



## Larry Joe Richey

March 2, 1947 - June 14, 2020

Graveside services for Larry Joe Richey will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the Alva Municipal Cemetery with Rev. Steve Graham and Rev. Chris Ruwaldt officiating. Memorial services will be 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the Alva First Baptist Church under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Larry Joe Richey, son of the late Billy Lee and Florine Rosella (Bourne) Richey, was born March 2, 1947, in Alva, Oklahoma, and passed away June 14, 2020, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 73 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

Larry grew up in Alva and graduated Alva High School with the Class of 1965. He served his country in the United States Air Force from 1966 through 1970. He was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, TX; Chanute AFB, IL; Clinton Sherman AFB, OK (Oklahoma 70th Bombardment Wing SAC – B52 bombers, KC135 tankers); Kadena AFB, Okinawa (temporary assignment); Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) AFB, Taiwan (314th Tactical Airlift Wing – C130 aircraft); Naha AFB, Okinawa; Bangkok, Thailand; Clark AFB, Philippines; and Cam Rahn Bay, Viet Nam. During time in Asia, Richey was secret security clearance.

After his discharge from the Air Force, he returned to Alva and attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University where he played football. On December 31, 1970, he was united in marriage to Theresa Sample in Alva. He

graduated NWOSU with the Class of 1973. On April 8, 1990, he was united in marriage to Lizabeth Renee Barham in Oklahoma City.

Larry was a founding member of the Rowdy Rangers. His working career spanned positions with Northwest Translator TV, Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad and Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Hobbies included fishing, fixing, stock car racing, friends and family. Today, the area fish are a little safer and Heaven is a little livelier.

Larry is survived by his wife, Lizabeth, of the home; one son, Chad Alan Richey of Watauga, Texas; two daughters, Michelle Dawn (Richey) Newton and husband, Timothy, of Alva, and Andrea Paige (Hagerman) Crawford and husband, Corey, of Alva; one brother, Jim Richey and wife, Melba, of Alva; one sister, Sue Rauh and husband, Mike, of Edmond; his parents-in-law, Clinton and Colene Barham of Alva; and his brother-in-law, Cullen Barham.

Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, Elijah Ellsworth Newton, Samuel Bishop Newton, Thomas Bourne Newton, Isabella Corinne Newton, Ezekiel Joseph Newton, Caitlyn Rachelle Crawford, Chloe Vonne Lehr, Kennedy Olivia Crawford, Cason Lee Crawford, and Charlee Rae Crawford; other relatives and many friends.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Alva Goldbug Education Foundation (make checks to CFO for AGEF) or the NWOSU Foundation.

The funeral will be live streamed on Facebook on the Marshall Funeral Home page.

# Cemetery Details

## Alva Municipal Cemetery

Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

# Previous Events

## Graveside service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Alva Municipal Cemetery  
Flynn Street  
Alva, OK 73717

## Memorial Service

JUN 18. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
714 College Ave.  
Alva, OK 73717

# Tribute Wall

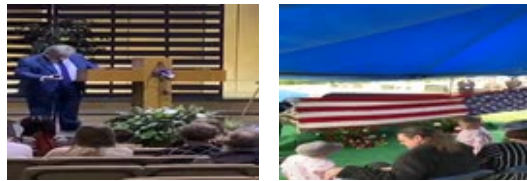


“ *Larry Joe Richey*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Service*



**Marshall Funeral Homes** - June 24, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *To the family of Larry Richey,*

*We were so sorry to hear of Larry's passing.  
He will truly be missed.  
Our thoughts go out to all the family.*

*Tom and Sherry Ramy*



**Sherry Ramy** - June 24, 2020 at 03:02 AM

LM

“ I very much enjoyed reading these tributes and thinking about the great times with Larry. A couple of stories come to mind: at one time, he had a '48 Ford. On a typical Alva stifling summer afternoon, we drove around town in his '48 with the windows rolled up. The object to see who gave up first. I don't remember who choked, but I do recall that we were all dripping with sweat. Another experience was many years later at his "country club" across from the roller mills. There, I learned how to fabricate, load, and ignite a potato gun, with some potatoes actually reaching the roller mills! I was impressed!

Upon reflection, Larry had the gift to be able to get along with just about everyone. He usually had a smile on his face and was always good for a couple of laughs, including the myriad of stories that were shared the last time I saw him at our 50th HS Reunion.

*RIP, friend.*

*Louis & Jan Melton*

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**Louis Melton** - June 22, 2020 at 11:41 AM

VG

“ A high school class mate and friend, remember rides in the green bean...his laugh..... my prayers for his family. Vicki Kirk Grimes

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**Vicki Kirk Grimes** - June 19, 2020 at 10:49 AM

OM

“ I was in the Air Force with Larry. He was Special. He was always on, he could make a stone fox laugh. One quick story, after a couple of years and after one trip overseas Larry got orders and we were separated as a group. I do mean a group as he always had a large following. Well to skip ahead we all run in to him in Naha, Okinawa and I swear it was like we had never been apart. Like we had been together the whole time. He had that manic about himself and I'm so grateful to have known him and blessed to have shared part of his life. Rest In Peace Brother. God Bless!

