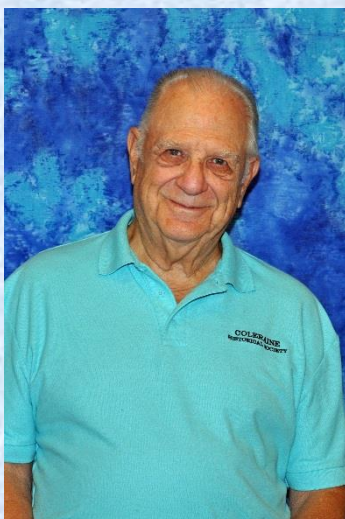


In Memoriam for our Member who has Passed



*Like branches on a Tree, we all
grow in different directions; but
our roots keep us all together.*



*Larry
Shad*

Member of Coleraine Historical Society: 1996 – 2023 27 years

Positions held in CHS:	CHS President	2006 – 2008 and 2014
	General Trustee	1998 - 2000
	Fundraising Trustee	2009 – 2013
	Building & Grounds Trustee	2015
	Museum Trustee	2019 – 2023
	Historic Site Chair	2000 - 2023

Obituary

LAWRENCE E. SHAD “LARRY” “Mr. COLERAIN”
August 10, 1932 – March 22, 2023 (Age 90)

Lawrence E. Shad “Larry” Beloved husband of the late Geraldine R. “Jerri” (nee Whited) Shad for 49 years. Dear father of Matthew (Eric Soderlund) Shad and Elizabeth (Kent) Fasick. Loving grandfather of Heather C. (John) Bolton, Cullen D. Fasick, Dannon R. Fasick and great grandfather of Jessica G. and Gabrielle M. Bolton. Devoted son of Albert and Frances (Berner) Shad and brother of Alan (Lavena) Shad, Stephen Shad and the late Richard Shad and Marian Coats. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Passed away Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Age 90 years.

Visitation will be held at Neidhard Young Funeral Home, 7401 Hamilton Avenue, Mt. Healthy on Saturday, April 1 from 10 AM until time of memorial service at 12 Noon. Interment with Military Honors will be held at Dayton National Cemetery on Monday, April 17 at 1 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be directed to the newly formed *Larry & Jerri Shad Family Coleraine Heritage Fund*, permanently dedicated to the continuing advancement of Colerain Township history and improvement to Colerain Heritage Park.

Memorials may be directed to the Coleraine Historical Society, c/o Shad Coleraine Heritage Fund, via PayPal or checks mailed to the Coleraine Historical Society, PO BOX 53726 Colerain Twp, OH, 45253. For full obituary and a webcast link to the service, please visit neidhardyoungfuneralhome.com



Larry's Story

Thank goodness, Larry's son Matt is a writer...

Larry was an active, independent, civic minded, engaged citizen, rooted in his family and hometown up until his final weeks.

Born August 10, 1932 in Northside, during his formative years his parents slowly moved north, through College Hill and Mt. Airy. He fondly recalled many adventures sneaking onto the streetcars and learning about the city and its workings, unknown to his parents, as early as age 7.

His family finally purchased an old farmstead to remodel in Colerain Twp., outside of Dunlap, in the summer of 1950. This farm would later be the Shad Subdivision that he subdivided and built quality homes upon with his father and where eventually all his family members lived upon. Larry kept up with schoolmates from his years at St. Boniface and Little Flower schools. Though living in Mt. Airy/White Oak, he attended high school at Mt. Healthy High School, playing football for UC football greats during the years of transition from 8 to 11-man football. He graduated in the Class of 1950 and is believed to be the last graduate of his class in the Cincinnati area.

Independently minded, he resisted following his father in the sheet metal industry. He originally joined the Naval Reserves, but upon reflection about his opportunities and his passion for aircraft, instead chose to enlist in the Air Force. He served a tour of duty in the Korean War, servicing gunnery units on B-29s in Okinawa. He was proud of his service in the Air Force, allowing him as he said to “see the world and become open-minded to new people and thinking”. He returned to Cincinnati, going to school at the Ohio Mechanics Institute for mechanical drafting and working for several local businesses, including the family-owned Pat Brand Photography. His skill in drafting led him to a rapid success at Cincinnati Gas & Electric engineering department.

