



## Larry Gene Baer

February 11, 1948 - January 3, 2016

Larry Gene Baer, 67 of Cedar Creek Lake, passed away January 3, 2016 in Dallas. He was born February 11, 1948 in Paris, Texas to James and Bertha Baer. He was a school administrator for Rice ISD since 1994. He was a member of Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, Texas Association of Community Schools, Association for Supervision and Curricullim Development, Texas Association School Administrators. He enjoyed sports, coaching, playing and watching, basketball, golf and football. He also enjoyed being outdoors and boating on the lake. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister Betty Baer Burnsed, brother Wayne Baer.

He is survived by his wife Donna Baer of Cedar Creek Lake; daughter, Shelly Harrison and husband Stuart of Scurry; son Derek Baer and wife Cari of Prosper. Grandchildren, Alyssa Harrison, Makenna Harrison, Ellie Baer, Mikko Baer and Rylie Angelone. Brothers and sisters, Wilma Dunn, Max Baer, Thelma Simpkins, Peggy Wishard. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Visitation will be 6-8 pm Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 11 am Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel with Gordon Lockett and Jim Revill officiating. Burial will follow at Eubank Cedar Creek Memorial Park in Mabank. Pallbearers will be Jim Revill, Terry Baer, Sam Falls, Lan Rainey, Jim Allen,

Michael Greeson.

# Cemetery Details

## Eubank Cedar Creek Lake Memorial Park

Mabank, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
info@griffin-roughton.com

## Funeral Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Gene Baer*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Donna, Robert and Sis Ballard wanted to get in contact with you and did not know how. Mr. Ballard's home # is 903 982 5906. They would like to get in touch with you and are saddened by your loss.*

**Kim Williams** - January 13, 2016 at 02:39 PM



“ *Larry was my first college roommate. We had been adversaries in high school basketball and then teammates at Paris Junior College. Our career paths pretty closely paralleled each other's first in coaching, then as principals, and finally as administrators. I would see Larry at various clinics and conferences over the years and it was always so good to see him and catch up. It was such a shock to read of his passing in the newspaper. I had seen him about a year ago and didn't realize there were any health issues at all. Larry was a good man and friend. I shall miss him greatly.*  
*Mark Hudson, Paris, TX*

**Mark Hudson** - January 09, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ *Donna I AM sorry to hear about the loss of Larry, we had a lot of fun playing softball, You and your family are in my prayers. Gary Cope*

**Gary Cope** - January 06, 2016 at 04:38 PM

YL

“ Donna - I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. We will keep you & the family in our prayers.

*Mike & Yealonda (Baer) Logan*

Yealonda Baer Logan - January 06, 2016 at 03:11 PM

SL

“ Donna, I just heard about Larry's passing. I am so sorry. I will be thinking of you and praying for God's comfort. I have so many fond memories of our years teaching together. Sylvia Lake...Hillsboro, Texas

Sylvia Lake - January 06, 2016 at 11:19 AM

AL

“ Mr Baer was a truly great man, he was much more than a boss he was a mentor and a friend and would help out anyway he could. My fondest memory was when we used to play golf and Robert Allen and I were able to switch with his ball with an exploding ball and how funny it was. I can count on one hand how many great men I have ever known and Larry Baer was one of them. Goodbye sir, you are already missed.



*Alan Lewis*

Alan Lewis - January 05, 2016 at 10:15 PM

SB

“ We were so saddened to hear this news. I worked for Larry at Itasca ISD and so enjoyed your family. We send prayers and sympathy to you all.

*Daniel & Susan Bason*

Susan Bason - January 05, 2016 at 07:14 PM

BH

“ *Bob and Avon Lane Howard purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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**Bob and Avon Lane Howard** - January 05, 2016 at 06:52 PM



“ *Condolances to the Family of Larry Gene Baer. We moved from Roxton before we got to know Larry. My Sister Joyce Johnson Miles bought Larry a Christmas gift, Joyce died from a car crash before she got to give the little Larry his gift. We lived in Dallas at that time. Thelma and I were in the same class, graduating from Roxton High School in 1950. Lots of good memories of Mr and Mrs Baer and family. Fine family. Prayers for the family. Alice Johnson Gentry Barry.*

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**Alice Barry** - January 05, 2016 at 05:07 PM



“ *Amazing Arboricola was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 03:27 PM

TF

“ *The Omega Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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**The Omega Family** - January 05, 2016 at 03:18 PM

RV

“ *Robert and Kathleen Vetkoetter purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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**Robert and Kathleen Vetkoetter** - January 05, 2016 at 03:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 02:48 PM

LB

“ *Love, Ricky & Erica Barton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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**Love, Ricky & Erica Barton** - January 05, 2016 at 01:59 PM

