



Larry L. Shaw

August 19, 1953 - January 19, 2020

On Sunday January 19, 2020, Larry L Shaw of Grayson, GA passed away suddenly at the age of 66. Larry was born and raised in Murray, Utah; lived in Salt Lake and Taylorsville, Utah and the last 17 years in his beloved Georgia. He has degrees from both the University of Utah and Brigham Young University. He taught for Seminaries and Institutes of Religion of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for 42 years; a job that paid a salary but he would have done it for free. On March 9, 1979 he married Koleen Pratt in the Salt Lake Temple. They have 7 wonderful children.

Larry loved his Savior Jesus Christ, his wife, and his children in that order. He spent his life teaching. He knew the power of a great story to touch hearts and lives. His grandchildren loved story time with Grandpa where the stories were always true. He had a great voice and loved to sing. When the lyrics got lost he would just make up his own. The scriptures were his friends. He read, listened to, taught and loved them. Larry had an amazing gift to develop a rapport with total strangers who would tell him the most personal details of their lives knowing he was a friend.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Harold John and his mother Maurine. He is survived by his wife, Koleen; his children, Brynn Stewart (Nick), Astyn Crawford (Eean), Shannyn Weiler (Caleb), Brittney Trayner (Josh), Dallin (Allyson), Parker and Spencer; his siblings, Gerry Taylor (Mel), Kathleen Thacker (Reed), Harold John (Rhoana), Richard (Caroline), Susan Bryner (Cliff), Elizabeth Ruben (David), 18 grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to BYU Pathway Worldwide at give.lds.org.

Visitation will be Friday, January 24 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Wages Funeral Home in Lawrenceville, 120 Scenic Highway. Funeral services on Saturday, January 25 are located at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3323 New Hope Road, Dacula, GA. Visitation beginning at 9:30 AM with a Funeral Service at 11:00.

Interment will be held on Monday, January 27 at Larkin Sunset Gardens in Sandy, Utah. Visitation will begin at 1:30 with Graveside Service at 3:00.

Condolences may be sent to or viewed at <http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com>. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service LLC, "A Family Company" 120 Scenic Hwy Lawrenceville, GA 770-96

3-2411 has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Lawrenceville
120 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville, GA, US, 30046

JAN **Visitation** 09:30AM - 11:00AM

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
3323 New Hope Rd, Dacula, GA, US

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
3323 New Hope Road, Dacula, GA, US, 30019

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - January 22, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ A very beautiful video.

Kim Hills family

Kim Hills - January 27, 2020 at 03:16 PM



“ Larry's smile looks so good in all of those pictures because he had so much practice in smiling

Ron Ramirez - February 02, 2020 at 10:30 PM



“ Larry was a very happy, positive person and I don't ever remember seeing Larry without a big happy smile on his face. What a good guy he was and what a good example to us all.

Stewart Bryan - March 27, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



February 03, 2020 at 02:42 PM



“ I was in a church play with Larry called "Get the Picture," in around 1977. He was so fun, positive, and energetic, exuding the same kind of enthusiasm he brought to being the drum major for Murray High School band. I was just a kid at the time, but my older brothers had been in the band with Larry, and I remember him making everything more fun. Larry was kind to everyone and made the world a brighter place. I was sorry to hear of his passing, and pray for his family and friends to be comforted through faith in the Savior.

-Lori Larsen Weintz

Lori L Weintz - January 27, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ It was a privilege to serve as a second counselor to Bishop Shaw in the Wells Ward from about 1986 to 1988, along with Willy Eysser who was a faithful first counselor. Bishop Shaw was dedicated and could always teach from the scriptures and apply the correct principles in any situation. He had a persistent smile, positive attitude, and appropriate sense of humor. I am deeply grateful for the valuable training he gave me and the opportunity to serve with him. My gratitude also extends to Koleen who served in various callings while raising small children and also taught me much during those years. May the memory of Larry's firm testimony, many years of service, and Christ-like qualities provide comfort to the Shaw family at this unexpected time of loss.

Dale Fisher - January 27, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Bro. Shaw was my family's home teacher when I was young and he taught us the "love isn't love til you give it away" song it was a lesson that has stuck with us for years. He was always kind to us as children, and always seemed to be smiling. He will be missed.

-The Kim Hills Family

Kaylynn Hills Olsen - January 27, 2020 at 01:26 AM



“ Bishop Shaw was my bishop growing up. He interviewed me for my baptism at age 8. At age 12 I babysat often for him and Collene. A wonderful family. I last ran into him years ago at the U of U.

I'm so sorry for the families loss. He was a kind a sweet man.

