



Larry Harwood

January 14, 1942 - September 12, 2020

Larry Gene Harwood, 78, died late Friday at his home on Old Lake Tyler, surrounded by family following an extended illness.

Larry was born to Bill and Idabelle Wilson Harwood in Tyler on January 14th, 1942.

Larry grew up as a Baptist boy in New London, Texas, graduating from London High School in 1960. Being recruited by legendary Coach Floyd Wagstaff to play football at Tyler Junior College, he was a member of the TJC team that played in the Junior Rose Ball Game in 1960 and was voted as National Junior College All American in 1961. He transferred to Southern Methodist University and ultimately earned a BBA Degree from Sam Houston State University. Most recently, Larry was named as an inductee into the TJC Sports Circle of Honor.

As a young boy, he followed his father around the East Texas Oil Field, learning to love, admire and appreciate the “oil patch” people, their mentality, and their way of life. In 1973 he founded a very successful company known as Oilfield Sales of Houston, specializing in selling oil-gas equipment, drilling rigs, and drill stem pipe, which he operated until retirement.

For the past several years, Larry shared dual residences at Old Lake Tyler and Caddo Lake in Uncertain, Texas. Larry loved God, his family, his friends, fast cars, fast boats, fancy-expensive trucks, NASCAR, football, and any possible opportunity to party while entertaining family and friends with fish fries, barbeques, and dove hunts. He was an avid and faithful participant in

the Hackberry Rod and Gun Club fishing tournaments with friends for many years.

Numerous friends were quoted as saying, "Thank you God for only making one Larry Harwood". "They threw away the mold when they made Larry Harwood." "Larry was truly a very loving, generous, caring, one-of-a-kind type of guy who would literally give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, and if he liked you." "He was too good for his own good and generous to a fault."

Many individuals throughout Texas have received monetary aid from Larry and have never known their benefactor. Larry was quite a character....a fun-loving character...a true character....but forever a good character.

He was predeceased by his parents and his brother-in-law, Dr. Steve Wilson of Tyler.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated sister, Charlotte Wilson of Tyler; two nieces, Stephanie (David) Cotton of Puerto Rico, Wendy (Jay) Roten of San Antonio; and great-nieces and nephews, Carlie Cotton, Ainsley Cotton, Rylan Roten, Parker Roten, and Blakely Roten.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, September 16th at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, Tyler, Texas 75703, officiated by Dr. Bruce Cox. A reception and visitation will follow in the Stewart Hospitality Room.

Honorary pallbearers will be Darrell Taliaferro, Jeff Bigbie, Billy Vernon, Don White, Kenneth Stephenson, Ronnie Stevens, Rex Stevens, and Freddie Phillips.

Memorials may be made to The Hospice of East Texas Foundation, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, Texas 75701, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Reception following service

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Sam Warren have lost a great friend. Larry I will be looking for you on the other side.

*Larry your calls will be mist.
Your Friend Sam Warren*

SAM WARREN - December 02, 2020 at 03:05 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear about Larry's passing. He and I sat through a lot of Sunday School lessons and sermons at Turnertown Baptist Church. He was one of a kind, always willing to go to bat for the underdog. You will be missed, Larry. John Childress

John Childress - September 16, 2020 at 10:20 AM

Jl

“ Larry Harwood was a gentleman thru and thru !
He was thoughtful ,kind , and a very nice man !!
We just LOVED him !!💙💙💙
He WILL BE MISSED !!💔💔💔💔

John and Wanda Irby - September 15, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JA

“ Jim and Randa Ables purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Larry Harwood.



Jim and Randa Ables - September 15, 2020 at 02:47 PM

PB

“ *In life, you occasionally find a life long friend. I considered myself fortunate to have had Larry as that person! From teenage years of going to school and church together up until the 11th of September, I knew he was there if ever I needed him. Our paths continued to cross as life went along...finding we lived in the same neighborhood near Houston to currently having Caddo Lake to enjoy together. I am thankful for all the memories my family and Larry shared. Thank you for being the “brother I never had” and for loving my sons like you did. You will always be a part of our family. Rest In Peace, Dearest Friend...I love you.*

Phyllis Shaw Bigbie - September 15, 2020 at 11:04 AM

RB

“ *Retta Bleiberg purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry Harwood.*



Retta Bleiberg - September 15, 2020 at 09:33 AM

ML

“ *Heaven just got a whole lot more fun! Rest easy old buddy! I'll surely miss your phone calls and emails. It has been a pleasure working with you all these years!*
Much love,
Marlo

MARLO LECAMUS - September 15, 2020 at 09:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Harwood.*



September 14, 2020 at 08:00 PM

JB

“ I’ve had the pleasure of knowing Larry since my birth, with him living just a few homes down from us in Oak Ridge North and again during my teen years with him on Lake Tyler when we relocated to East Texas.

During the 70’s and 80’s we even had property next to each other on Lake Livingston. Our families spent countless weekends there fishing, skiing, hunting and having fun growing up together.

