



## Larry D. Edwards

March 17, 1946 - May 31, 2014

With deep and profound sadness, the family of Larry D. Edwards of Whitehouse, Texas, regrets to inform that he was killed in a wreck in which the other driver was arrested for intoxication manslaughter on Saturday, May 31, 2014, in Hutto, Texas. Services for Larry will be held at First Baptist Church in Tyler on Friday, June 6, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. with a private burial to follow.

Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler.

Larry was born in Bremerton, Washington. After serving in the United States Navy and working throughout Texas for a number of years, he moved to the Tyler area in 1982 to help open the Target store. He was employed by Target Corporation for 30 years until his retirement in 2008.

He is survived in death by his wife of 45 years, Nancy Edwards; his two daughters, Kim Cooper and husband Scott Cooper and Dr. Nikki Urbanczyk and husband Dr. Jeremy Urbanczyk; grandchildren, Thomas Cooper, Elizabeth Cooper and Ava Urbanczyk; his mother, Darlene Edwards; and siblings, Richard Edwards and Debra Kennison.

Numerous friends will assist with his services. Mike Corb will officiate with personal remarks by Jim Wiginton and Pat Monk. Pallbearers will be Lance Browning, Richard Davis, Thomas Teodorscyk, Matt McKinney, Byron Redden, and Bret Ralson. The soloist will be Betsy Sanders.

Flowers may be sent to Stewart Family Funeral Home. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made in Larry's honor to Mothers Against Drunk Drivers

(M.A.D.D.), 215 Winchester Dr., Tyler, Texas, 75701.

# Cemetery Details

**Private Burial**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUN 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

### Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
301 W. Ferguson  
Tyler, TX 75702

# Tribute Wall

DO

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Edwards while in high school. When all the mothers would come out to watch us cheer, so did he. He loved his girls so much and I remember thinking what a wonderful father he was. Then he gave me job at Target while in college and that was when I I thought, 'what a wonderful person he is'. Very sad for this world to lose such a great man. My prayers are with the family.


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**donna** - June 09, 2014 at 05:51 PM

PE

“ The craziest and best Boss I have ever known. You always took pride in our store and your Employees. I miss tying swimsuit strings with you ever Sunday morning and working all night to get a Green on store tours. I will miss you. Prayers to your Family.

*Penny Everett*

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**Penny Everett** - June 06, 2014 at 08:46 PM

 Troy Gallegos

“ Troy Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Larry D. Edwards



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**Troy Gallegos** - June 05, 2014 at 09:41 PM

KH

“ *Kim Hall purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry D. Edwards.*



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**Kim Hall** - June 05, 2014 at 08:25 PM

SS

“ *This is so devastating!! I can't even begin to express how sad this makes me for Nancy, Nikki and Kim. Larry was our biggest cheerleader out of all the dads. He snuck us girls out to drive the back roads when we weren't old enough to drive yet. He also took on the daunting task to drive all of us cheerleaders to Destin Florida in 1995 (I think). It was such a blast. I also remember he would always eat Oreos and milk at night but he was skinny as a rail. You will be truly missed Larry!! -Shanna*

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**Shanna Humphreys Snowden** - June 05, 2014 at 08:11 PM

 Mary Cook

“ *Nancy, Kim and Nikki, I just don't have words to express my sadness.  
It seems I have always known Larry. Most of my life anyway.  
My fondest memory was hearing my Mom tell the story of you guys in Disney Land and all the pranks he pulled. He loved that, didn't he?  
You are all in my prayers and I will miss Larry. He was the BEST friend to my brother!  
With love,  
Mary and Charles Cook*

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**Mary Cook** - June 05, 2014 at 04:11 PM

DD

“ It's just so hard for my heart to believe we've lost him. Nancy, Kim and Nikki you were his world and I'm just so sorry for your loss. There are so many good things Larry did for others I couldn't begin to list them. We have lost a great man with a heart of gold. God has gained a great Angel! Rest in Peace!

*Debbie Derrick (Bancook)*

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**Debbie Derrick** - June 05, 2014 at 03:12 PM

LI

“ I knew Larry Edwards went I worked with him and help open the store in Tyler. My prayers are with the Family.

*Lynn Ihrer In Austin Texas*



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**Lynn Ihrer** - June 05, 2014 at 10:41 AM



“ I knew Mr. Edwards vis-à-vis Target where he worked many years as Store Manager. The news of his passing saddens me. I pray for the family during this time. God bless.

