



Larry Russell Nolan

October 27, 1944 - May 27, 2018

Larry Russell Nolan, age 73, died peacefully in his sleep on May 27th, 2018 at his home in Durant, OK, due to natural causes from heart failure.

Larry was born October 27, 1944 in Athens, Texas, to father, Russell Joseph Nolan (who, at the time, was serving in the US Army in Europe in World War II), and mother, Bonnie Christine (Johnston) Nolan. He grew up in Trinidad, Texas.

Larry married his beloved wife of 50 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Joan (Henderson) Nolan, June 21, 1968 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Dallas. They moved to the Durant area in 1969 and have lived there since. Larry and Betty had two children; a son, Stephen Michael Nolan (Bryan, TX; spouse, Olga Nolan); and a daughter, Laura Elizabeth (Nolan) Koval (deceased; spouse, Michael Paul Koval, Durant). Larry and Betty, both professors at Southeastern Oklahoma State University (SOSU), enjoyed spending their summers together with the family at Lake Texoma: swimming, sailing, and waterskiing. Together, they have both been faithful members of the St. William Catholic Church in Durant for close to 50 years.

Larry graduated from Trinidad High School May 27, 1963; and from the Elkins Institute of Radio and Electronics in Dallas, Texas, July 27, 1965. He received an associate degree in arts from Henderson County Junior College in Athens, Texas, May 29, 1969; and completed both his Bachelor of Science degree from SOSU, July 31, 1970, and his Master of Education from SOSU, July 27, 1973.

Larry held a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) General Radiotelephone Operator License, and a General Class Amateur (ham) Radio Operator License (K5MWT). He was a passionate aviator, holding Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airplane Single- and Multi-Engine Land Instrument Commercial Pilot and Flight Instructor certificates, as well as Airframe & Powerplant Mechanic with Inspection Authorization, and Radio Repairman certificates. He was happiest when flying and especially enjoyed taking guests flying over Lake Texoma and Durant.

Larry retired in May 1997 from a 27-year career as a professor at SOSU. In addition to teaching, in 1975 he started Nolan Avionics, an aircraft electronics business at Durant Eaker Airport, and operated it as a family business, until his recent decline of health. He had also pioneered a business marketing his "Hiccups Away" cure.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; and his daughter. He is survived by his wife and son; brother, Gary Lee Nolan (Trinidad, TX; spouse, Kathy Yvonne Nolan); sister, Lisa Ann (Nolan) Horton (Fairfield, TX; spouse, Robin Christopher Horton); granddaughters, Audrey Marie Nolan (Phoenix, AZ) and Emily Elizabeth Nolan (Tucson, AZ); several nephews and nieces; and many relatives by marriage.

An open-casket viewing is to be held at Brown's Funeral Service, 4900 W Old Highway 70, Durant, OK on Friday, June 1st at 6:00 PM. A catholic funeral mass will be held at St. William Catholic Church, 802 W University Blvd, Durant, OK, Saturday, June 2nd at 11AM, Fr. Oby Zunmas presiding and Deacon Albert Miller co-presiding, followed by a family reception hosted by the ladies of the St. William Altar Society in the parish hall. Larry's final resting place will be in the Durant Highland Cemetery.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the St. William Catholic Church in Durant.

Previous Events

Family Hour

JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brown's Funeral Service - Durant
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Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Russell Nolan*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *Dear Larry will be missed. He was a great friend to my dad, Harold Lynn, as well as an asset to his community. Nothing was every a problem with Larry, he could always think of a solution. Once he heard that I wanted to get to Ok City and he offered a ride in his plane. He was a giving, good-hearted and intelligent man. My sincere condolences to his family and to the community that will miss him.*

Love to you all,

Judith Lynn Edwards

Judith Edwards - June 14, 2018 at 10:35 AM

GC

“ Dear Nolan Family, May God grant you peace during this difficult time. I feel compelled to share a memory that my father Harold Colvin (Barber in Trinidad) just shared with me. Dad purchased a black and white Motorola television set in Dallas, TX in the vicinity of 1955. Shortly after the purchase he started experiencing difficulties and frequently had to replace tubes to correct horizontal rolling. My father and Mother moved to Trinidad around 1958. Shortly after landing in Trinidad though the grapevine my father heard of Larry's interests in electronics and carried the television (in multiple pieces) to the Nolan Home. Larry must have been only 12-13 years old, he completed the repair in a week or so with results repairmen up to that point couldn't achieve! Dad said Larry fabricated a custom condenser that solved the rolling issue! As a child and pre-teen I remember this television very well, we just removed it from Dads shop this year still intact! On behalf of my Father, Mother, late Sister and all our family please accept our deepest condolences.
Sincerely, GW Colvin

GW Colvin - June 06, 2018 at 08:47 PM

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Angela Threadgill - May 30, 2018 at 10:17 PM

SR

I graduated from SOSU IN 1985. He taught me several subjects. He was a very good teacher. I remember his smiling face.
Dr. S.R.Hasan

srhasan - March 07, 2020 at 01:02 PM

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“ *Angela Threadgill lit a candle in memory of Larry Russell Nolan*



Angela Threadgill - May 30, 2018 at 10:04 PM

JS

“ *Another good man has left us. Larry Nolan was an excellent pilot and an expert in aviation electronics. Most of all, he was a good friend, always helpful. He will be among the select few who are especially missed.*

*Rick Wright
Retired Chemistry Faculty
Southeastern Oklahoma State University*

John R. Wright (retired faculty, SOSU) - May 28, 2018 at 04:35 PM

MK

Larry was more than a father-in law to me. A trusted friend with the biggest heart of any man. Love and miss you Larry Nolan !

*Mike Koval
Son in Law*

Mike Koval - May 29, 2018 at 07:30 PM

AT

Larry you will be missed. It was a great honor to have you in my life, you were the father of my best friend (aka little sister Laura). I know you are with her now and the two of you are flying high in the sky watching over us. My heart is broken but I also know you are in a better place and not hurting any more. I love you.

Angela Threadgill - May 30, 2018 at 10:03 PM

KA

Larry has traded his earthly wings for heavenly ones -- fly high dear friend. Till we meet again!

Kirk & Liz Ashton - June 03, 2018 at 03:03 PM