



Ben Walter LeTourneau

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Ben Walter LeTourneau, 86, went to be with His Lord and was reunited with many loved ones on February 15, 2021 in Longview, TX leaving a lasting legacy of love for Jesus, humor, quiet wisdom, and engineering feats that will not soon be forgotten.

Ben was born March 21, 1934, the youngest son of R.G. and Evelyn LeTourneau. He moved to Longview with his family in 1946 and graduated from Longview High in 1951 while simultaneously attending LeTourneau Technical Institute, graduating in 1952. In 1953, Ben married his childhood sweetheart, Bettye Locker, daughter of Daisy Plummer and Monroe Locker.

Ben lived for 13 years in Vicksburg, MS, working as General Manager of LeTourneau Manufacturing Plant building earthmoving equipment, making bombs for the U.S. government, as well as manufacturing 37+ offshore drilling platforms, of which their first customer was George Bush Sr. While in Vicksburg, Bettye gave birth to all 4 of their children. In 1967, Ben moved to Longview to act as Vice President and Director of Manufacturing of both Vicksburg and Longview. He resigned the position of Director in 1968 to finish his education, graduating in 1970 in the top 10% of his class at Texas A & M.

After Ben's father, R.G. went home to Jesus in 1969, the Manufacturing Company was sold and Ben and his brother Roy moved to Florida with their families to own and operate a John Deere commercial machine business for 5 years, returning to Longview with their 4 children and 2 "adopted" daughters, Patricia Musser and Delora Stanton. Ben assisted Bettye and her sister with the running of their small art & craft business for nearly 20 years along with their daughter, Janine.

Ben felt that God wanted him to work wherever he was called, so he and Bettye closed their business, sold their home, and moved into their motorhome. Over the next 20 years, they served the Lord in various places. They spent the majority of each year in Baltimore, Maryland, serving



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as manager, repairman, groundskeeper, and running the kitchen (Bettye) at Camp WoMeTo. They also served at several youth camps, at Rio Grande Bible Institute, and spent several years in Oklahoma City helping to build a church.

Mr. LeTourneau is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Bettye LeTourneau of Longview, TX; 3 children: Sherrye Alyce Coles (Steve), Mark Alden LeTourneau (Debbie), and Janine Joy Hedgpeth (Joel), 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild; and sister-in-law, Joyce LeTourneau.

Ben is preceded in death by father R.G. LeTourneau; mother Mary Evelyn (Peterson) LeTourneau; sister Louise Dick (Gus); brothers Caleb, Don (Wilma), Richard (Louise), Roy (Shirley), Ted, and as well as son, Roy Walter LeTourneau, and son-in-law Steve Coles.

Funeral Details - Service to be held at Hope Fellowship Church, 300 Hollybrook Dr. , Longview. February 23 at 1:00pm, Internment at Memory Park Cemetery, 2823 E. Marshall Ave., Longview

Where to send flowers - Rader Funeral Home, Longview

Memorial gifts - Ben LeTourneau Memorial Fund
LeTourneau University
Fine Arts Department (Piano)
2100 S. Mobberly Ave.
Longview, Texas 75602

Live Streaming - <http://hopefellowshiplongview.org>
Click on the LeTourneau Memorial link




Events

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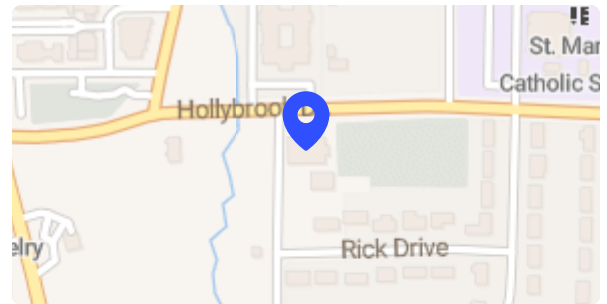
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Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, February 23, 2021

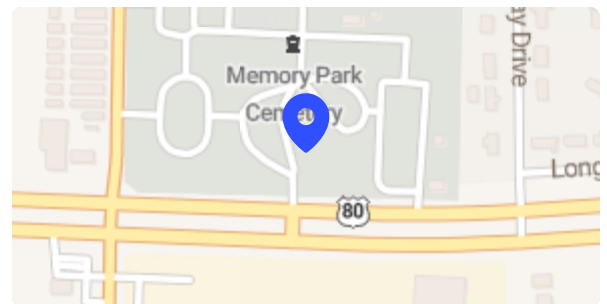
 1:00 PM CT

 **Hope Fellowship Church**
300 Hollybrook, Longview TX



Cemetery Details

 **Memory Park**
2823 E. Marshall Ave., Longview TX 75601





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JR

Joyce Roden posted:

Dear LeTourneau Family, We have had the privilege of knowing your family for fifty-five years which is nearly all of our adult lives since Ken was hired at the college when he was only 25 years old. In the early years Ken and I were in a Sunday school class with the 4 brothers and their spouses which was taught by Richard. The interaction between the brothers in that class was amazing. So many of you have blessed our family and have had a special place in our lives. We just want to thank you and send our love to you all, especially Bettye. Ken and Joyce Roden

February 24 at 5:43 PM

SM

Sherry Molpus posted:

Dear Friends, We were sorry to learn of Ben's passing. Our sincere condolences to all. Richard and Sherry Molpus Longview, TX

February 24 at 5:12 AM

AG

Agnes And Bill Graff posted:

Ben and Betty have been acquaintances, then friends, and most recently fellow travelers through. old age. We have known them for more than 40 years and have gotten closer since we have both been at Hope Fellowship. Sad/glad at the loss here but glad he is with the Lord. Bill and Agnes Graff.

February 22 at 12:31 PM

ML

Mark Anthony Letourneau sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the LeTourneau family.



February 21 at 10:03 AM

ML

Mark Anthony Letourneau lit a candle in honor of Ben.



February 21 at 9:23 AM



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Mark Anthony Letourneau shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You left us with a magnificent example. We will follow Christ and imitate Him but also hoping to achieve a little bit of what you have done. You are irreplaceable grandpa Ben. Your family

February 21 at 8:45 AM



Beryl N August 26 at 9:58 AM

I received a Package from the Senate for Mark. Email me at bnyameyo@gmail.com with an address to forward it to. Thank you.



Mark Anthony Letourneau sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the LeTourneau family.

February 21 at 8:45 AM





Mark Anthony Letourneau shared 7 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 21 at 9:11 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

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



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