JF

“ *Mr. Baer was one of the most kind and sincere men I've ever had the pleasure to work with and for. He was always upbeat, had a smile on his face and loved life. He will be sorely missed by myself and all that crossed his path.*

*Hugs and prayers to his family during this difficult time.*

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**Jerry Baldrige & Family** - January 05, 2016 at 01:31 PM



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



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January 05, 2016 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 11:41 AM



“ *When Mr. Baer was in Itasca, My children loved him. He was my daughter's Principal in elementary, middle and high school. In elementary and middle school, I always had to go to the office because she stayed in trouble, but I never upheld her wrong doing. I told Mr. Baer to treat her as if she was his child and whatever the punishment was I was in agreement with it. In her freshman year, I went to the bonfire and everyone was telling me " Mr. Bare was looking for me. I was thinking what have she done now. i saw him he hurried to me and said " Ms. Ashford I blurted out the good news first " LaVante made the honor roll" he said "yes", but I got one better than that "School has been in session for six weeks and I have not seen you, she has made a complete turn around. Thank you for being the parent and letting me be the principal..I know my daughter will be happy to see him in heaven.God gave me peace in 2006 the year she died so through these words I pray you find that same peace that pass all understanding and may God give you strength.*

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**Ella Ashford** - January 05, 2016 at 11:13 AM



*My memory of him was him teaching me the "hook shot". I practiced that shot all summer. We were a "B" school at Delmar so when we went up against the highly rated North Lamar in a tournament, he and I made our attack. My hook shot couldn't be stopped that day. The other coach was so mad, he got threw out of the game. The only confidence I had back in those days was playing basketball. Thanks Coach Baer. You gave me that. I'm 56 now and I never forget my glory days. Bless teachers like coach Baer who do more than teach. They inspire.*

**Laura Skidmore** - January 06, 2016 at 10:10 AM

LG

*“ Love-Dan and Carrie Garten purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



**Love-Dan and Carrie Garten** - January 05, 2016 at 10:45 AM

WD

*“ William and Linda Daniel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



**William and Linda Daniel** - January 05, 2016 at 10:02 AM

BR

*“ I haven't seen Larry in over 45 years but I played many basketball games against him when I was at Gober. This is sad news.*

**Bob Robinson** - January 05, 2016 at 09:59 AM

DB

“ LARRY WAS OUR (Jimmy and Don - Waynes Baers sons) UNCLE ONLY 2 YEARS APART SO IT WAS LIKE A TOM SAWYER FRIEND... WE (SPENT MANY SUMMERS in Roxton and the old farm where we fished and played like we were on an adventure with many hours in the country...fishing, exploring, swimming, chasing lighting bugs in the evening, reading marvel comics at Natte Whipples store, drinking cold root beers from the gas station and just living the life of a 10 yr.old back when life was simple. As in all things, life takes over and we drift from those days...these are the ones that I will remember.....  
Don Baer

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**Donald Wayne Baer** - January 05, 2016 at 09:58 AM

KN

“ Donna, Derek, and Shelley,  
So sorry to hear this news. Our prayers are with you. Larry was one of my best friends, not only in the coaching profession, but in my life. He guided me as a young coach, and taught me things about basketball and working with kids that I still use today. I always enjoyed seeing him at the state basketball tournament. He will be missed.  
Kim Nichols  
Coahoma High School

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**Kim Nichols** - January 05, 2016 at 09:52 AM

JF

“ Janet and David Farhat purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Larry Gene Baer.



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**Janet and David Farhat** - January 05, 2016 at 09:36 AM

RW

“ *To The Baer Family*

*I remember first meeting Larry when I was officiating a basketball game some years ago and he always gave me a hard time (smile). I also had the pleasure of serving on the CTTCU board with Larry. What A character!  
God Bless and May God Strength You Through This Time.*

*Richard Washington*

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**Richard Washington** - January 05, 2016 at 09:27 AM

 Lillie Osborne

“ *Donna, our prayers are with you. As others have stated, he was always friendly and caring. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Lillie Osborne** - January 05, 2016 at 09:18 AM

GB

“ *Family, Friends and Rice Community,*

*I have known Larry for more than 25 years and during that time he led a school district from a school with eight grades to one with fine facilities and an outstanding kindergarten through grade twelve program.*

*His dedication to to the school district for such a long tenure with such accomplishments is a rare gift for the Rice community.*

*God rest his soul.*

*Gary Barker*

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**Gary Barker** - January 05, 2016 at 09:15 AM

DS

“ Mrs. Baer and family. I was fortunate enough to be able to visit with Mr. Baer via email just over a year ago. I'm grateful that a mutual friend, Les Farmer, was able to connect us. I have wonderful memories of my high school days at Delmar (south of Paris) where Mr. Baer was both my basketball coach and math teacher. My friends and I really appreciated his positive attitude both in and out of class and on & and off the court. I always felt like he truly cared about us as students and players. I'm including his photo from the La-Del school yearbook. May God comfort you in your loss. Donna Griffin Stanley



