



Larry Heathcote

January 19, 1944 - January 4, 2014

Larry Wayne Heathcote, 69, of Corsicana went to be with his Lord and Savior on January 4, 2014. He passed from this earth at his home surrounded by his family.

Larry was born January 19, 1944 to Benjamin Franklin Heathcote and Katie Ruth Heathcote. He grew up one block south of the Cotton Mill Factory in Corsicana where both of his parents were employed. He loved and cherished his time living on the “Cotton Mill Block” - as it was called- and often reminisced about the tight knit community of the neighbors and workers there later in life. It was no secret to his family how much he had loved playing baseball in the field next to the mill during his childhood.

Larry graduated from Corsicana High School in 1962 and attended Navarro College. In 1970, he earned a Bachelors of Science Degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and later received his teacher certification. He taught for Corsicana ISD 37 years before retiring in 2007. He began his teaching career at Drane Middle School. Most of the years spent in the classroom, however, took place at Collins Middle School teaching 8th grade science. One of his favorite times of the school year was when the students built rockets. He truly enjoyed helping students build and launch them.

From 1965 to 1971, Larry served in the Army National Guard. The friendships

formed there lasted the rest of his life. He told stories and joked about his time in the National Guard. However, he expressed sorrow when he remembered the time he and other local guard members had to help clean up the plane crash that took place in Dawson in 1968.

Larry married Beverly Kay Nevill on December 3, 1971, and they recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They made their home together in Corsicana and raised two children, Barry and Christina. Both were blessed in 2004 when their granddaughter Laura was born and in 2007 when Shawn Skaggs entered the family.

Larry loved the Lord God with all his might, heart, and soul. As a child, he attended church services at Calvary Baptist Church in Corsicana with his parents. After marrying Beverly, he attended services with her at the West Tenth Avenue Church of Christ. Larry and Beverly later attended Westhill Church of Christ where he was baptized. He has remained a servant to the Lord ever since.

Larry was and still is loved by so many. His kind heart and humble spirit only showed everyone what a remarkable person he was. He fought a good fight with cancer twice in his life. Finally, the Lord was pleased to call him home. Throughout his illness, he continued to show great faith in the Lord. Knowing Larry is a child of God is a gift and comfort to his family and friends. They know the promises the Lord has made and know that one day soon they will see Larry again.

Philippians 3: 12-14

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things

which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

He was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin and Katie Heathcote, sister Nezzie Mahoney, and nephew Douglas Weaver.

He is survived by the love of his life and best friend, Beverly Kay Nevill Heathcote, son Barry Lynn Heathcote, and daughter and son-in-law Christina Michelle and Shawn Skaggs, both of Corsicana. He is survived by his granddaughter Laura Margarita Briceno, who brought so much love, pride, joy, and laughter to his life. He also leaves behind his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ed and Doyleene Nevill of Trinidad, TX; sisters-in-law Sharon Thomas and husband Dan of Rockwall, Texas; Pam Thomas and husband Dan of Eureka, Texas; Judy Smith and husband Curtis of Corsicana; and brother-in-law Steven Nevill of Trinidad, Texas. He also leaves behind a host of nieces and nephews: Patricia Thomas, Robert Weaver, Stephanie Thomas, Emily Watson, Eric Singleton, Matthew Thomas, and Melanie Johnston. He is also survived by numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 6-8 PM Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Thursday, January 9, 2014 at Westhill Church of Christ with Sam Dilbeck and Solon Bailey Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Pallbearers are Larry's fellow CHS classmates from the class of 1962: Ronnie Odom, Ed Erwin, Don Bates, Billy Nelson, Gowan Murphy, and John McClung.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Westhill Church of Christ benevolence fund.

Cemetery Details

Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 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 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

Westhill Church of Christ
3400 West Highway 22
Corsicana, TX 75110

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Heathcote*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *Mr Heathcote was a great Teacher I was one of his students and I still have memories how much fun he made learning*

Delores meadows - August 24, 2023 at 11:20 PM



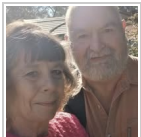
“ *Joyce Doylene Nevill (ragan) was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Nevill Smith - February 23, 2014 at 10:09 PM



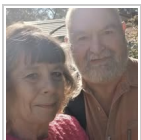
“ *Lee Edwin Nevill was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Nevill Smith - February 23, 2014 at 10:08 PM



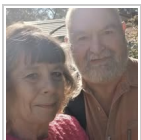
“ *Christina Michelle Heathcote was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Nevill Smith - February 23, 2014 at 10:08 PM



“ *Barry Lynn Heathcote was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Beverly Kay Heathcote was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Nevill Smith - February 23, 2014 at 10:07 PM