Larry was the life of the party and always made sure everybody was having a good time. The memories I have with him are too many to count, but many of the highlights were good times on his boats like Snoopy, PopATop and the Lucky Lady. Those and so many other great Harwood memories will always remain.

More recently, we were thrilled when Larry purchased his lake house at Caddo Lake just a few miles away from us. We were able to recreate some of those old Lake Livingston memories with him, this time with our own kids. They will have memories of swimming around Lucky Lady and other fun with ‘Mr. Larry’ and I am incredibly thankful for that.

Larry always treated me like a son and I cherished all of our time together.

I thank God for making Larry a big part of my life - I wouldn’t have wanted it any other way.

We love you Harwood!

Jason, Carrie, Bailey and Noah Bigbie



Jason Bigbie - September 14, 2020 at 06:49 PM

KN

“ *I am fortunate enough to be one of Larry's (and Charlotte's) cousins. He never held back showing his love for Mam-maw and Pap-paw. He was our 'fireworks operator' on Christmas Eve. On Christmas morning, when Charlotte and I received fruits and nuts in our stockings, Larry's had a switch in his! Larry was always polite and courteous and he never stopped saying yes ma'am/sir and no ma'am/sir. He was truly one of a kind and the best brother Charlotte could ever have!*



Kathy (Horton) Nelson - September 14, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Harwood.*



September 14, 2020 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Harwood.*



September 14, 2020 at 03:05 PM

SS

“ Susan and Kirk Springer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry Harwood.



Susan and Kirk Springer - September 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM



“ Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Larry Harwood.



September 14, 2020 at 01:24 PM

LW

“ Larry and Sue Woodall purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Larry Harwood.



Larry and Sue Woodall - September 14, 2020 at 12:34 PM

BL

“ Buddy Hunter and Greylan Lesco purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry Harwood.



Buddy Hunter and Greylan Lesco - September 14, 2020 at 10:59 AM

LW

“ *Loved him from the moment we met. A bunch of us went to the Bahamas and he & Gary hit it off right away. He gave him the nickname Shooter on that trip & it stuck for 38 years. Now they will meet again in heaven. We will all miss you, Love, Linda Wetter*

Linda Wetter - September 13, 2020 at 07:00 PM

LH

“ *Larry was my great friend, I worked on a couple motorhomes he owned and put a couple air conditioners on the "Lucky Lady" house boat at Caddo. He and I called each other Brother Larry , as my name is Larry also , I will truly miss him , he was one of a kind for sure . Love you Brother, and miss you , RIP . Larry Harper*

larry Harper - September 13, 2020 at 05:14 PM

EA

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



earl austin - September 13, 2020 at 09:08 AM

“ I remember back in the 50's the night Larry was drag racing his Dad's old blue Pontiac on a wet oil road near Turnertown, Texas and flipped it over in a ditch. We could see the headlights roll over the horizon and we knew something went wrong. We rushed to see if Larry was okay, discovering he was a little banged-up but alive. He sent us to fetch his Dad, and the first thing his Dad said was, "Is Larry alright?". We took Mr. Harwood to the scene of the accident and he comforted Larry and took Larry in to be checked out by a physician. Larry had a special bonding with my older brother, Dudley, and I guess he just naturally became my 2nd big brother watching over me. And treated me as he was my guardian.

Larry was a sharp dresser and true leader. When he was a teenager I once observed him putting talcum powder in his underwear, and I ask him "why are you doing that?". He replied, "so I don't stink". The boy was always ready for whatever came his way.

I will miss you, Larry, and I hope to see you and Dud with many more classmates when my number is called.

If Charolette ever needs a big brother in your absence, I hope she will call on me.

God Bless You!

Beaver Cole

Beaver Cole - September 13, 2020 at 08:24 AM

MW

Never had a better friend. Lots of good memories together growing up. Larry was liked n respected by all who knew him. He was a great athlete and loved playing football n baseball. Larry was a leader in school and community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Rest In Peace my ol' friend. God bless n keep you!!

Mike Wyrick

Mike Wyrick - September 13, 2020 at 04:56 PM

CP

“ *Larry was a great friend of my family for fifty-four years. I knew Larry since I was four years old, and he never changed. He lived life to the fullest, always carefree and having fun everyday. Now you can hook-up with my dad in heaven and look down on us, as we look up to you.*

Curt Philips

curt philips - September 12, 2020 at 07:46 PM

AP

“ *HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED
HE HAS BEEN IN MY LIFE FOR FIFTY FOUR YEARS AND WAS
A GOOD HEARTED MAN I LOVED HIM LIKE A BROTHER HE
WAS ALWAYS SO KIND AND GOOD TO MY FATHER WHEN I
MOVED DAD TO TYLER AND HE WAS A DEAR FRIEND TO TOM
RIP
ANN*

ANN PHILIPS - September 12, 2020 at 04:02 PM