Donna Stanley - January 05, 2016 at 09:05 AM

DS

“ My sons, Jordan and Jansen Allen...had many fond memories as students at Rice ISD under the guidance and educational direction of Larry.....we were very fortunate to have Mr. Baer as Superintendent there at Rice while they attended. He always supported all of the sports and was attendance whether he had to be there or not. My husband, Steve, also enjoyed playing golf with him.....he always greeted you with a smile and was friendly...he will be dearly missed by all of us...our prayers and thoughts are with Donna and all the family. Steve and Debra Schneider

Debra Schneider - January 05, 2016 at 08:09 AM

IJ

“ *Mr Baer was man that i always found pleasure in talking to, while his daughter and mine went to School together and play B-Ball together at Mildred. God Bless him and my Condolences to his family.*

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**Ira Bradford, Jr.** - January 05, 2016 at 06:13 AM

TF

“ *The Menditto Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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**The Menditto Family** - January 05, 2016 at 01:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.*



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January 05, 2016 at 01:11 AM

DM

“ Donna, Derek and Shelly,

*I'm so sorry about the loss of Larry. He was a remarkable man, who always was kind and fair to everyone. I remember the first time I met Larry. It was at his interview for Superintendent of Rice ISD, where he was hired and I had the honor of serving on the Rice School Board with him for 17 years. He made great strides in implementing and guiding the growth of a K-8th school into a full K-12. I can say how proud I was to have been a part of all of this. He loved his family and always made it known to those around him that he was proud of them.*

*Please know you are in my prayers for God to give you strength and peace in such a time of sadness.*

*Psalm 147:3*

*“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”*

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**Debbie McElhenney** - January 05, 2016 at 12:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Baer.



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January 04, 2016 at 10:57 PM

GP

“ *Mrs Baer and family.  
I'm truly sadden by the passing of Mr. Baer. He will be truly missed.  
I enjoyed being with him and Mr. Revill at the Kiwanis and state  
basketball games. Will be memories I will never forget. You are in  
my thoughts and prayers.*  
George Page

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**George Page** - January 04, 2016 at 10:56 PM

Ashlee  
Dyson

“ *Such an awesome man of integrity and  
always had a smile on his face. He will be  
missed by many. I considered him like a  
second dad to me. Go rest high on that  
mountain!*



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**Ashlee Dyson** - January 04, 2016 at 10:50 PM

MG

“ *I worked as a teacher for Mr. Baer in Rice. Something I've always  
appreciated about him was that he got to know the teachers &  
seemed interested in what we were doing. I remember running into  
him with my mom in a store & he actually spoke to me remembering  
my name. I had only been with district about 6 weeks. My mom was  
shocked that he knew who I was & stopped to visit with me. RIP Mr.  
Baer.*

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**Missy Grantham** - January 04, 2016 at 09:36 PM

LB

“ Donna, Our heart and our prayers go out to you at this time. I have so many good memories of Larry, working with him as superintendents in Navarro County, playing golf with him, just being around him was a delight. We had some fun times and I want forget them. Bless You! Larry Brown

Larry Brown - January 04, 2016 at 06:47 PM

CO

Donna, our family is so sorry. My sisters and I were planning a trip in the spring to come to Texas and try and find as many relatives as we can. we miss everyone. Since our parents died, Scott and Virginia Baer, we haven't been back. Larry was always funny and cared about us. He was a great man. We will have you and your family in our prayers. Our Love, Jim and Coleen Baer Oltrogge. (jolt@cut.net)

Coleen Oltrogge - January 05, 2016 at 11:51 AM

DB

I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Baer's passing. I had the greatest respect for him as a school administrator. I appreciated the way he treated me, and I am sure all those he associated with, as fellow school administrators. I always looked forward to the Kiwanis Classic so that I could visit with him and other area administrators. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. David Brewer...

David Brewer - January 05, 2016 at 05:33 PM

LI

Donna. I was so sorry to hear about my cousins passing. My sisters and I wanted to look him up this spring. Larry was awesome. We were born and raised in California but came to Roxton every summer with our parents, Scott and Virginia Baer to visit our grandparents. Larry would come over and take us driving all the time and we would go to the school and catch fire flies in baseball caps. He was always so much fun. My daughter and her family live in Texas now in Sachse so I come out there. I'm sorry that I did not look him up this past year. We should never put off visiting family, it is so important. Our prayers are with you and your family. Laurie Baer Ingram Ivers and Jack and family.

laurie ivers - January 19, 2016 at 10:48 PM