“ *Katie Ruth Heathcote was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Nevill Smith - February 23, 2014 at 10:07 PM



“ *Benjamin Franklin Heathcote was added to the Family Tree.*

Judy Nevill Smith - February 23, 2014 at 10:06 PM

KN

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you at this sad time. May God bless you with His loving comfort & peace. With love, Linda (Easley) & Kenneth Napps*



Kenneth & Linda Napps - January 26, 2014 at 07:50 PM

JF

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Jane Farmer - January 11, 2014 at 12:22 PM

CB

“ Mr Heathcote was a great teacher. He taught me at Drane Middle School and we had alot of fun. His class was interesting. I remember one time he caught a guy passing me a love note. He said that he would keep the note til after class and give it back. It was really funny cause all it said was.....will you let me copy your homework for today? Needless to say I was not the one that got in trouble for that one. haha. He thought it was hilarious and me too because I thought I had a secret admirer. RIP Mr Heathcote. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Love you all.

Charlotte Hayes Biddy - January 09, 2014 at 02:31 AM

DS

“ Mr. Heathcoate was a favorite teacher to many. I think because he seem to like us. Didn't know we share the same birthday. I glad to have had him in 1 or 2 classes

Doyletta Smith - January 09, 2014 at 12:11 AM

TC

“ Mr. Heathcote was one of my favorite teachers. I moved to Corsicana during spring break of 8th grade, so I only had him as a teacher for a couple of months. I enjoyed his science class immensely and building the rocket was my favorite! He made my transition as a new student into his class and Collins so easy. He will be missed greatly.

Theresa Proctor Cameron - January 08, 2014 at 04:33 PM

SL

“ Larry and I worked at Collins Middle School together for many years. My favorite memory is the year we had bus duty together. We would sit on a bench (while watching for students) and drink coffee and talk about the good old days. My prayers are with Beverly and family...may God grant them the strength and peace they need in the coming days. Sue Franks Lancaster

Sue Lancaster - January 08, 2014 at 01:22 PM

JS

“ SORRY,TO HEAR ABOUT LARRYS PASSING WE GREW UP TOGETHER ALSO WAS 2ND COUSIN JIM SMITH

JIM SMITH - January 08, 2014 at 12:17 PM

JS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all the family during this time.
Janet Geiser

Janet Geiser, Friend of Mr. Skaggs - January 07, 2014 at 06:43 PM

PM

“ A truely wonderful man and great friend. There are not enough truely good people in this life, so that is what makes it even harder to lose someone of Larry's character! God Blessed each of us that had the priviledge of knowing Larry and his sweet family. Our love and prayers are with you all now and in the days ahead.

Love,
Jessie & Pat Mesker

Pat Mesker - January 07, 2014 at 11:39 AM

LB

“ Sadden to hear of Larry's passing. Our thoughts and Prayers are with your family.

*In Christian Love,
Kenneth & Lillian Brown*

Lillian A. Brown - January 07, 2014 at 09:09 AM

BH

“ Thanks to all for your kind words about dad.

To him it was important that I learned my science and math in school but Dad was much more concerned I learned good character and a keep a deep faith in God. He taught me how to truly live and in the end taught me how to die the way a man of faith should.

God Bless,

Barry Heathcote

Barry Heathcote - January 06, 2014 at 11:12 PM

CB

Barry, that's so sweet. what a great Dad you had. I hope you are doing well. I am praying for you and your family.

Charlotte Hayes Bidy - January 09, 2014 at 02:35 AM

MS

“ Beverly and family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. We are sorry for your loss.

Harvey and Michelle Smith

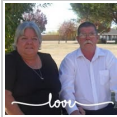
Michelle Smith - January 06, 2014 at 04:45 PM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album Larry Heathcote



Shawn Skaggs - January 06, 2014 at 03:57 PM



Thank you for sharing .Was a wonderful person and will be missed a lot.

Jeanie Hatlett - January 06, 2014 at 06:15 PM

GC

What a wonderful tribute through pictures of a beautiful man inside and out.

Gena (Fluker) Caluya - January 08, 2014 at 12:13 PM

RR

“ One of my favorite teachers ever so kind will be missed prays go out to the family thank you mr healthcote

Raymona Romain - January 06, 2014 at 01:26 PM

TC

“ 2 Timothy 2:3-6, 10-12a, 15&19a

Larry Heathcote therefore endured hardness, as a good Soldier of Jesus Christ. He did not entangle himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. He strived lawfully. He was a husbandman that laboured and was first partaker of the fruits. Therefore he endured all things for the elects sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him....

Larry showed himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His.

