



## Larry Bower

December 8, 1952 - March 2, 2018

Larry Lynn Bower, 65, a native of Corsicana and descendant of early settlers in the Blooming Grove area, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Gilbert, Arizona on March 2, 2018. He was born in Corsicana on December 8, 1952, the son of Robert Ferrell and Lola (Farmer) Bower. He attended Corsicana public schools and excelled in athletics, especially baseball, throughout his school years. He was a member of the first class to graduate from the "new" Corsicana High School in the Class of 1971.

Larry and his family were members of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Corsicana during the years he was growing up.

Larry entered the service of his country in the US Army in 1972 and proudly served until 1979, achieving Staff Sergeant rank. He then joined the National Guard and also went to work as a lineman for TP&L in Lancaster, Texas. After several years of employment there, he moved to Gilbert, Arizona where he worked for Arizona Public Service until his recent retirement. Besides his interest in baseball and other sports, he was an avid biker and enjoyed traveling the United States on extended trips across the country. He was also an avid golfer and had plans to attend the upcoming Masters Tournament. He was a 3rd Degree Mason and proudly wore his Masonic ring on his finger at all times. Larry had an enduring interest in trains and planes and military history and especially enjoyed watching 1950's black and white television

programs.

In 2001 Larry met the love of his life, the former Nancy Sullivan, and they married on September 16, 2001 in Key West, Florida. They enjoyed more than 16 years together as soulmates.

Larry was the consummate gentleman and much beloved not only by family members but by the many friends he had amassed since his earliest childhood days. His loyalty, interest in, and many kindnesses toward those friends will never be forgotten.

Besides his wife, Larry is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth (Bower) Wilson and husband Dayne of Kemah, Texas; Nancy's sons Peter and Michael Melenovich of Phoenix, Arizona; grandchildren Justin and Ashlee Brown and Gage Wilson of Kemah, Texas and McKenah and Michael Melenovich of Phoenix, Arizona. Larry is also survived by his brother, Bobby Bower of Corsicana and numerous other relatives and loyal friends.

Visitation will be Friday, March 9th, from 6-8 P.M. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana and funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday March 10th. Burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery. Rev. Floyd Peterson will officiate.

Donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis and the Wounded Warrior Project would be appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

900 North 19Th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

MAR 9. 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

MAR 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Bower



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - March 09, 2018 at 05:21 PM

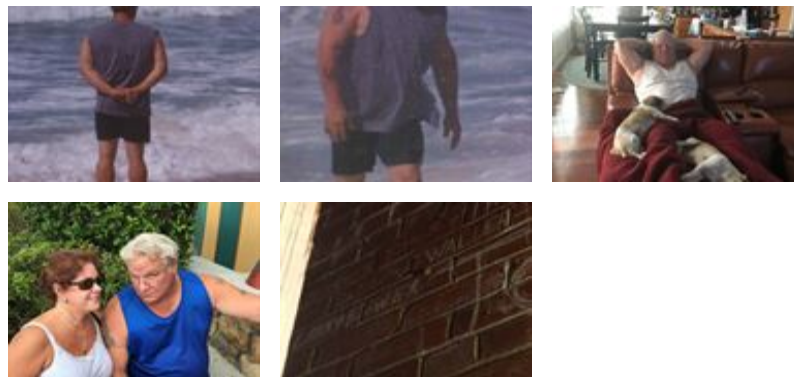


“ Larry Bower

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ 56 files added to the album Life Tributes



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - March 09, 2018 at 03:39 PM



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



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March 08, 2018 at 04:32 PM



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



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March 08, 2018 at 12:31 PM



“ *This is Mike Melton when I came into freshman baseball my first year I was a pitcher and a catcher I was always at awe how good a hitter Larry was he was home run king in those days wish I could have pitched to him but probably would have got smoked he was good I have a soft spot in my heart for him he was one of Mike Rogers best friends if he's Mike Rogers best friend he's mine to God bless your family sincerely Mike*

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**Mike Melton** - March 08, 2018 at 12:20 AM

SK

*This is Steve & I worked with Larry... We called him By his nickname ..Snuff..On the job we always had a good time & laughed a lot. He always had them great FUNNY stories,he was quite the comedian! I learned never to play trivia with questions about the 1950s..60s & 70s comedy shows. It was Amazing how he could answer any question about an old comedy show no matter how trivial the question was! As I read the other posts theirs something they all have in common... We all have that soft spot in our hearts for ol' Snuff...RIP Snuff.*

Steve Kusmierz - March 08, 2018 at 01:34 PM

DB

“ Donna Bower Boelman purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry Bower.



