



Larry Aldridge

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Larry Aldridge was born on January 29, 1960 in Laredo, TX to D.H. (Swede) and Betty

Aldridge. He went into the loving arms of his Lord Jesus Christ on June 1, 2023 surrounded by family after a long illness.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 32 years Kathy Aldridge, his sons Blake Aldridge and fiancé' Natalie Sigala, Corey Crawford and wife Angela; granddaughter Audrey

Crawford; mother Betty Aldridge; sisters Sally Strong and husband Jeff, Betsy McAlexander;

brothers Harris Aldridge, John Aldridge and wife Deborah; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; numerous other loving family members; a host of friends, and his

loving dog "Barney". He is preceded in death by his father Swede Aldridge, and his brother Bill Aldridge.

Larry was a long-time resident of Longview. He graduated from Longview High School

in 1978. He had a successful career at Holt Caterpillar for 26 years, and was a member of

Mobberly Baptist Church. Larry was very involved with the Great Texas Balloon Race as

Operations Director for decades and was dedicated to the event. He was also the long-time crew

chief to Bill Bussey and loved traveling the country with the balloons. His very identity was tied



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to serving others and the community. He found great joy in being a helping hand and was always the one called when someone was in need.

Larry never wanted anyone to feel left out or unloved. He helped many, no matter what

age or background. He always made sure the room was filled with laughter and could instantly

make someone's day better. He leaves a gaping hole in this world that he would want us to step

up and fill. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, and friend to many. He

will be greatly missed. Words cannot express our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the

many actions of kindness shown to us over the past few days. We will be forever thankful for all

of your prayers, comforting words, cards, texts, phone calls, flowers, and food. We felt God's

presence surrounding us during this tough time of loss.



Events


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Celebration of Life

 **Monday**, June 5, 2023

 2:00 PM CT

 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601





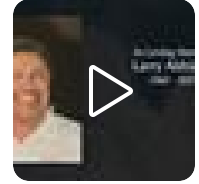
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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



June 4 at 9:14 AM

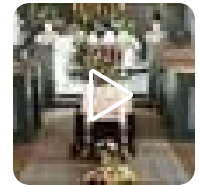


Pamela Bryant June 7 at 5:43 AM

My condolences to you and your family. May the good Lord give you strength and comfort throughout this difficult time. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.



Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.



June 5 at 8:34 AM



Gordon And Santa Aldridge posted:

Although we had not seen Larry for many years, the times that we visited Longview Larry was always very kind, thoughtful and courteous to us. I remember the time when we were all seating in the back room washing tv and I was cold so Larry got me a blanket to keep warm. I am sure he will be deeply missed. May he Rest In Peace. Gordon and Santa Aldridge/San Anyonio Tx

June 26 at 1:10 PM



Mike Colglazier Family sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Aldridge family.



June 5 at 6:17 AM



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Janina Montano posted:

I was lucky to have met Larry at work. Larry got me involved in the balloon race and later he involved my husband too. It was a pleasure for my husband and I to work with him. He is greatly missed. Kathy, prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.

June 5 at 6:07 AM



Kathy Aldridge June 6 at 6:55 AM

Thank you for your kind words. Larry loved you and appreciated your involvement with the balloon race.



Marcus Matthews posted:

Prayer to the Family!

June 5 at 4:51 AM



Mike And Shirley Clements sent a Joyful Memory to the Aldridge family.



June 5 at 4:41 AM



Rick And Lori James posted:

Larry was one of the best men I have ever known. He was kind and generous... and could make you smile just by walking into the room. He will be missed greatly by so many. Praying for your family... for peace and comfort... and only the best of memories. Rick and Lori James

June 5 at 4:37 AM



Anonymous sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Aldridge family.



June 4 at 5:15 PM



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Gary And Debbie Green posted:

Kathy, We are so sorry for your loss. We hope that your memories and time will give you, Blake, and your family peace and comfort. Keeping you all in our prayers. Gary and Debbie Green

June 4 at 2:39 PM



Kathy Aldridge June 4 at 6:07 PM

Thank you for your prayers.



Jimmie And Kirk Green posted:

Kathy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. We are keeping you in our prayers. I didn't know Larry personally, but I feel like I did. I have known Kathy and his sister Sally for years and have kept Larry and the family in our prayers for a good while. God Bless you and comfort you during this time of loss. Lots of love.

June 4 at 6:42 AM



Kathy Aldridge June 4 at 8:12 AM

Jimmie, thank you for your prayers!



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Aldridge family.



June 4 at 5:48 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Aldridge family.



June 4 at 4:15 AM



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Yvonne Malmstrom posted:

When my mom called and told me of Larry's passing, I was heartbroken. Working with him at my dads office, he always made me laugh and smile even on days that were tough. He and Kathy even bought me my first cookie jar for my very own cookie jar collection. My thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and his family. He was an amazing person.

June 4 at 2:18 AM



Kathy Aldridge June 4 at 2:32 AM

That is a nice memory, thank you!



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Aldridge family.



June 3 at 6:08 PM



Casey Tobin posted:

My heart and thoughts are with you, Kathy, with Blake, and the many who loved and respected Larry. My daughter asked me how I would describe him, and I said, "Larry was the one everyone wanted to hang out with. Any time you were with him, you felt like he was only talking to you, and you were the most important person at that time." My favorite memory of Larry was skiing in Breckenridge and the silly sayings we came up with... I still remember a few. Larry was loved and adored by all who knew him. Much love! Casey (Bussey) Tobin

June 3 at 4:09 PM



Kathy Aldridge June 3 at 5:45 PM

Casey, thank you for your kind words, Larry always thought you were as funny as he was! Those Breckenridge ski/ballooning trips were always so fun:) Love you!



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Aldridge family.



June 3 at 2:46 PM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Larry.



June 3 at 2:46 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Aldridge family.



June 3 at 11:41 AM



Steven Lombardi posted:

I had the pleasure of knowing Larry through the Balloon Community and the Great Texas Balloon race. As a sponsor of the event, my go to guy was always Larry. No matter how busy, tired, hot, sweaty, angry, annoyed or frustrated he was when you called him, his response was always the same. I'll be right there. He will be missed. Prayers to the entire Aldridge family.

June 3 at 11:31 AM



Kathy Aldridge June 3 at 5:47 PM

Thank you Steve.



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JF

James Flemister posted:

I enjoyed working with Larry for several years and he was always willing to go above and beyond to help his customers and coworkers. He will be missed greatly. God bless his soul and his family.

June 3 at 4:09 AM

KA

Kathy Aldridge June 20 at 12:50 PM

Thank you for your kind words.

MC

Mike Colglazier June 5 at 6:08 AM

I was saddened to hear of Larry's passing. I worked with Larry going back to 2011 as the Marketing guy for the HOLT CAT Power Systems Division. Larry was the ringleader of the East Texas crew (Larry, Gary, Darrel, Luke and others). Larry is a good man and a great example to emulate that loved those around him. He even gave me a nickname of Stargazer (a play off my name of Mike Colglazier). I have many fond memories with Larry. I want you to know that Larry and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. He will be missed by many as the video is a testimony to the many he touched.

KA

Kathy Aldridge June 5 at 2:53 AM

Thank you for thinking of our family, Larry will be greatly missed.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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