*Our love for his family is tied with a Christian knot,
Trinidad Church of Christ*

Trinidad Church of Christ - January 06, 2014 at 11:20 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Heathcote.

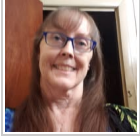


January 06, 2014 at 09:41 AM

MN

“ R.i.p. great teacher. Great man. Will be missed

maricela n - January 06, 2014 at 01:21 AM



“ You are in my thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort that only God provides. I know it is never easy to say goodbye. We can be thankful that your loved one is no longer suffering or struggling through the pain of this life. May God comfort and hold you in His loving arms.

Donna Whittenburg - January 05, 2014 at 09:47 PM

CY

“ No matter how sick Larry was he always had a smile for you. Love you Larry may you RIP.

cindy easley young - January 05, 2014 at 06:36 PM

C9

“ I remember those fun times in Mr. Heathcote's class. I thank the Heathcote family for allowing me to share those minimal times with him.. He really helped me to be a smarter person... God bless you Sir..
Corey Carter class of 94..

Corey Carter , senior class of 94 - January 05, 2014 at 06:22 PM

CG

“ I'm sure I am one of many, but when reminiscing about school and old teachers with my wife, Mr. Heathcote always came up. He was very patient with all of us, rocket day in particular. Mine was the only one we couldn't find afterwards. We searched until the buses started running and found it in the creek way down on Bowie at the last minute. Our thoughts and prayers are with Barry and the rest of the family. God bless.

Chip Goodman - January 05, 2014 at 10:23 AM

BB

“ We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Heathcote. He was a great man. I had him for Science in the 8th grade at Collins Middle School. I enjoyed having him, his class, and being in there with my classmates very much. We always thought a lot of him as a great teacher, a great man, and a great person. My parents are retired teachers as well, and knew Mr. Heathcote. My father taught with him at The Corsicana State Home.

We are very sorry for his family and his many friends to hear of his loss. We will include his family in our thoughts and prayers. We will pray for strength for his family for the future. God Bless his family, his many friends, and his former students.

Bill, Jane, Lisa, and Jonathan Batton (wrote letter)

Bill, Jane, Lisa, and Jonathan Batton - January 05, 2014 at 02:45 AM

DR

“ Larry Heathcote was my favorite teacher at Drane Middle School. He made learning fun. He was a wonderful man and a awesome teacher. He will be missed. Sending love and prayers to his wife Beverly and to all his family members. Until we meet again he is in the presence of our Lord in paradise.

Debbie Raines - January 04, 2014 at 11:50 PM

JK

“ My prayers and thoughts are with all of you. I know he fought this terrible disease for some time. I hope you can find peace knowing that your Mildred ISD family is sending our prayers and we are here for you.

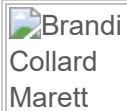
Jamie Kitchens - January 04, 2014 at 10:57 PM



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Judy Nevill Smith - January 04, 2014 at 09:46 PM



“ *Barry,
I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy to you
and the rest of your family. I'm thinking of you
during this difficult time, and I hope that your
heart finds peace and comfort. I will keep you
in my prayers, my friend.
Much love,
Brandi Collard Marett*



Brandi Collard Marett - January 04, 2014 at 09:33 PM



“ *Mr. Heathcote was my 8th grade science teacher at Collins....he
was one of the first in a long line to encourage my interest in
science. He was one of my favorites...rest in peace, patient
teacher...praying for you and yours. ~Mary Helen Forstmann
Castillo*

Mary Castillo - January 04, 2014 at 09:05 PM



“ I had the honor of teaching with Larry for many years at Collins MS, he was one of the genuinely nicest guys I have ever known. I was proud to be his friend- prayers to Beverly and the family for strength and healing.



*In His Love,
April Wynn*

April Wynn - January 04, 2014 at 08:33 PM

BR

“ He was the sweetest man.. he was a great teacher..

briceland - January 04, 2014 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ Beverly,

My deepest condolences to you and your family. Larry and I had alot of classes together in high school. Like most of my classmates, I hadn't talked to Larry for over 50 years until the reunion and we had a good visit together. I am sure that he will be missed.

Jack McNutt

Jack McNutt - January 04, 2014 at 07:51 PM

GH

“ Condolences to Beverly, Barry & Christina. Larry was one of the nicest, kindest men I had the privilege of working with. Rest in peace my friend.

Gilbert & Jenna Hall

Gilbert Hall - January 04, 2014 at 07:41 PM



“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers . God Bless you all.* ”



Jeanie Hatlett - January 04, 2014 at 06:33 PM



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Judy Nevill Smith - January 04, 2014 at 05:25 PM