



## Terry Lair - Fairfield

December 21, 1959 - January 30, 2010

Terry Lynn Lair was born on December 21, 1959 in Angleton, Texas. He was raised in Irving by two loving parents, Ray and Majorie Lair. He hunted or fished with his father nearly every day of his life when he was young. T spent his summers in DeRidder, Louisiana with his grandparents; he was the "favorite" of the five grandchildren. In high school he played football, threw the shotput and was very active in the rodeo club, later he was a professional steerwrestler and bullrider on the rodeo circuit. On March 7, 1981 he married Tracy Lynn Williams. Shortly afterwards they moved to Fairfield and began a family. Big T was the father and best friend to Shannon Sallee Lair and Virgil Wade Lair. In Fairfield, he was employed first by Newsco and then by Texas Oil and Gas (TXO) where he made friends that lasted the rest of his life. He began working for XTO Energy in 2002 where he was a production foreman. Big T loved hunting and fishing with his many friends, he hunted anything that walked or flew, often saying "if it flies, it dies." He loved fishing in the Gulf of Mexico and took many trips along the Texas and Louisiana coasts to fish with his friends. He loved to cook, he went to many cook-offs of all kinds and won many times in several different categories. His cooking buddies were his closest friends; his favorite thing to do was to go with his friends to Terlingus or Houston or anywhere that had a good cook off. He especially loved the Freestone County Fair where he cooked every year for the last 28 years. Over his life he cooked for countless weddings, birthdays, holidays and benefits. T was a Master Mason and a member of the Fairfield lodge. He also enjoyed

shooting skeet and was an original member of the Steward's Mill Gun Club. T is survived by his wife Tracy Lair of Fairfield, his mother Marjorie Wade Lair of Fairfield, his children Shannon Lair Margraves and husband Butch of Fairfield, Wade Lair of Dallas, his lifelong friend Rube Glover and wife Tanya of Lone Oak. Later in life Big T's greatest joy was his three grandchildren, J. B. Haden, Jenna Haden and Ressie Margraves all of Fairfield; he loved spending time with them and the children all adored him. 6:00 pm Monday February 1st there will be a Rosary led by T's long time friend Bob Jolley of Evant at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Visitation will follow until 9:00 pm. Graveside services will be held on 4:00 pm Tuesday February 2, 2010 at Fairfield Cemetery with Father Devaraj Arulappe officiating.. Readings will be provided by Roger Nevill and Jordan Jackson, longtime friends of T, and music by Melodye Griffin, cousin of Mrs. Lair. Pallbearers will be Rube Glover of Lone Oak, Mike Glass of Streetman, Jeff Kirgan of Hallsville, Weldon Childs, Brandon Monico and Roger Nevill all of Fairfield. A wake will follow at the VFW Hall in Fairfield led by Jeff Kirgan, Leldon Childs and Rube Glover. Big T leaves behind hundreds of friends whom he loved with all his heart, the family asks that all his many friends come to celebrate his life with them.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Terry Lair - Fairfield*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *TO THE FAMILY OF "BIG T" OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU, A VERY GOOD MAN WHO LOVED HIS CHILDREN VERY MUCH AND WAS A DEAR FRIEND THAT WILL BE MISSED VERY MUCH.*

**ROGER & KRISTI CHICK** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tracy,  
So sorry for your loss. Terry was a very special person and will be missed by all.*

**Donna Bellah** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *May God's peace surround you all at this difficult time and May you find comfort in your memories, those that blossom in your heart never fade away.  
We are so sorry for your loss.  
Lisa, Sammmmy, & Geneva*

**Lisa Penney** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I just wanted ya'll to know he was greatest friend of mine and and leldon's he will be greatly missed. Blayne thought he hung the moon. Our prayers and thoughts goes out.

*Love leldon , T.J. and Blayne , Clay , Brooke*

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**Tammy Childs** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our deepest sympathy to Big T's family and friends!

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**Bubba & Brenda Moore** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Tracy, you and your family are in my prayers.