However, his love of working in construction and outdoors ultimately led him to the profession of land surveying and civil engineering. He worked for 20 years for the founder of Thomas Graham Associates, in Mt. Healthy, continuing his education at the University of Cincinnati and obtaining his professional surveying licensure.

In 1976, he founded Lawrence E Shad Surveying, where he ran his business and worked long into his 70's though never really retiring from the craft. Larry was mindful of sound land development practices, and proud to assist in building expanding communities, peoples' dream homes and neighbors' expanding businesses primarily throughout Delhi, Green, Springfield and his beloved Colerain Township. He was an active proponent of professionalism and integrity within the industry, and widely trusted for his accuracy and attention to detail in his firm's work.

Community service began early for Larry. Returning home from Korea, he became a charter member of the Dunlap Volunteer Fire Dept. in 1955. He served in many leadership capacities throughout most of 30 years, including the merger into the Colerain Twp. Fire Department in 1976. After 'retiring', he continuously supported department efforts in education and history and was proud of his nephew Hollis Love Jr. carrier in the department as including Fire Investigator. Larry was the last surviving charter member of Dunlap Volunteer Fire Department.

His professionalism, belief in thoughtful local government and active community participation led him to serve in countless ways in the Colerain community: member and Chair of the Hamilton County Rural Zoning Commission, chair of the Colerain Land Use Committee, chair of the first Colerain Township Zoning Commission, co-chair of the Colerain Incorporation Committee, and numerous community endeavors.

His fondest devotion was his decades of leadership and service to the Coleraine Historical Society, where he wrote articles and was often referred to as “Mr. Colerain” because “Larry can probably answer that!” He spearheaded Colerain-centric projects including the saving, storing and permanently relocating the Creedville Toll House and establishing the society’s museum.

He and his wife Jerri were actively engaged in the founding of Colerain Heritage Park and since its dedication in 2007, he could be recognized as the ‘unofficial park ambassador’ pouring much of his energy into continuing the research on the location of Dunlap’s Station/Fort Colerain, mapping the significant relocation of the Great Miami River, and construction of the historic floods monument. In 2021 and 2022, he created and personally guided history tours through Heritage Park. And if you caught him on his nearly daily walks there with his park and eagle-watching friends, he would gladly greet you and adlib about the park, Colerain and Cincinnati history.

He was honored by Colerain Township Trustees, proclaiming Larry Shad Day on his 89th birthday and was again honored as a Hometown Hero in 2022 by the Colerain Chamber of Commerce.

It was through his fire service and future brother-in-law Hollis Love Sr. that he met his wife, Jerri, who lived 3 doors from the fire station when he was 26 and she 22. Initially she resisted meeting him, mistakenly seeing him with his 20+ yr. younger brother and sister, and thinking he was a married man. Like-minded in many ways, they dated a few weeks, and were engaged and married in 8 short months, in August, 1958. They built their home together, and lived their commitment to each other, through thick and thin, for 49 years, until her death in 2007. Wanting but unable to have their own family, they lovingly adopted their children Matt and Beth and actively participated in the raising of their oldest granddaughter Heather. Their love of children caused them to be involved in many youth and school support activities. Larry and Jerri were also thought of by younger family members and community youth as ‘second parents’ and Larry often mentored and served as role model for many generations of youth as well as younger professionals in their careers.

Larry was an active, independent, civic minded, engaged citizen, rooted in his family and hometown up until his final weeks. Larry was fondly thought of by his many friends, acquaintances, colleagues and community leaders for his generosity of time, spirit, and his sincere commitment to his neighbors and home.

Lawrence E. Shad "Larry" passed away in the early morning on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the brief care of Hospice of Cincinnati, College Hill, surrounded by his family, after a third quickly debilitating bout with pneumonia, a result of contracting COVID-19 in September 2022, after a full, active life of over 90 years.



Heather Shad Bolton & Larry Shad
Honor Flight Sept. 17, 2013

Larry in B-29
July 15, 2021



Larry Shad Day in Colerain Township August 10, 2021



**Larry's Heritage Park
History Tours**



**CHS Museum Ribbon Cutting
Dec 8, 2012**



**5K Walk/Run
Sept. 28, 2019**



**Dedication of the Sign and
Flood Pole at Heritage Park
July 10, 2019**



**Heritage Park Tour
Meets Here
10:00am**

**Heritage Park History Walk
with Larry Shad
Saturday, June 4, 2022**