*-Tamara S. Brown*

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**Tamara Brown** - June 05, 2014 at 08:52 AM

KW

“ It was just a couple of weeks ago that I was thinking of Mr. Edwards and wondering how he was enjoying his retirement and that I should get in touch with him. I feel terrible that I procrastinated that contact.

He made working for Target so much fun and enjoyable. Always joking around, making you laugh , coming up with crazy ideas, being spontaneous, and always having an endless energy and spirit that made it impossible to keep up with him! That's how he rolled!!! He was a kid at heart.

But there was another side of him that was a caring and giving individual, always willing to give a helping hand. I've seen him help out so many employees when they were down on their luck.

I also remember when he would would work so many hours at Target, but always managed to make quality time for his girls when they were young. He would make the most of every day, every moment to be the fun, eventful, loving father. He never wanted Nikki to grow up and always had her sit on his lap in the snack bar no matter what age she was. He treasured those moments. It was evident how much he loved Kim and Nikki and how proud of their successful careers. I watched in admiration. He never knew but he inspired me to do the same when I had my kids, as I, too, worked many hours at Target years ago.

He will be sadly missed by many. He will never truly know how he touched so many employees that worked for him.

My love and deepest sympathies to Nancy, Kim and Nikki. My God guide you through this difficult time and those days to come. I am blessed to have known and worked for him. May you rest in peace Mr Edwards.

Kathy Wherley

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Kathy Wherley - June 05, 2014 at 12:06 AM

DM

“ I met Larry when I came from Dallas to Tyler in 2004. He was a very special man and I am so grateful that he was my boss at Target. Working the Food Avenue during those times were priceless. I remember when Larry and a few other team members would come on break and talk about their online game that they would do. Also a time that I had a flat tire and only had a donut on. I lived 19 miles from work and hubby was in Dallas so I called in and told I couldn't be there. Later I was told by a good friend that Larry offered to pay for a taxi to come and get me. I will always remember that time for sure. Larry was a wonderful person who cared for everyone and had a smile for everyone too. When he retired from Target, the team member's saw more during his retire then when he was working. This world needs more people like Larry. My prayers are with his family. I have met his wife a few times when I was working but my thoughts are with his wife and daughters. Also their family too. God bless all of you...



*Dee Mauldin*

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**Dee Mauldin** - June 04, 2014 at 10:12 PM

Joe  
Peck

“ My most prevalent memory of Mr.E is from 17 years ago, when we would get together to play online games with Carl, and my father and a few others. That was when I first got to know Larry and his very warm personality.



Years later, I would have the opportunity to work with Larry at Target, even though it was a short tenure that we worked together before he retired, I got to know him as a great leader and friend. In the 17+ years I have known Larry, he has always treated me as a valued person, not just a "team member" or "Jose's son". Even in the months before I moved to Austin, he made a point to come say good bye, and give me some advice and encouragement for the move. We parted ways with a handshake and a smile. His kindness will be greatly missed, but I will always count myself as lucky to have known such a great person. Peace be with you my friend, and your family as well.

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**Joe Peck** - June 04, 2014 at 08:38 PM

KC

“ Nancy, Kim, Nikki and family. Thank you for sharing one of the best. I will miss his spirit, smile and hugs. So glad I got my last hug two weeks ago. I will carry his hug and kind words and smile forever. My God hold your hand and heart during your trouble times. Rest in peace Mr E we will miss you

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**Kim Chancelor** - June 04, 2014 at 08:37 PM

JW

“To know him was to love him...” What does one say about losing a friend who brought so much chaos, joy, craziness, and love in my working life, At Target, for 25 years. A friend who always had a smile, a hug, a corny joke to make the day the day pass. A friend who was always willing to lend a helping hand, to teach, to encourage, to share. A friend who respected your opinions, listened to your complaints, was truly interested in your family and knew how to involve everyone in his foolish antics that was sure to brighten up your day. And to think he was my Boss...but first and foremost, he was my FRIEND and my heart breaks to think that I won't see that beautiful smile again. My thoughts and prayers go out to you Nancy, Kim, and Nikki. Gosh, he loved you all so much and was so proud of his girls. He loved to talk about you and I love you all, too. I watched you grow up at Target, even worked with you, and to this day still think about the wonderful women you have become. And Nancy, you always took time to chat with me at the store. So many memories come flooding to my mind but they are all good. God has a plan and he must have needed a moral booster. Boy will he have his hands full now! I offer you all my sincerest condolences and will be praying for all of you. Much love and respect.... Larry Edwards..you will be missed!!!