Andrea pfister wenk

andrea pfister wenk - January 26, 2020 at 08:56 PM



“ Koleen, from Riverside CA, the home of Parker and Mary Pratt, et.al. please accept this expression of respect and love for you and your family. I wish circumstances allowed the opportunity to tell you this personally and to look into the eyes of your children and tell them of the loss they can never fully know - except perhaps from the witness of Ralph Bahr - and others of Larry's extraordinary peers, who grew up with him, watched him intimately and know of his quality. Almost every day, I thank God that they - who unlike Larry and I, who moved far away from the fabric of Murray - are willing to be trustees and at times like this elevate us with their love. The last time I interacted with Larry outside the formality of dinner events, was when he was teaching at the University of Utah Institute. One of my children or a Riverside youth told me his institute teacher was from Murray named Larry Shaw. I decided to just show up and interrupt his class. It was a blast. I am not sure Jesus would have preferred this, but Peter would have had no problem with our sophomoric displays of religiosity. Larry will be missed - everyday....

Boyd Jensen - January 26, 2020 at 08:43 PM



“ I remember Bishop Shaw over at the Wells Ward building and also when that building was under renovation we shared a building with Nibley Park Ward. Bishop Shaw interviewed me for my baptism. Later when I was in 6th grade I started babysitting the Shaw kids with my sister Andrea, then by myself. I loved it when I got the kids to bed and stayed up late reading the latest Better Homes and Gardens magazine they had in the house. I tried to clean up dinner dishes and such so Koleen and Bishop Shaw could just go to bed once they got home again. They said it was okay if I fell asleep on the couch, but I didn't want to be asleep in case the kids woke up and needed something. Sometimes it would be about 11:00pm before they got back from their date, but that was okay. May God bless and keep you all Shaw family, much love, Debbie (Pfister) Davis

Debbie Davis - January 26, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ It was a great privilege to work with Br. Shaw in the Atlanta Temple the last couple of years. He was a great example and taught me and encouraged me a great deal. He will be sorely missed.

E. Jahn - January 26, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ I attended Murray High School with Larry and want you to know how well respected and likable Larry was. He was always smiling, cheerful, encouraging, spiritual, and just a good, good person, through and through. He was an incredible example for me and I looked up to him so much! I'm so sorry for your loss but grateful for his life.

Janine Woodward McMillan

Janine Woodward McMillan - January 25, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ I am saddened by the loss of Larry Shaw. I also love Colleen and "the girls". I knew "Bishop" Shaw when he was first on the High Council in the Salt Lake Granite Stake. We worked together to put activities together for the youth. Later he became the Bishop of the Wells Ward where I still live in the same stake. I especially appreciated his council when I was of the age to receive temple ordinances. I have often looked back in appreciation for this. I pray for his wonderful family at this time. Love always,
Trish Tate

Trish Tate - January 25, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Atlanta Temple Presidency, Recorders, and Staff purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



Atlanta Temple Presidency, Recorders, and Staff - January 24, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 24, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ To Koleen and the Shaw family,
I was saddened to hear of the sudden loss of Larry. He was a dear friend and a great colleague of mine. He was so kind to all and constantly tried to meet the needs of others. He had such an infectious smile and a chuckle that would endear any heart. He was a masterful teacher and most effectively taught the gospel of Jesus Christ by the way he lived. His example continues to influence and bless my life. May the Lord bless you all with comfort and the assurance that Families are Forever.
Love, Konrad Erni

Konrad A Erni - January 24, 2020 at 10:03 AM



“ I put on Face Book a memory note before this memory came out, to be short, I saw Bro Shaw just before Christmas waiting to get his hair cut, and he had as always nothing but kind words to say, we talk a few minutes and his advice to me was keep walking and not end up in wheel chair, he was so kind to my grand children and great grand children the Flanders Family. He never saw me with out asking me how I was. I never dream that he would leave this earth before me, I will see him helping the Lord prepare a place for me.
To the family I am thankful to have met your father and will meet him again.

Evelyn B Fowler - January 23, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Jessica & Alex purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



Jessica & Alex - January 23, 2020 at 12:54 PM



“ Such a kind and gifted teacher. Loved having Brother Shaw as a teacher at Olympus High Seminary. Thoughts and prayers to his family.

Scott Anderson - January 22, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ He taught me Seminary and I just loved him and the spirit he brought to class!

Jenny Baldwin - January 22, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ I was always inspired that he would travel so far to train us as teachers once a month. His spirit infused message and love for the scriptures helped us improve the quality of what we had to offer the students. He patiently guided us through curriculum changes with compassion and faith. He always told us, "The Lord trusts you." When my seminary tenure ended, I was not surprised to see him serving faithfully and joyfully in the temple. My last memory of him was when he invited me to witness a sealing-my first time after the announcement-a cherished memory.

