



Lawrence "Salt" Santine

June 3, 1957 - August 1, 2025

Lawrence "Salt" Santine made his final flight into heaven on 1 Aug 2025, after an extended illness. He was an Air Force veteran who served his country for 28 years and 9 months. After retiring from the Air Force as a boom operator, he had his own FedEx route, was a mechanic at Button Motors and McGonigals, sold guns at Rural King, and was an owner-operator of his own trucking business. He enjoyed drag racing, fishing, shooting trap, riding his Harley as a Legion Rider, HAM radio (KD9CLR), and camping. He married Sonya Davis (Brown) after being set up on a blind date, and the rest is history.

He is survived by his wife Sonya, sons Jonathan Santine (OH) and Brian Santine (FL), and stepson Cie-J Brown (wife Emily, TX), as well as grandchildren Cali, Ciara, and DJ Santine, Bradley Rondos, Caleb, Natalie, and Tanner Santine, as well as Alanna and Kaelyn Brown. Also surviving are brothers Michael Paul (wife Pat), Mickey (wife Mary) Santine, and sister Kathy Vallella, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and G. Ruth Santine, brother Joey Santine, and sisters Trudy Michael and Mary Sterner.

Larry attended Brookside Free Methodist church in Kokomo.

Special thank yous to Tiffany Livesay of Angels of Mercy Homecare, the staff of Dr John Salter's office, Marion VA doctors, Sherri Hamilton and Deb Hall, and nurse Traci Von, and the staff of Marion Wesleyan Health Care Center.

Thanks to family and friends, and our church family at Brookside.

He requested no visitation, funeral, or graveside service, but will be buried in Anderson Memorial Park in Anderson, IN.

Cemetery Details

Anderson Memorial Park

6805 Doctor M.L.K. Jr. Blvd.
Anderson, IN 46013

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I served with Larry at Ellsworth AFB, SD in the 4 ACCS during the Cold War. Sitting on alert for a week-at-a-time, waiting for the start of a nuclear war was deadly serious, eerie, unnerving, and boring all at the same time. Everyone who served with him could always count on Larry to alleviate the boredom--he was always brewing up some kind of entertaining mischief and mayhem. Godspeed Larry.

Mark Sletten - August 27, 2025 at 08:33 AM

JB

“ We first met at the animals in the woods weekend. What a weekend from the bear cub to the rain. Then were on a couple of tdy's at the same time. Always had a laugh. Time has flown by my friend. I hope you got everything out of life you wanted. Many safe skys ahead.
Biggsy

James Biggs - August 17, 2025 at 08:58 PM

FB

“ Larry, you will be remembered by those who served beside you in the USAF KC-135 Tanker fleet both abroad and at home station during your service! The Boom Operator field today, stands on your shoulder's and is thankful for your service, advice and instruction to make us better! I leave you with this poem and most sincere regards, your mission is complete, Boom Stowed now your spirit will surely fly with the Heavenly Eagles!

“Fallen Limb”

*A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me".
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.
The good life I lived while I was strong.
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.
Continue traditions, no matter how small.
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls.
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.
Until the day comes we're together again.*

*Very Respectfully,
Frederick Bookwalter SMSgt (USAF Retired)
IFR Association Chaplain*

FREDERICK BOOKWALTER - August 17, 2025 at 04:54 PM

ER

“ I got to know Larry through HAM radio and a fellow veteran just a couple of years ago. He was a very nice guy and had the perfect radio voice. He will be sorely missed.

Eric - August 06, 2025 at 04:08 PM

KK

“ *It was a privilege to care for Salt.
From the nurses at Wesleyan.*

KK - August 05, 2025 at 12:04 PM