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**Orville Manuel** - June 18, 2020 at 10:15 PM

Jl

“ So sorry to learn of Larry's passing. So many memories being cousins and family celebrations!  
Wishing you, Lizabeth the best as you grieve the loss of your Love.  
May you and your family have the joy and peace in all the special memories you had with him.  
God bless you and our prayers are with you.  
Judy and John Ikard

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**Judy Ikard** - June 18, 2020 at 05:51 PM

BE

“ Larry was a special person along with being a teammate back in 1972. I remember how tough he was and that he and coach Parkhurst had a special relationship. Coach Parkhurst ask us one day how you could tell if you were a good player or not, and he told us that if we ever got hurt and he came out on the field that meant you were good in his eyes. Larry ran into the goal post one game and I never saw Coach Parkhurst run so fast in my life and I think Larry just looked with that Larry only "look"at coach and said, does this mean you think I am good football player. I don't ever remember Larry having a bad day, as he always had a smile on his face and had that special laugh. I always looked up to him and thought of him as a good friend and nobody is more loyal and true to NWOSU than he was. I know he will continue to look down on Ranger field and make sure all is taken care of.

Blaine Easter - June 18, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



June 17, 2020 at 11:35 PM

BB

“ You will be missed by many.



Bill and Linda Beeler - June 17, 2020 at 10:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Video Tribute



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - June 17, 2020 at 08:14 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Marshall Funeral Homes** - June 17, 2020 at 06:52 PM



“ *Larry was a friend and fellow Goldbug. I remember the many days and nights we spent in Doug's car (the Porky haven touring wagon) terrorizing the countryside and having a blast. It was a privilege knowing and spending time with Larry. He was a veteran and served his country well. He will be missed. Our prayers are with Lizabeth, Jim, Sue, and all his family. Bobby Bratcher.*

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**Bobby A. Bratcher** - June 17, 2020 at 02:03 PM

DG

“ I have lost one of my best friends, I have so many memories but one that sticks out is when we were 16 and in the same room at the hospital getting our tonsils out, and the cheerleaders came to visit us and brought us sunflowers in beer bottles. When the preacher came by to see us I pretended to be asleep and let Larry explain the beer bottles. One time we got pulled over in Shattuck Okla. when we were about 17 on our way to Thanksgiving dinner in Higgins Texas and had to go to the police station, We had beer bottles on us and yes they were open I said what are we going to do with these beer bottles and he said give them to me, He had on his letter jacket and he stuck them in his sleeves and he stood there that hole time in the police station with those 2 bottles in his sleeves. These are just a few memories I could write a book, but no-one would believe it. Rest in peace my friend and my brother. To Lizabeth and the family I offer my condolences and a prayers..



Doug Gourley - June 16, 2020 at 09:47 PM

SM

“ Larry stands out in every classmates mind as a great friend, athlete, and school leader. I got to sit with him at the 50th dinner and it was good to catch up on 50 years of memories. He will be missed!!!

Stanley McDaniel - June 16, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



June 16, 2020 at 04:38 PM

JH

“ JUDY HANNAFORD lit a candle in memory of Larry Joe Richey



JUDY HANNAFORD - June 16, 2020 at 01:26 PM

SM

“ Steven & Frieda Melzer purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



Steven & Frieda Melzer - June 16, 2020 at 01:19 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



June 16, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



June 16, 2020 at 08:54 AM

JW

“ Judy Wolgamott & Sandy Wolgamott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



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**Judy Wolgamott & Sandy Wolgamott** - June 15, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Richey.



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June 15, 2020 at 10:24 PM

MM

“ We were all in the neighborhood together. Larry was such fun to be around. I think we all loved Larry. I remember one afternoon after school on a sunny day in the countryside in Foshent! George's car, you recall. Larry spent an hour teaching me to whistle really loud with my fingers in my mouth.

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**Marcia Mann** - June 15, 2020 at 06:46 PM

JW

“ My dear friend Lizabeth and family,  
I was shocked today to hear of Larry's passing. Be assured that you are in my sincerest thoughts and prayers. May our God of peace and comfort hold you in His arms!  
Judy Wolgamott

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**Judy Wolgamott** - June 15, 2020 at 06:28 PM

MM

“ Growing up across the street from the Richey's, I have literally thousands of memories of Larry. I can still hear his mom calling them in for supper in the evening. I can still feel the Fall atmosphere when we played football over the whole neighborhood. We ran the two whole blocks to Washington many days together (he always won). Then it was the four to the Junior High. On into high school and running the hill. We ran, we laughed, we played. Oh, what a life we had. Rest now Larry. To Lizabeth and the family I offer my condolences and a prayer that they may be comforted over the coming days.

*Mike Miller*

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**Mike Miller** - June 15, 2020 at 04:38 PM

SP

“ Sue and I are deeply saddened by the passing of Larry Joe. I have hundreds of memories, some of which I could share! I am so glad he is now at peace! May the Lord be with you Lizabeth! Steve & Sue Painton

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**Stephen & Sue Painton** - June 15, 2020 at 04:22 PM

PW

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Paul D Woodson** - June 15, 2020 at 03:36 PM

KR

“ *Lizabeth and family: I'm so very sorry for your loss. May God hold you close and comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Kathy Walters Racette  
Cunningham Kansas*



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**Kathryn Walters Racette** - June 15, 2020 at 03:29 PM

PW

“ *Goldbug, Classmate, and Friend since childhood.....will miss you Larry Joe!!*

*Lizabeth, Jimmy Lee, Mardonna Sue, and all family members, please accept our sincere condolences on Larry's passing. He will always be remembered fondly by us and all who knew him.*

*Paul and Connie Woodson; OKC, OK*

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**Paul D Woodson** - June 15, 2020 at 03:08 PM