Laurie Stoker - January 22, 2020 at 06:10 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 22, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ Bro. Shaw is by far one of the nicest people I have ever met. I knew him throughout my High School days at Granite High School. I spent most lunch hours at the Seminary building when i stopped hanging around the wrong crowd. He was someone you could go to with questions and concerns and he actually cared. One of my favorite memories I have is when we'd go into the foyer of the seminary building face-to-face in a stance where we'd both have to stay put, except the only thing trying to throw our balance off was the other person's strength via hand-grip. Not sure what this style of hand shake wrestling is, but it was so so fun. I love his bright red face and even though my senior year was filled with early morning seminary, he made it worth-while. As seminary council president in 2002, I got to spend more time with the teachers there. I am saddened by his loss, as well as the distance to where I am unable to pay my respects in person. He is a man I'll never forget. There aren't enough words that could accurately describe the man I remember him as. Always smiling.

Scott Curtis - January 22, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 22, 2020 at 03:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 22, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ Dear Koleen, I am so sorry for your loss and that of your family. I had the opportunity to work with and be ministered to by Brother Shaw for about 7 years as a seminary teacher and teacher supervisor. What a great spirit he is! He never met a stranger for sure. No matter how tired the teachers were or I was, he always had a way of infusing energy into our teacher training meetings. I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to know him. My prayers go out to you and your family. Love, Pam Rineer

Pam Rineer - January 22, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Love, the Crawford Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



Love, the Crawford Family - January 22, 2020 at 11:36 AM



“ Larry was my best friend growing up. We did so much together. Being late to everything was a family trait & Larry was always that way, late for everything. We would pick him up for school and more days than not he would come running out to the car with only pants & socks on, with his shirt & shoes in hand to finish dressing on the way to school. Memories of epic water fights in our large back yard. Riding home from Flaming Gorge with Larry & my dad driving in the cab of the truck & Larry & I laughing at some of my dad's exploits as a youth. Many times after church Larry would come home with me & my mom would invite him to have dinner with us. We would eat at my place & then we would go up to his home & his mom would invite me to dinner there. Like a couple of Hobbit's we had double dinners. We double dated many times. I ended up dating his cousin for several years. Larry & I competed for the position of the drum major in the high school band. He got the position & did well with it, marching proudly in parades & at the Calgary stampede parade & rodeo. The girls all loved him. He just attracted people because of his joyful & loving way. After school I enjoyed visiting him at the school where he was teaching seminary. Yesterday I got a call from the assisted living center where my was at telling me that my mother had passed away early in the morning. I told my wife, "Thanks Larry, my mom needed some help leaving this life. He must have needed a double dinner on the other side" Grateful for both of these people in my life. Love & prayers for the family. Looking forward to seeing you at the graveside service.

Ralph Bahr - January 22, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 22, 2020 at 09:14 AM



“ When I first started teaching Seminary, going to a monthly in-service meeting was just too much. So, to be honest, I skipped a few. Then Brother Shaw came to visit me in my seminary classroom and reminded me about the monthly meeting. Dragging my feet, I went. I can't tell you exactly what was said at that in-service meeting, but it was exactly what I needed to hear. Over and over, month after month, Brother Shaw taught exactly what I needed to hear. My daughter attended one of the meetings. She said, "Brother Shaw answered one of my prayers." He said exactly what she needed to hear.

My oldest returned from her mission and began attending GA Tech. She came home so excited one day, "Guess who is teaching institute??" "Brother Shaw!!!" She set her class schedule up so she could always attend his class.

Such an amazing, loving, Christ-like servant of the Lord. I am ever thankful for his words of wisdom and inspiration. Many, many will miss him.

Kelley M Likes

Kelley M Likes - January 22, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ 61 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - January 22, 2020 at 08:22 AM



“ Herta and I were shocked and saddened to learn that Larry, our vibrant, cheerful youthful saint and friend was suddenly taken home to our Heavenly Father. While me may not easily accept his transfer, we strive to understand. Had Larry really finished his work on the earth? He seemed to have in mind much more work he intended to accomplish Yet, what a great work he performed. Raising, guiding and supporting a marvelous, faithful family is a great achievement. Teaching and inspiring students in a life long calling. Every time we were in his presence we were uplifted in spirit. The many times we were with him, at Eean and Astyn's courtship and Temple Marriage, the associated receptions and family gatherings, Eean and Astyn's graduation from BYU and Eean's PhD graduation from the University of Florida were all memorable occasions. Baby blessings and Baptisms were joyous occasions, filled with laughter, serious spiritual counsel and just having a good time together. We were always gratified to read his Facebook posts of inspiring messages. Earthly family reunions will never be quite the same. Yet we look forward to a future special reunion, where we can be together forever, enjoying his life well-lived. We are inspired by Larry's example of a true follower to strive to live likewise. All our Love, Herta and Bob Crawford

Robert and Herta Crawford - January 22, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 21, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry L. Shaw.



January 21, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ We loved seeing Larry each Thursday evening as he taught, loved and inspired our Institute students in the BYU Pathway program. He brought wisdom, understanding, kindness and joy week by week!
Stefan & Karma Van Sant

Karma Van Sant - January 21, 2020 at 01:44 PM