



Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr.

December 18, 1934 - September 17, 2025

Landis V. Curry Jr., a true Southern gentleman in every sense of the word, went to be with the Lord on September 17, 2025. Lanny will be remembered for his unwavering kindness, sharp wit, and deep love for family, friends, the Florida Gators, and Ocala. He was known for his generous spirit, warm smile, quiet humility, and lack of pretense. He had an uncanny ability to make people feel cherished and at home.

Born December 18, 1934 in Ocala to Strick and Evelyn Curry, Lanny was raised with a deep appreciation for his Ocala roots and a strong sense of tradition, family, and hospitality. Growing up in the beauty of Silver Springs, he had a deep connection to Old Florida that lasted his entire life.

He graduated from Ocala High School in 1952, where he was Student Body President and Captain of the baseball team. He then attended the University of Florida where he was a proud member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

After receiving his degree, he served in the United States Navy as a Frogman with the Underwater Demolition Teams, the teams that would go on to become the earliest units of the Navy Seals. He served on many top secret missions, helped recover the nose cones for the first space flights, went diving with Jaques Cустeau, and received commendations for bravery and leadership. He ultimately graduated from the U.S. Naval Justice School and earned a doctorate in Undersea Technology.

After serving in active duty for five years, he went back to Gainesville to earn his law degree, which he received with honors as a member of the Florida Law Review. He thereafter built a respected career at the Ayers, Cluster, Curry Law Firm where he worked with and mentored many exceptional attorneys in the local bar. Throughout his career, he was known for his integrity and his firm-but-fair business dealings. He was respected for his steadfast principles and unwavering honesty. His word was his bond, and his handshake was a promise.

While his professional accomplishments were many, his greatest legacy was the grace with which he lived his life. He was a man who always opened a door for a lady, offered a helping hand without being asked, and never met a stranger. Whether in a bustling boardroom or a local fishing hole, he carried himself with a natural dignity and effortless charm. His subtle humor and genuine warmth made everyone feel welcome.

Lanny was a devoted family man. He is survived by Valeria, his beloved wife of 65 years, his children, Karen (Chris) and Lance (Tara), his grandchildren, Landyn, Whit, and Wynn, his brother Craig (Carol), and many nieces, nephews, and countless friends. He is preceded in death by his parents (Strick and Evelyn) and his brother (Jimmy).

Lanny was a longtime and active member of the Gator Booster Club. A Bull Gator for many years, he served on the University of Florida President's Council. He also served locally, dedicating extensive time to the Humane Society of Marion County, the Elks Lodge, and the Ocala Gator Tip Off Club.

He loved to duck and quail hunt with his brothers and his friends, including Joe, Bo, Gus, Terry, and Big John. He could often be found rooting on the Florida Gators at his legendary Camp Curry tailgate, where his catch phrase—"Good to see ya!"—was frequently heard. He also loved quiet afternoons on the front porch of his favorite place, Lake Weir.

Lanny embodied the qualities that defined him: courtesy, empathy, and an inner peace that brought comfort to those around him. He possessed a rare ability to understand and respect others, even when he did not agree with them. His life was a testament to the idea that quiet confidence and genuine warmth are the true marks of a gentleman. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A funeral service will be held on September 27, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., at Roberts Downtown Chapel, 606 SW 2nd Ave, Ocala, FL, 34471. The family will thereafter receive friends and loved ones at the Country Club of Ocala 6823 SE 12th Circle, Ocala FL 34480.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 27. 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd Ave
Ocala, FL 34471
(352) 537-8111
info@robertsfunerals.com
<https://www.robertsfunerals.com/>

Public Visitation 1030-1100 Military Honors 1100-1130 Service 1130-1230 Procession to Cemetery at 1230

Graveside Service

SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Woodlawn Cemetery
1515 NE 3rd St.
Ocala, 34470

Reception

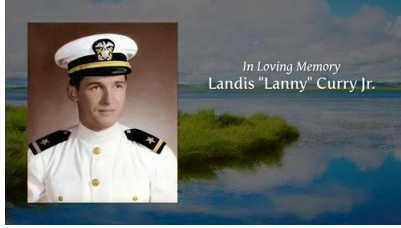
SEP 27. 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

The Country Club of Ocala
6823 SE 12th Circle
Ocala, FL 34480

Tribute Wall



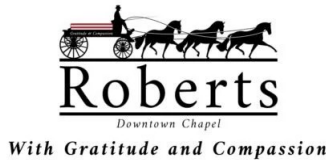
“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr.*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - September 26, 2025 at 12:36 PM



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr.*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - September 24, 2025 at 03:38 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..*

September 27, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..*



September 27, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..



September 26, 2025 at 01:50 PM



“ With love, Jack, Andrea, Jake & Allie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..

With love, Jack, Andrea, Jake & Allie - September 25, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ With love, Jack, Andrea, Jake & Allie purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..



With love, Jack, Andrea, Jake & Allie - September 25, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ VETERANS HELPING VETERANS USA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS USA - September 25, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ VETERANS HELPING VETERANS USA purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..



VETERANS HELPING VETERANS USA - September 25, 2025 at 07:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..



September 23, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BB

“ Brian Baines, Melinda M, Landyn Baines planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..

Brian Baines, Melinda M, Landyn Baines - September 22, 2025 at 10:35 AM

BB

“ Brian Baines, Melinda M, Landyn Baines purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..



Brian Baines, Melinda M, Landyn Baines - September 22, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..

September 21, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..



September 21, 2025 at 09:48 PM

MW

“ Heartfelt consolation is extended to Valeria, Karen, Lance and Craig and to their families for their loss.
I will forever cherish the memory of Lanny, whose quick wit and infectious love for life brightened every occasion. Beyond his impressive accomplishments, it was his thoughtful nature and easy confidence that made him a true joy to be around. I considered him to be like an older brother; and will always cherish many memories of being graciously included in 'good times' events with family and friends. Lanny's devotion to his Family, Friends and the Gator Nation will be a legacy that lasts for many generations.

Mike Webb - September 21, 2025 at 10:27 AM

WB

“ *Winston and Carla Bailey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..*

Winston and Carla Bailey - September 19, 2025 at 06:20 PM

WB

“ *Winston and Carla Bailey purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Landis "Lanny" Curry Jr..*



Winston and Carla Bailey - September 19, 2025 at 06:20 PM

MM

“ *Lanny was a highly respected member of the Ocala / Marion County legal community for many years. He was a fine man, a man of integrity, and I consider my life to have been enriched by knowing him. The world could use a lot more people like Lanny. Guy Minter*

Matthew Minter - September 19, 2025 at 11:46 AM