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**Judy Woodcock** - June 04, 2014 at 07:06 PM

SD

“My heart hurts knowing the world lost such an amazing Man. You will be missed, Mr. Edwards! I will always be thankful to you for allowing me to be part of your family. You truly are a blessing and will forever be the coolest! Our love, thoughts, and prayers for Nikki, Mrs. Edwards, Kim and Scott, and your families.

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**Steven Gonzales DDS** - June 04, 2014 at 06:29 PM

SB

“ I don't even know where to begin. Saying that I am in a state of shock is an understatement! Larry was such an active part of my life, both career, and personal, that him not being here anymore is just too hard to imagine. And the way he left is even more difficult to accept. Larry was a specimen of health and energy, so full of the spirit, and always eager to keep going when everyone else was willing to stop and rest, or just quit! I put a comment on my wife's facebook page saying the larry was the richest man on the planet because of the many friends he had made over the years. I totally stand by that! Larry never met anyone that did not enjoy his humor and personality. The trips that we had together with the rest of the "Road Warriors", to the sales meetings in mpls every year were some of the best times and memories I will ever have. Larry was always in the middle of it all. He was either the brunt of the joke, or thinking one up to pull on one of the other guys. He was truly one of a kind, never at a loss for words, and always looking for the next laugh. He was also the one that would call for help when budgets, new systems, or other programs were being rolled out. I could always depend on larry to call me and ask, "how do you do this, or how did you figure this out, or tell me what you do to make this work." Once he got on board, it was full speed ahead! He was full of ideas on how to make it work or how to do it better. I am so disgusted with myself for not having made more of an effort to keep in touch with larry over the last several years since our retirement that it sickens me to know that we live only a few miles apart and lost touch with each other. He was a very dear and close friend to me and my family. His daughters used to baby sit mine when we worked together in Tyler years ago. My heart goes out to Nancy, Kim, and Nik as this is going to be a very difficult time for them to deal with and have to go forward without him being there to lean on. I definitely can say that I am a better person for having known larry and him being a part of my life. I hope in some small way, I contributed to his in a positive way as well. God bless you larry, and may God also touch Nancy, Kim, and Nikki and help them through this tragic experience. My most humble and heart felt love and respect to the Edwards family.

*Sandy Blanton*

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**sandy blanton** - June 04, 2014 at 04:47 PM

MS

“ *A very dear Target friend is now in heaven. I am so shocked to hear this. Too many stories to tell, especially those Target Raindeer Runs. Those times now and always are in my heart and are priceless. Just wish we took pictures. Where were the smart phones when we needed them. I guess the good lord needed a store manager or merchandiser upstairs. I remember the last time we spoke. Rest In Peace My Friend. Sure Wish I lived Closer, I would be there my Target Brother. You were and still are one of the Best. We sure had many laughs and good good times. My thoughts and prayers are now with his family and fellow Targeteers.....( God Bless !!!*

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**Mike Swallow** - June 04, 2014 at 11:42 AM

SB

“ I met Larry back in 1983 at Target, He was always such a pleasure to be around and could always make you laugh. He was so full of energy and loved life. I have never met a more dedicated Husband and Father. His "Girls" were his life. He Cherished them so very much. He was also a personal friend in our family and even though life takes us down different paths and leads us away from those we care about and love, he will always hold a Special place in our hearts. God must have needed a Very Special Angel in order to call him home this soon. I am very blessed to have met Larry and having him be a part of my family over the years and I will cherish those memories forever. My heart goes out to Nancy, Kim and Niki may God be with you and watch over you in the days to come and those that follow. May he also be with Larry's Family and Friends as they face this very difficult time in their lives. Rest in Peace Larry, you were So Very Loved and will be Missed by Many!



Suzanne B

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Suzanne Blanton - June 04, 2014 at 11:32 AM

RD

“ Although I only knew Larry over the past 3 years, I considered him a true friend and wonderful person. He engaged with people and honestly cared about their lives in a way rarely seen in today's fast-paced world. I will miss him dearly, but will always be grateful for the time shared. My family's prayers are with your family.

Richard Davis

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Richard Davis - June 04, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry D. Edwards.* ”



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June 04, 2014 at 09:38 AM