IL, on January 7, 1942, Larry lived a colorful and creative life, leaving behind a legacy of laughter, art, and cherished memories.

While he didn't follow a traditional career path, Larry was an extraordinary artist, known for his talent in abstract art and his incredible singing voice. Much of his work was published anonymously, but his family treasures the many pieces of his artwork that reflect his boundless creativity and unique perspective. Larry had a remarkable knack for spotting hidden treasures in unlikely places, seeing beauty and value where others did not.

With his contagious laugh and keen sense of humor, Larry brought light to everyone who knew him. He will be deeply missed by his sister Gloria Thornburg, brother Donnie Wehunt, nephew Glen Kataura, daughter Sharyl McKenzie and her husband James Bowling, grandchildren Sarah Buitrago, Randall McKenzie, and Jordan Blevins, great-grandchildren Chloe Buitrago and Dash Driver, and step-grandchildren Aubrey and Barrett Bowling. He also leaves behind his two beloved cats, affectionately nicknamed "the Boobies,"

who brought him great joy and companionship.

Larry is survived by his other children, Larry Birch, Trisha Downey, and Kyle Hannusch. Though their relationships were distant and complex, Larry often expressed regret and love for them, hoping they would always know they held a special place in his heart.

The family will honor Larry's life privately, cherishing the memories of a man who lived life on his own terms, creating beauty, laughter, and love along the way.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to a local art or music program of your choice, continuing Larry's legacy of creativity and passion.