



Waymon Larry McClellan

August 18, 1940 - February 20, 2021

Waymon Larry McClellan, 80, known as Larry, passed away on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Watkins-Logan Texas State Veterans Home in Tyler due to complications from Alzheimer's. He was born August 18, 1940 in Tyler to William Lindsay McClellan and Doris Marie McClellan.

Larry grew up an athlete and outdoorsman; Golden Gloves champion, defensive back, center fielder and a crack shot with a .22 rifle. He joined the Navy at 19 and served as a Navy Corpsman. Once home, Larry earned his M.A. in History and taught at John Tyler and Bishop T. K. Gorman high schools. Another passion of Larry's was music, singing as a soloist at Green Acres Baptist Church and leading music at Westlake Baptist near Chandler and Little Hope Baptist near Canton. Larry was a devoted family man, and this love of family extended to his study of genealogy, leading to his membership in multiple historical societies where, as an animated and avid conversationalist, Larry was a frequent presenter throughout East Texas. One of Larry's greatest joys was being Papa to his grandchildren, teaching them about love and life through nature and song.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Betty McClellan of Tyler; sons Andrew McClellan and wife Vanessa of Spring, Michael McClellan and wife Pamela of

Tyler; stepsons Randy Weaver and wife Jill of Tyler, and Brent Weaver of Burleson; brothers Joe McClellan and wife Barbara of Longview, Lynn McClellan of Tyler, Lyle McClellan and wife Linda of Richardson; grandchildren Kylee, Emma, Maggie, Zachary and Emily McClellan; step granddaughters Chelsea and Haley Weaver, April Shipman and husband Andrew; step great grandsons Carson, Mason, Deklan, and Paxton Shipman.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County through their website at www.alzalliance.org.

Cemetery Details

Rose Lawn Cemetery

2003 Blue Mountain Blvd.
Tyler, TX 75703

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church - Chapel
1607 Troup Hwy
Tyler, TX 75701

Service

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Waymon Larry McClellan



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 24, 2021 at 01:15 PM

CH

“ *An Ode to Honor My Fine Friend Larry McClellan*

Larry and I met during a high school football practice where our younger sons, Andrew and Braeden, were playing. We chatted while watching from the sideline and found we had many common interests. We both had boxed, played a variety of sports, loved reading and the outdoors, particularly hunting and fishing. Larry had an amateur boxing record of 81 wins with only 3 losses! During our many hunting trips to West Texas, we talked incessantly about our common interests. On any subject Larry could pontificate, as he had invariably read a book about it! I never heard him disparage a person, only agree with me. I never heard him use profanity, smoke, or drink alcohol. Larry adored his family, and could recite distant relatives such as third cousin, twice removed. He introduced me to our intrepid friend, his cousin David Deere, whom Larry dearly loved! He lived life to the fullest, was true to his beliefs and convictions, had an adoring wife in Betty, and absolutely adored his granddaughters! His was a life well-lived! I miss him!!!

Chuck Harris

Chuck Harris - February 28, 2021 at 07:48 PM

HH

“ Lynn,
You always had a kind and gentle soul; therefore, we know how much that you are missing your brother. It so difficult to lose a cherished love one. As a teacher, Larry’s legacy will live on through his students. His thoughtfulness will never be forgotten by his many friends.
Your memories will be treasures forever. Hold these close to your heart and mind and Larry will always be close to you.
God bless you
Hedwig (Garrard) and John Hardie

Hedwig (Garrard) and John Hardie - February 27, 2021 at 09:32 AM

GM

Hedwig! What a wonderful surprise hearing from you. Thank you (and John) so much for the sentiment. I wish I knew how to contact you other than through this website. If it were not public I would give you my email address. I've never forgotten how nice it was to see you and John at our JTHS 25th anniversary reunion in 1986, or it might have been the 30th in 1991. I can't remember for sure which one it was.

Gary L McClellan - February 27, 2021 at 05:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Waymon Larry McClellan.



February 25, 2021 at 09:06 AM

CW

“ I am blessed to have Larry as a friend, colleague and neighbor. There were many cherished moments that I shared with him and Betty, one particularly stand out was the time he gave me a lesson on oak trees when we walked around the neighborhood. Can't pretend I still recognize the various shapes of the leaves but will always remember his kindness, patience and generous spirit. 🙏

Chi Shim Wellmon - February 24, 2021 at 11:18 PM

SR

“ Mr. McClellan was one of my teachers at Bishop Gorman. I remember looking forward to his class, not because of the subject material, but because of the lessons he'd teach us about life through his personal stories - I enjoyed the boxing stories the most. God welcomed a good one to heaven this week. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

-Stephen Ray

Stephen Ray - February 24, 2021 at 06:45 PM

NM

“ The McClellan boys were the cousins who always came to our house in the country for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner, and Sunday afternoon visits. So many happy memories of those days of youth. Larry was always laughing, fun to be around. He was such a considerate and respectful person. A lovely man. I love you and will miss you.

Nancy Mabry

Nancy Mabry - February 24, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 24, 2021 at 01:13 PM

DA

“ *Mr. McClellan was the teacher who had the biggest impact on me. I still use some of the "Daily Tidbit" items that he taught me. My mind still returns to some of the encouraging words he gave me during our years (I had him my sophomore and senior years!) at John Tyler. He was a gem of a teacher and light to many a life - I can only hope that he knew how much he meant to so many of us.*

Prayers for your family during this time.

Debbie (Fowler) Anderson - February 24, 2021 at 09:49 AM

EW

“ So sorry that he has passed away and so sorry for your loss. He had such a big personality and so many talents. I met him when I taught summer school with him. He was so friendly and reached out to people. I so enjoyed many, many conversations with him sharing school experiences and life experiences. He was so patriotic and after reading of my daddy’s experiences in World War II he contacted my dad and told him how he admired him and appreciated his service. This meant the world to Daddy and he always asked about Mr. Larry when I visited with him. Such a good, good man and friend.

Ellen Wilson - February 23, 2021 at 09:59 PM

LY

Thank you, Ellen, for those beautiful and true words about my brother. He was exactly as you described him. That he called your father is not in the least surprising. That was Larry.

Lynn - February 23, 2021 at 10:23 PM

FU

Enjoyed great conversations with Larry.

Franklin P. Uroda - February 24, 2021 at 12:22 AM

LM

“ When I was in the 9th grade at Roberts Jr High, here in Tyler, Larry was the brother who took me on my Sunday morning paper route in his 1951 Ford. It had a deep rumble that surely must have roused some people from sleep as we crept along darkened streets in our end of town. Oh, to relive those mornings! They seem like yesterday.

"So sad, so fresh, the days that are no more." That's from one of Larry's favorite poems. The poet was Alfred Lord Tennyson. Larry quoted the entire poem in a long letter he wrote to me in 1998. "Few poems," he said, "have I read as powerful." And now, with my beloved brother's passing, the first of us four brothers to leave this earth, that letter is more powerful, more meaningful, than ever.

Lynn McClellan - February 23, 2021 at 09:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Waymon Larry McClellan.



February 23, 2021 at 08:17 PM

AM

“ 5 files added to the album Larry McClellan



Andrew McClellan - February 23, 2021 at 07:47 PM