



Mr. Lawrence "Larry" Bayles

May 18, 1969 - November 1, 2024

Mr. Lawrence "Larry" Bayles, 55, of Pittsfield, passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024 surrounded by lots of love and his family. Born in Rota, Spain, on a military base on May 18, 1969, son of the late Ronald and Patricia Martin Bayles, he graduated from Frank W. Cox High School in Virginia Beach, VA in 1987, Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA and later earned his Master of Arts Degree in Theatre Education from Emerson College. Larry was a member of the US Army Reserves.

Prior to retirement, Larry was employed by Pittsfield Public Schools at Herberg Middle School, where he was a theatre arts teacher. While he was there he directed and produced productions such as: Our Town, Guys and Dolls, George Orwell's 1984, Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Alice in Wonderland, Yours Anne, among others. As an actor, Larry worked at Stagewest in Springfield, MA under the direction and guidance of longtime mentor, Eric Hill and performed in productions of The Tempest, A Christmas Carol and more. At Berkshire Theatre Festival, Larry performed in Wilder! Wilder! and Quills at the Unicorn Theatre and was a teaching artist with their education program until heading off to graduate school.

Among many things, Larry enjoyed music, especially David Bowie, David Byrne and The Beatles, a good book or comic book, hiking in the Berkshires, trips to The Cape, time by the ocean, spending time with his children, Star

Wars, and of course, theatre.

Lawrence is survived by his devoted wife Allison Rachele Bayles, his beloved son Brendan Bayles and daughter Zooey Bayles who were his pride and joy, his brother-in-law Thomas M. Rachele and sister-in-law Jennifer Miller Rachele, nephew Alexander Rachele and niece Grace Rachele (Springfield, MA), his aunt Julie Golden (Corpus Christie, TX) his in-laws Thomas A. Rachele and Carolyn Rachele (Dumfries, VA), and his feline companions Charlie, Beckett, and Ralphie.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Stewart Bayles and his mother-in-law Susan Devine Rachele.

The Family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the Hospice Team, Suburban Internal Medicine, Hillcrest, the staff at the Froio Senior Center's Happy Club, the St. Mary's School (Lee) and parish Community, Berkshire Theatre Group, and Berkshire Grown for their unwavering support.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Lawrence "Larry" Bayles will be Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 11am at St. Mary's Church in Lee, celebrated by the Rev. Brian McGrath, Pastor. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lee. There will be a time of visitation at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201, directly prior to the service, from 8:30am to 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Larry's memory can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires or the Alzheimer's Association in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Lee, MA 01238

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

NOV **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church
Lee, MA 01238

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Allison and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Know I will keep you in my prayers.
Janine Bonin.

Janine Bonin - November 22, 2024 at 09:06 PM

TP

“ The FitzGerald, Baxters and Perlakys purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mr. Lawrence "Larry" Bayles.



The FitzGerald, Baxters and Perlakys - November 15, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Lawrence "Larry" Bayles.



November 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM

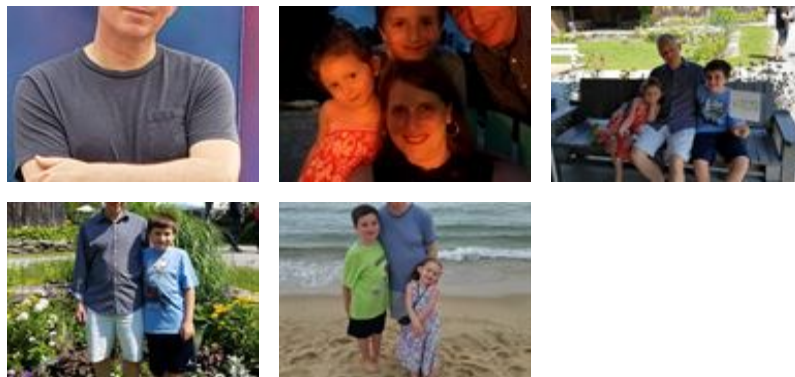
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“ I was a student of Mr. Bayles in sixth grade at Herberg Middle School, in 2006. Mr. Bayles was always kind to me, a small, timid shy kid and appreciated my sincerity even though I didn't have an acting bone in my body. I also enjoyed the Film Festival we did and enjoyed my acting roles in them. My thoughts and condolences go out to his family and friends, and I hope that his memory comforts you all in this sad time. -Christian Kennedy

Christian Kennedy - November 06, 2024 at 09:13 AM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 05, 2024 at 02:51 PM

JC

I am so sorry Allison, Brendan and Zooey for your loss. Larry was a valued colleague who was always willing to go the extra mile. He was often my “go to” for technology questions. He was always upbeat and cared deeply about his students. God bless you all and may his memories live forever in your hearts.💕💕

Joellen Catelotti - November 08, 2024 at 05:47 PM

BL

What a beautiful family and we are so sorry for your loss. May he Rest in Peace and watch over you all as your guardian angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. 🌸🙏 The Landrys

Brenda and Duane Landry - November 10, 2024 at 10:31 AM

PF

This is such tragic news. It truly touches my heart. Many healing thoughts and prayers to all the Bayles and Rachele family. I worked with Larry at Herberg Middle School always looking forward to witnessing his creativity and dynamic interaction with each and every student. Larry possessed an instinctive compassion and respect for each student's learning style, no matter what level. I am certain that his influence contributed to acting careers of many of his students. Earth has lost a vital teacher but heaven has received a blessed soul.

pamela florus - November 16, 2024 at 10:47 AM

MM

Dear Allison, My heart breaks for you and your children, my deepest sympathy. BTG Volunteer, Maureen Maxon

maureen a maxon - November 16, 2024 at 06:31 PM