



## Martin Larry Schafer Jr.

May 13, 1930 - August 22, 2019

Martin Lawrence (Larry) Schafer, 89, of Hot Springs Village, AR was called to his heavenly home on August 22, 2019.

He was born May 13, 1930 in Canton, Missouri to the late Martin Lawrence Schafer and Jennie Isabel Reiter. Larry graduated from Canton High School and Culver Stockton College in Canton, MO with a Bachelor's of Business degree. He joined the army and served in Korea before being honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. Soon after returning home he married Barbara Sue Allen on August 15, 1954. Larry began working for SS Kresge, which later became K-Mart, starting in the stock room and working his way up to district manager. Upon retirement in 1988 they moved to Hot Springs Village, AR. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and traveling in their camper. Larry was very involved at Barcelona Road Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and the mission's director. He was also active in missions outside of his church including service on the board of Jackson House and Good Sam Ministries in Hot Springs, as well as work with Habitat for Humanity.

He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Barbara, and five children: Cynthia (Ron) Fritts of Valrico, FL, Craig (Sue) Schafer of Wausau WI, Dan (Sarah) Schafer of Wausau, WI, Lisa (Paul) Roberts of Tyler, TX, David (Dannie) Schafer of Columbia, MO.

Thirteen grandchildren: Nicci, Nathan, Ryan, Matt, Nick, Matthew, Josh, Dylan, CJ, Kyle, Jonathan, Hannah, Jake and 15 great grandchildren. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters Betty, Gladys, & Norma Jean.

Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30th followed by the funeral at 10:00 a.m. at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler, TX. Reverends Pike Wisner and Casey Cockrell officiating.

He will be laid to rest at the Cedar Vale Cemetery in Hot Springs Village, AR at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 31st, with reverends Jon Stubblefield and Elton Gray officiating.

Pallbearers are grandsons Nathan Fritts, Ryan Schafer, Matt M. Schafer, Nick Schafer, Matthew K. Schafer, Josh Roberts, Dylan Schafer, CJ Schafer, Kyle Roberts and Jake Roberts. Honorary pallbearers are remaining grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Barcelona Road Baptist Church in Hot Springs Village, AR or Heart to Heart Hospice in Tyler, TX.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 30. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

## Service

AUG 30. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Graveside Service

AUG 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

CedarVale Memorial Park  
200 Minorca Drive  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Martin Larry Schafer Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 30, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Martin Larry Schafer Jr.



Stewart Family Funeral Home - August 29, 2019 at 11:39 AM

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“ Dear Barb and family. Just thinking of you and decided to see if you were still in Hot Springs Village. Found Larry's obituary and picture. So many fond memories of our times together. Would love to hear from you . Love and very deep sympathy. Bill and Bev Rundle

Bill and Beverly Rundle - November 24, 2019 at 10:12 PM



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**Stewart Family Funeral Home** - August 28, 2019 at 01:11 PM

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“ *There are so many memories of being with you guys at holiday times. All 5 of you could be pure chaos if not for the strength of your folks! Larry's quiet control was always present. The devotion between your parents was an example for us all. Hoping you all have a sweet reunion as you gather to honor your dad and grandfather.*

*Lynn*

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**Lynn Elkins** - August 27, 2019 at 07:04 AM

SA

“ *Dave and Dannie, I am so sorry for you loss. Sending prayers for your family for peace and comfort during your time of grief.*

*Sherry Verzwyvelt Arbour*

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**Sherry Verzwyvelt Arbour** - August 26, 2019 at 01:39 PM

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Uncle Larry's passing but sure that he is enjoying heaven right now. He and Mom are probably reminiscing about their childhoods. My thoughts are with you, even tho we haven't stayed close through the years. I really can only remember Cindy and Craig. for years I would get occasional telephone calls and Christmas cards from your folks, asking about me and my boys, and I always enjoyed hearing their soft southern voices. My love to Aunt Barb and all the family. Your cousin, Becky Stovall

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**becky stovall** - August 25, 2019 at 04:09 PM