



## Larry Dale Litke

August 12, 1943 - February 10, 2022

Larry Dale Litke was born in Lone Oak, Oklahoma on August 12, 1943. His parents were John Litke and Cora Blanche Newcomb Litke. The youngest of nine children, he was raised on “the family farm” just south of Kersey Corner west of Durant, Oklahoma. Larry attended school at Mead, Oklahoma where he played on the baseball and basketball teams.

After graduating high school, he attended six-months of basic training then joined the Oklahoma National Guard (seven years). He immediately moved to Oklahoma City, where he found employment with Sutherland Lumber Company. Sutherland quickly learned that Larry was a hard worker (having worked on the family farm with his siblings) and he rapidly moved up the ranks. Home Depot had heard of this “great guy” over at Sutherland and sent him an airline ticket to “come interview.” Larry was a most loyal employee and stayed with Sutherland until his retirement. He travelled round the country opening and closing many Sutherlands lumber stores. He retired as Regional Manager out of Nacogdoches, Tx.

While in Oklahoma City, Larry met and married Florence Carol Holcomb (1944-2016) on January 5, 1963. After retirement, Larry was able to finish the farmhouse he had started on property he had purchased in Salina, Oklahoma. He cleared the land and built a beautiful farmhouse at the base of the Ozark Mountains.

In June of 2016, Larry attended a high school reunion with the thought of running into his former high school sweetheart, Linda Hayes. From then on, they were inseparable and married January 7, 2017. They made their home in McKinney, TX where they had recently celebrated their fifth-year wedding anniversary. Larry liked to say that he had always loved his “little girlfriend”.

In January, Larry contacted Covid which went into his lungs and pneumonia developed. It was a rough journey and he fought hard against the disease, but his precious heart gave out before his lungs could heal.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Carol, siblings: Florence Marie, John Harold, Wilmer "Bill" Ralph, Donald Eugene, Neva Joyce, and Bobby Joe. Survived by sister Janet Jane and brother Gary Edward; his two sons, Lonnie Dale (Shawn) and Barry Keith (Tammy) and several grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, all who dearly loved their father, grandfather, and uncle. As did many of his brothers in law, sisters in law, close friends, and colleagues.

Larry was a wonderful, not good but GREAT person, Godly man, and mentor. He coached young men's wrestling (including his two sons) while in Amarillo. He gave many high school children an opportunity to work at his lumber stores. He had many fine qualities. He was tough but very sensitive. His youngest son recently commented that "dad was here doing God's work".

Services will be conducted by Dr. Mike Cox, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pryor, Oklahoma and Roger Speers, family treasure and pastor of Kemp Baptist Church, Kemp, OK. Pallbearers will be Jack Wells, Wendell Peoples, Tom Atkinson, Mike Taylor, Scott Belanger and Ronnie Hayes. Honorary pallbearers will be Chad York, Bill Hayes, Kevin Pool, Ron Litke, and Greg Johnson.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 1:30 PM at Brown's Funeral Chapel, Durant, Oklahoma. Mr. Litke will be laid to rest at Silo Restland Cemetery, Silo, Oklahoma where he will be interred with Military Honors. Respects can be made at Brown's Funeral Home. A private family viewing will be Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.brownsfuneralservice.com](http://www.brownsfuneralservice.com).

Arrangements are under the direction of Brown's Durant Funeral and Cremation Service.  
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4KH7W35K4SF5ZZSC>

# Previous Events

## Private Family Viewing

FEB 16. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant  
4900 West US Hwy 70  
Durant, OK 74701  
(580) 920-0393  
info@brownsfuneralservice.com  
<https://www.brownsfuneralservice.com/>

## Funeral Service

FEB 16. 1:30 PM (CT)

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## Interment

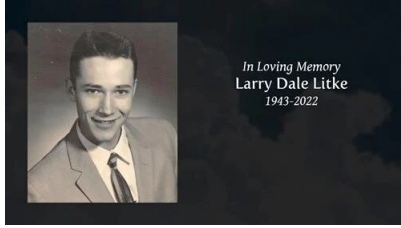
FEB 16 (CT)

Silo Restland Cemetery  
W. Bourne St.  
Silo, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown's Durant Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Dale Litke*



**Brown's Durant Funeral Service** - February 15, 2022 at 09:45 AM

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*Beautiful tribute to a devoted, talented husband. We are still in shock at Larry's passing. Only comforted by the knowledge he is with our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Ann Stewart** - February 15, 2022 at 03:10 PM



“ *Larry Dale Litke*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Litke.*



February 14, 2022 at 01:57 PM

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“ *Our Love, Mack and Gloria Lawrence purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larry Dale Litke.*



**Our Love, Mack and Gloria Lawrence** - February 12, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Litke.*



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February 12, 2022 at 05:13 PM