



Larry Ray Thorne

July 20, 1943 - April 23, 2019

Graveside services for Larry Ray Thorne will be 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019, at the Ellenwood Cemetery near Sawyer, Kansas. A memorial service will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday at the Alva First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dr. Carol Cook Moore officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Marshall Funeral Home of Alva.

Larry Ray Thorne, son of the late Lawrence Raymon and Helen Louise (Young) Thorne, was born July 20, 1943, in Wichita, Kansas, and passed away April 23, 2019, at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, at the age of 75 years, 9 months, and 3 days.

Larry graduated from Hunter High School. He then received a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science at OCU. He moved to Alva and obtained a second Bachelor's Degree in History at Northwestern. While working at the college library he met Shirley Jo Rose and they were married August 14, 1967, in Alva. He lived his adult life in Alva where he farmed, ranched and was Director of the Alva Library for 44 years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Kiwanis, Friends of the Library, the Genealogy Club and the Monday Night Supper Club. He also was active in the Senior Citizen's Center and served as President. He

volunteered at the Graceful Arts for many of their activities. He loved to travel and collecting Carnival glass.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; and his sister, Diane "Kay" Lott.

Larry is survived by his brother-in-law, Gary Lott and wife, Melanie, of Alva; two nephews, Jason Lott and wife, Kathy, of Sapulpa, and James Lott and wife, Kimberly, of Carmen; and six great nephews, Carson, Conner and Cade Lott, all of Sapulpa, and Brady, Bentley and Gage Lott, all of Carmen; other relatives and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to the Friends of the Library, the Alva First United Methodist Church, the Alva Senior Citizen's Center, or the NWOSU Foundation.

Remembrances may be shared with the family at www.marshallfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Ellenwood Cemetery

Sawyer, KS 67134

Previous Events

Graveside service

APR 27. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ellenwood Cemetery
Sawyer, KS 67134

Memorial Service

APR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Alva United Methodist Church
626 College Ave
Alva, OK

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Ray Thorne*

January 30, 2023 at 03:38 AM



“ *Larry was a kind gentle soul. I remember him bringing me a bag of Peanut Brittle from the Methodist Church in Alva when I lived in Sawyer Kansas He and Shirley helping my mother after my father passed away in 1978. May God hold the Lott family close and comfort them during this difficult time.*



Kathryn Walters Racette - April 28, 2019 at 08:59 AM



“ *The best librarian ever! Some of my best memories were going to the library and swimming pool in every summermany years ago...I really think having such a great library and caring librarian helped feed my great love for reading, even to this day. ! Larry will be missed!*

Denise Dunnigan Emmer

Denise Dunnigan Emmer - April 27, 2019 at 09:00 PM



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Marshall Funeral Homes - April 26, 2019 at 05:44 PM

SL

“ I will sure miss seeing Larry at church. Always enjoyed our conversations about James, Kim and their boys. Larry absolutely adored family! What a kind gentle man. He will definitely be missed by family and friends.

Sheila Lehr - April 26, 2019 at 10:54 AM

TL

“ Jason and family, We always enjoy stories about your family events as we share your daily life at work. A donation has been made to the NWOSU Library in memory of Larry Ray Thorne and his love of the library. Sincerely from Tulsa InterLinc Mortgage family: Brenda, Bryan, Deana, Debbie, Hayley, Lorena, Melinda, Monica, Scott, Shannon and Teri,

Teri Lerch - April 26, 2019 at 10:48 AM

PW

“ Gary and family members....Please accept my condolences on the passing of Larry. He always had a smile and readily engaged in friendly conversation. Larry was a positive for all those around him. I easily remember he and Shirley and how happy they always were. He so enjoyed your boys and beamed when updating me about their lives when we would meet during visits back to Alva. Sharp guy with a quiet demeanor...will miss seeing him.

Paul Woodson; OKC, OK

Paul D Woodson - April 26, 2019 at 09:13 AM

CC

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Larry and his wife Shirley since my days as an undergraduate at Northwestern. Through the years Larry and I met often at library functions. He was always kind, courteous, and fun. He will be missed.

Catharine Cook - April 26, 2019 at 03:37 AM

 Tena Floeter

“ I worked with Larry in the library while I was a student at NWOSU. I could see that he took pride in his work. He was an asset to the library and to the community. Rest in peace and thank you for your dedication and service to NWOSU and to Alva.

Tena Floeter - April 25, 2019 at 10:38 PM

GP

“ Larry Thorne was the most gracious librarian in Oklahoma. I enjoyed very much working with him when I was in the Library Development Division of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

Gary Phillips - April 25, 2019 at 07:15 PM



“ Larry when I worked at the senior center u come in their with that huge smile on your face u always made my days brighter thank u for being one of the best most generous friend.

Angela King - April 25, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Larry was a dear friend and such a nice man. I remember being in his and Shirley's beautiful wedding. His memory of kindness and how much he enjoyed family and being an integral part of the Alva community will be cherished. He was a wonderful librarian and had such a loving and giving heart. He will be greatly missed. Our sympathy, love and prayers are with Larry's family.



Virgil and Lavon Wiersig - April 25, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ What a wonderful man! He cared so much for the library, and took such pride in it! And he was such a wonderful husband to Shirley. Rest in Peace dear man. So glad I knew you.

Annie Evans - April 25, 2019 at 02:44 PM



“ Larry was my first boss and helped me grow not only as a librarian but as an individual. I wish I could put into words the impact Larry made in and on my life.

Larry is and will always be one of my favorite people. I will always be grateful for him.

Kellie Delaney - April 25, 2019 at 11:38 AM

CC

“ We will miss seeing Larry and talking to him during his evening walks. He was a very good neighbor to have and will be very missed very much by our family.

Crystal Compton - April 25, 2019 at 11:35 AM

BB

“ Always doing good. A very favorite person. Love and prayers to the Lott Family. ❤️🙏

Bill and Linda Beeler - April 25, 2019 at 09:34 AM

DC

“ I will always think of Mr. Thorne and the Alva Library as one unit. He was such presence there. He was always so friendly and helpful and a joy to be around. He was one of those people that just made you feel good.



Donise (Sterba) Cinnamon - April 25, 2019 at 08:53 AM