Donna Bower Boelman - March 07, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Larry Bower.



March 07, 2018 at 09:22 PM

TF

“ The Bower family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry Bower.



The Bower family - March 07, 2018 at 12:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Bower.*



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March 06, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ *He will be missed, I enjoyed playing golf with him. I will never forget that he was the only person who would carry his golf bag by one hand shoulder high. MAY HE REST in peace Chuck Wargo*

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**Chuck Wargo** - March 06, 2018 at 12:57 PM



“ *I was privileged to play many rounds of golf with Larry over the years, and we shared the inevitable rise in our handicaps as we aged. We both belonged to the Arizona Outlaws, a men's group playing every Saturday morning. I thoroughly enjoyed every one of those rounds, and when shaking his hand at the end of a round, I was most sincere when I told him I enjoyed playing with him. Not only was he a gentleman, but was humble as well, more interested in me than in talking about himself.*

*Thanks for the obit where I learned things about him I never knew. His passing leaves a big hole to fill, and it will take a very special person to fill that hole.*

*Tom Smith*

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**Tom Smith** - March 06, 2018 at 09:44 AM

DF

“ I am a proud member of the CHS Class of ' 71 and like Larry , the first to graduate from the NEW High School. I am so sorry that we have lost Larry too soon , I pray that his family knows how much he was respected as a man and cherished fellow class member. I got to stand on the mound of old Beebe Field and face Larry one time. To hold that ball in your hand and face Larry Bower in the batters box was a daunting event in the life of a twelve year old. Larry was the Mick , Maris and Roy Hobbs all rolled into one magnificent player. To describe Larry Bower as the " The Natural " is an understatement. To his peers he was and always will be the " Legend of Beebe Field ". Well maybe along with Adron. The next time I faced Larry was the annual end of the football season Collins vs. Drane 9th grade football game. It rained so hard they called the game at half to save the field. I was not very good but the other Collins boys were real good. We won but all we did that night was chase Larry all over Tiger Field. I don't think we tackled him much and to be honest we didn't want to be steamrolled by Larry. I think Larry was always a man. The last time I saw Larry was our 45th Reunion. I asked him about our dear friend. I hoped I shook his hand and thanked him for his service to our country. If I did not forgive me. God Bless you Larry and thank you for being such a honorable example of our cherished Corsicana High School First Graduating Class of 1971. All Hail Corsicana and Larry Bower. With Deepest Sympathy!  
David Fondren  
CHS Class o 71

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David Fondren - March 05, 2018 at 08:19 PM

AM

“ *Ann fine, Richard Mooney and Kay McMillan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Larry Bower.*



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**Ann fine, Richard Mooney and Kay McMillan** - March 05, 2018  
at 12:46 PM

AF

“ *One of the sweetest guy you will ever meet. He is loved and will be missed. Love Ann Fine.*

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**Ann Fine** - March 05, 2018 at 12:33 PM

JJ

“ *I was sad to learn of Larry passing. We have been friends ever since school days. I just recently reconnected with him on Facebook and we have been talking again. God Bless his family and give them some peace. Larry will surly be missed.*  
*Jerry L. Jones*



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**Jerry Jones** - March 05, 2018 at 08:37 AM

VP

“ *Larry was a part of our family when we were all growing up. He was one of my little brother's (Mike Rogers) best friends and we all loved him. As the older sister, it was my job to protect them when they needed it; "which was often." Once again, God has called a good friend & man Home to Him to soon. My sincere prayers for the family. Vicky Rogers Prater*

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**Vicky Prater** - March 04, 2018 at 06:26 PM

SG

“ So sorry to hear about Larry. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family. I remember him from school. He was a really nice guy.

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**Sandra Dowd Griffith** - March 04, 2018 at 01:45 PM

SG

“ Sandra Dowd Griffith lit a candle in memory of Larry Bower



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**Sandra Dowd Griffith** - March 04, 2018 at 01:43 PM

JH

“ I went to school with Larry and he was always such a nice guy. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

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**Judy Sanches Hamby** - March 03, 2018 at 11:08 PM