



## Larry DeVasto

February 16, 1948 - August 17, 2012

A Memorial service for Larry DeVasto, 64 of Tyler will be held on Friday, August 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler. Larry passed away at the Hospice of East Texas on Friday, August 17, 2012, after a brief illness. He was born February 16, 1948 in Bronx, New York to Frank and Bettejane Devasto.

Frank and his family moved to Abilene in 1957, where Larry graduated from Abilene Cooper High School in 1966. Larry later attended McMurry University, receiving a degree in English. He taught English Literature at Cooper High School for a few years before moving to Tyler to work for Amerada Hess as a landman. Larry co-founded Walker-DeVasto Energy Landmen, which he operated for a number of years. Later, he worked in insurance sales for The Guardian and Allstate insurance companies. For most of his life, Larry excelled at golf and was well known throughout the Tyler area for his skill and love of the game. He attended the 2004 Masters at Augusta, Georgia and also played the Old Course at St. Andrews in St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland. Larry remained passionate about reading and later became an impressive gourmet cook. In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by infant son, Nicholas. He is survived by his daughters, Karin DeVasto of Tyler and Ketrin McKeegan and granddaughter Bria McKeegan of Wylie; sister, Vicki Spence and husband Randy of Ovilla; nieces, Whitney Spence Aguirre and husband Eddie of Midlothian, Erin Spence of McKinney and numerous cousins and friends. Visitation

with family and friends will be held immediately following the service.

If desired, memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Larry was an excellent teacher, willing to provide a wonderful educational experience for his students. He was highly motivated, set high standards and was friendly to everyone. He was not above teasing his friends---all in good fun. I have the highest regard for Larry and he will be missed. Blessings to the family, and may God grant you His peace. Sherilyn Hanks

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**Sherilyn Hanks** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the family for your loss, may your hearts find comfort in knowing that Jesus' death give us the opportunity to gain eternal life on a paradise earth - John 3:16; Psalms 37:11,29. Jehovah God has given all authority to his son Jesus Christ to one day soon, resurrect our dear loved ones to life again - John 5:27-29; Revelation 21:3,4.

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**Doris** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry about the loss of Mr. DeVasto. He was such a nice and caring neighbor. I always felt safe since I knew he was just a step away and if I was ever in need, I knew I could call on him. His pies were always good too.  
I really really miss having him as my neighbor.

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**Chelsea Allums** - August 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM