



## Larry Qualls

October 30, 1945 - November 10, 2022

Larry Eugene Qualls, 77, of Durant, Oklahoma earned his Heavenly reward on November 10, 2022, and was greeted by the loving arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Paul writes in Timothy 4:6-7 “I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.” Larry, “Marathon Man” Qualls crossed the finish line peacefully and victoriously with family by his side.

Larry was born to Thurman and Jennie Belle (Chaney) Qualls on October 30, 1945, in Madill, Oklahoma. He attended Madill High School where he was a three-sport athlete, earning All-State Honorable Mention honors in football, basketball, and track. After graduation in 1964, he enlisted in the Navy to serve his country in the Vietnam War. He was on the very first crew of the USS John F. Kennedy aircraft carrier supporting air strikes against North Vietnam. After his Honorable discharge in 1969, he attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He earned his Journeyman’s electrician License and then his contractor’s licenses in both electrical and HVAC. He founded Central Electric in 1972, leading as President and CEO for over 50 years. Under his direction, Central Electric helped build many of the buildings, churches, hospitals, schools and restaurants in Durant and southeastern Oklahoma.

Larry’s love for the Lord was evident in the many Sunday School classes he

taught, the gusto with which he would sing "Victory in Jesus," and the joy attending church services gave him. He served as a Deacon in the Northwest Church of Christ in Durant for many years and led the Benevolence Committee assisting needy families. He was one of the founders of the Durant Little League Football program in 1974, and a proud booster of Durant High athletics. Many will remember Larry as one of the best-known runners in the state. He was one of the very few runners to have completed every OKC Memorial Marathon since it began in 2001. He ran in eleven Boston Marathons and enjoyed traveling with friends and family all over the US for races. Larry loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Whether it was chasing the elk herd along the Continental Divide, striper fishing on Lake Texoma or camping in his beloved "deer woods" of the Kiamichi Wilderness, Larry worshipped God and his creation during all these activities.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother Jimmy, half-brothers Buck, Joe and Jerry Knight and a half-sister Betty Williford. Survivors are his son, Shoney Qualls and his wife Kim of Noble, OK; daughters Cherie Spencer and her husband Dwight of Sallisaw, OK and Allison Burris and her husband Darin of Celina, TX and their mother Karen Moss Qualls; seven grandchildren Katherine Qualls Fay and husband Evan, Thomas Qualls and wife Jessica, Elizabeth Maechler and husband Daniel, Grant Spencer, Harrison Burris, Milana Burris and Isla Burris; cousin J.A. Chaney of Tecumseh, OK; and many other nephews and nieces.

A celebration of his life will be held at the Durant Church of Christ on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1:00 PM. Shoney Qualls will officiate. Burial will be in Woodberry Forrest in Madill with Thomas Qualls, Dwight Spencer, Grant Spencer, Darin Burris, Harrison Burris, Evan Fay, J.A. Chaney, Daniel Maechler and Dean Phillips serving as pallbearers. The family will receive friends and family on Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM at the Funeral

Home. 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.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodberry Forest Cemetery

Madill, OK 73446

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

NOV **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 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/>

## Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Durant Church of Christ  
5312 N. 1st Ave.  
Durant, OK 74701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Qualls*

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ *I just found out about Larry's death and I am so sorry. Larry was my cousin and one of the most precious and kind people I have ever known. Any time I would call him with a report of my parents or other family members he would immediately come and always spent time visiting and showing his concern. He was truly one of my favorite cousins and I will miss him.*

**Debbie Qualls-Tull** - November 17, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ *Larry was a kind, caring person who always greeted people with a warm smile. He and his company helped us so many times through the years when we had a need. May the family be comforted in knowing that he is in God's care and keeping now. We will always remember Larry and the example he set.*

**Dan England** - November 16, 2022 at 03:01 PM



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



November 15, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 15, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 15, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 15, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 15, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 15, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 14, 2022 at 03:53 PM



“ *Care and Compassion Spray* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 14, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



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November 14, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ Wonderful person and a delight to be around. Have great memories of selling Madill Records as a kid and pleasant memories of school days.  
Class Or “64” Jerry Jacks  
May God receive him into his arms and surround the family in comfort.



Jerry Jacks - November 14, 2022 at 10:29 AM



A personal and family friend as well as neighbor in the sand point community of lake texoma. Always a smile greeting and caring attitude..... thank you, Larry.  
The Gary family

joe Ieland Gary - November 14, 2022 at 01:39 PM



Larry was always a very kind and sweet member of our Class of 64. I enjoyed our last visit at the class reunion. May God grant your family peace and comfort as Larry has received his rewards for serving our Lord Jesus Christ. 🙏✝️

Carolyn (Miller) Johnson - November 15, 2022 at 01:37 PM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.



November 13, 2022 at 06:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Larry Qualls.* ”



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November 12, 2022 at 04:56 PM