



Kemp G. Lawrence

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Services for Kemp G. Lawrence, 78, of Longview, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in the Rader Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Lawrence passed away Saturday, October 31, 2009.

Mr. Lawrence was born on May 7, 1931, in Winfield, Texas, to Claude and Nona Mae Smith Lawrence. He graduated from Winfield High School in 1949 and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. After his military service, he went to work for the Cotton Belt Railroad and rode the rodeo circuit. In 1955, after marrying Patti Geers, he began a 37 year work career with SWEPCO in Mt. Pleasant, Texas, retiring as Division Operations Superintendent in 1992.

After retirement, he spent his time chronicling family history by publishing three books. He also loved to travel with Patti in their RV visiting historical sites all over the U.S. and Canada.

Mr. Lawrence was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner. He faithfully promoted the support of the Shriners Children's Hospitals.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, Mr. Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Allen Lawrence, and two sisters, Dessie Maxton and Wanda Nell Narramore. He is survived by his loving wife, Patti Geers Lawrence; daughters and sons-in-law Betsy and Butch Lanclos of League City, TX; Nancy and Buck Otis of Longview; and son and daughter-in-law Joey and Suzanne Lawrence of Longview. His grandchildren are Aaron Lanclos, Jared Lanclos, Bronson Goolsby, Shelby Lawrence, Kaiti Lawrence, Jacob Lawrence and Joshua Kemp Lawrence. Mr. Lawrence is also survived by two sisters, Christine Hutson of Mt. Pleasant, Texas and Lillian Woodard of Little Rock, Arkansas, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other loving family members and friends.

The family will receive friends at Radar Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2009.



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Memorials may be made to the Shriners Children's Hospital-Dallas.



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Anonymous posted:

Nancy, my heart goes out to you and your family in your time of sorrow. Your family is truly in my prayers. Stay encouraged!Takeitha##imported-begin##Takeitha Freeman##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My life was blessed with fun and loving memories of uncle Kemp. Thank you."When I heard that he was gone I felt a shadow cross my heart."##imported-begin##Paul Allen Woodard##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

PATILINDA AND I ARE SO SORRY TO LEARN OF KEMP'S PASSING. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.##imported-begin##JOHN & LINDA COTTEN##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Patti, sorry for your loss, Kemp was a great man and boss with exceptional statue and honesty. May God bless you and your family.Randall and Gwen Wright##imported-begin##Randall Wright##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancy, Joey, Betsy, and Mrs. Lawrence,We are so sorry to hear of your dad's and husband's passing.We will keep you in our prayers and we know that He will give you the strength, comfort, consolation and encouragement which you need during this time.##imported-begin##Kevin and Pam Myers##imported-end##

November 2 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Nancy and Family,I am so sorry to hear about your father. I wish that we were closer to Texas. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now.Don and Sherry###imported-begin###Don and Sherry Estes###imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Kemp G. Lawrence. Penne and I moved across the street from the Lawrence's in January 1994. Mr Lawrence used to get a big kick out of watching the antics of our 3 boys growing up in our front yard. Also Mr Lawrence and I had many conversations in the same front yard. Mr Lawrence reminded me so much of my father, not only in appearance but also in the kind words of wisdom he would so often give.His kindness and soft demeanor will be missed but smiled upon in thought. Jay Howe###imported-begin###Jay and Penne Howe###imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Kemp for many years when he was with SWEPCO in Longview, his sense of humor made him fun to be around, he'll be missed by all his friends and associates.###imported-begin###Richard Crawford###imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Hey Nancy,I'm sorry to hear about your father. I'll have you and your family in my prayers.Frank###imported-begin###Frank Hetzel###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Kemp was a special person as well as a special family member. If we wanted to know anything about our family and anyone else's near us. He was and outstanding man. Bound for him to go away from us on Halloween. Not cool UNK but am glad you missed the spooks and went straight to seeing the angels. See you one of these days when a blue norther comes along... And to Patti, Betsy, Nancy and Joey and families, you were his joy.and pride..Your niece and friend, Roxie##imported-begin##Roxie and Bunny Agan##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancy and family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I will keep all of your family in my prayers. May the memories of good times spent together comfort you in your grief.##imported-begin##Lisa Sprouse Cauble##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancy,I'm so sorry for your loss. It sounds like your father was a very special man. My sympathy and prayers go out to all of you.##imported-begin##Stacey Formby Taggart##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm so sorry to hear about Mr. Lawrence. I knew him when I was growing up. He & my dad, Orville Green, worked together at SWEPCO & were friends. Daddy thought a lot of him. My prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Kathy Green Fant##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancy, My thoughts and prayers are with you, your mom and all of yourfamily during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Judi Mcbride##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I know this is a very sad time anddo remember we are thinking of you.##imported-begin##Ruth Cox##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Nancy,You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Nancy Lea Manning##imported-end##

November 1 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will miss Kemp very much. He was very gracious and kind to us. Dave and Charlene "Texas Roadrunners"##imported-begin##Dave & Charlene Norlie##imported-end##

October 31 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We will all miss Kemp and the good times we had together on our Roadrunner rallies.God bless Kemp and Patti.##imported-begin##Jim & Carlene Howard##imported-end##

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Kemp by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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