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**Rickey G. Lair** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ Dear Shannon & Family, We are so sorry for your loss. He was a great guy, he has been nothing but nice to us all, he really was something special ! We will forever miss him ...

*Wayne & Lori Gatlin*

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**Wayne & Lori Gatlin** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Our thoughts and Prayers are with the family of Big "T". He was one of a kind, he will be missed. Traci, Wade and Shannon you are weighing heavy on our hearts.

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**Gary and Marilyn Lassiter** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Terry Lair - Fairfield

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**Scotti Spencer** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Tracy, Shannon & Wade,  
I was shocked to hear of your loss you will remain in my thoughts  
and prayers, if you need anything please call me I'll be there for you  
all anytime day or night.

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**Sherri Hargrove** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Tracy and family, you are in our prayers. T was a wonderful man  
with a heart of gold. We will miss his smiling face and quick wit.

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**Dee and Tim Whitson** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Your family is in my prayers.

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**Brian Whitaker** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Tommy & Suzann Leadbetter** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and  
prayers. We will miss Big T dearly.

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**Lisa (Neptune) & Joel Schick** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Please acknowledge our thoughts and our prayers in the loss of Terry. We are so sorry for your loss. We will continue to keep you all in our hearts and in our prayers.

*Marc and Peggy*

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**Marc and Peggy Awalt** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ He never turned me down on a dance. Was just a sweet lovable good ole boy. We were in the rodeo club together. He will be missed!!!

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**Delora Burrow Goin** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ rest in peace my friend.

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**rusty williams** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We will miss you Terry. Thanks for all the nights at the rodeo. You and I are a rare breed. Sharon Piano (my wife) and you and David Love grew up together. Your in our thoughts as always my friend.

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**David & Sharon Bagley** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ We will miss you big guy, you were always there for a big bear hug or to give me grief over my latest hair-do. So glad I got to meet Tracy and see you at the class reunion. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. He was one of kind!

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**Lisa Ivie-Hedrick** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Tracy, my prays are with you and your family. There will never be enough words to say about a friend who was larger than life to all who knew him. Big T, heaven has a special place for wonderful friends like you. Wish I could be with all of you. Cat

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**Cathy Carruthers Griego** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I will always be grateful for the friendship my family has had with yalls since we moved here in 81. I can rembember the man I knew as Hoss, I still called him Hoss:) since he first began working for daddy at Nowsco. I will miss his friendship and the memories he used to share with me and most especailly my kids of times with my dad. Tracy, Shannon and Wade my deepest symphathy goes out to you. You know daddy's got him by the hand and showing him the ropes just like he did in the oilfield 30 years ago. I love you all.  
Michelle

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**Michelle Welch** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I first met Terry in 1973 at Bowie Junior High, I was not orginally from Irving, I was a new student and was totally lost in such a big school..he immediately became a friend..although I have not seen Terry in 35 years..I have not forgotten him or the impact he had on others..he is loved and missed by many friends...true friends last for life!!

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**Robert L Clark** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

US

“ We are all so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Lair was a very gentle and kind person. He was very pleasant each time he visited our office. We are praying for your family and friends, for you all to have strength, comfort, and peace throughout these trying and difficult times. Please remember to celebrate his life, and hold on to all of the wonderful memories you have created with him, and because of him. Again, we send our deepest sympathies.

Sincerely,  
The General Surgery Staff

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UTSW General Surgery - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Mrs. Lair and Family.  
I can?t think of anyone that was so well liked by co-workers. "T" was such a wonderful addition to our XTO Family and he will be greatly missed. I can?t imagine the loss you must be feeling. Sharon

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Sharon Gross - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I will always admire and respect you, Terry. You were a rare man who loved and cared for his family and relatives. Your spirit was nothing but kind and sweet, and everyone who knew you was a better person because of you. You were a good man. I will forever love you and miss you.

Patti

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Patti Hickerson - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ Tracy & family, we are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

*"However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--" 1 Corinthians 2:9*

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**Gene & Jill Rash** - January 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM