



Larry Rex Newport

March 26, 1951 - December 2, 2018

Larry Rex Newport, age 67, passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at his home in Spicewood, TX with his wife, Dawn Williams Newport, at his side. Larry was born on March 26, 1951 in Chico, CA to Hazel Louise Davis and Floyd Andrew Newport. Larry battled lung cancer for two years but he did not let his illness keep him from doing what he loved. Up until the last couple of months, you would typically find Larry & Dawn fishing in the cove or out on Lake Travis fishing for bass and catfish. He was known as “Catfish Larry” in the Paleface Ranch community.

Larry moved to Texas in 1979 and met the love of his life, Dawn Moore Williams in 1981. Larry did not have any children of his own. However, he was more than happy to share the delight of Dawn’s 3 children, Lisa, Renee and Tylon Jr and assume the role of Grandpa to 8 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. He enjoyed teaching the children how to fish and was a very patient “client” while his granddaughters practiced their make-up and hair styling skills on him.

Another one of Larry’s passions was baseball. He told numerous stories of his days in college when he was a pitcher for his school. In 1991, his alma mater, Shasta College flew him back to California where he was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame for continuing to hold the record for innings pitched. Larry continued to play baseball in the men’s “Over 40” league in

Austin, TX. His senior league even participated four times in the World Series playoffs in Phoenix, AZ. One of those times, his league came in 5th place.

Larry loved all sports. If you visited their home, you would generally find him in front of the TV watching a game. He enjoyed living in the country and hunting. Matter of fact, one of the homes he and Dawn lived in had a window in the shower stall that was just the right height to sit on a stool and rest his .22 rifle on the ledge. Between the fish and the venison, he was able to provide most of the meat they lived on. However, as time passed, Larry gave in to his gentle heart and began giving the deer names and following them each year to see who returned. That ended his deer hunting days but he still loved to eat Dawn's fried venison steaks.

Larry was a self-study carpenter by trade and learned from the best. He would watch others, study how and what they did, and learn everything he could from anyone that would teach him. He was very good at what he did and soon became the teacher. If you listened carefully, you might hear him say, "Now, pay attention! Everything affects everything!" How true that is.

Larry's final carpentry project was their home. In 2011, their home along with all their belongings, burned to the ground in the Spicewood Wildfires. With his knowledge and training as a carpenter, Larry was able to build a structurally safe-and-sound, wonderful home from the ground up. He could proudly say, "Everything affects everything."

Larry was a down-to-earth person and very private. He did not need, nor cared for a lot of "fussing" over him. With respect to his wishes, there was a simple graveside service for his burial on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at the Tumlinson Cemetery in Leming, Texas.

Larry is survived by his wife, Dawn Williams Newport, Dawn's children,

grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his brother, Terry Floyd Newport (Kathy) and Nephew, Andrew Floyd Newport (Elvida) of Red Bluff, California.

For family and friends, there will be a Memorial Celebration of Life, at 1:00pm on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at the LDS Church Bldg., 636 Oakhaven Rd., Pleasanton, TX 78064.

Larry will surely be missed by all but none more than his beloved and devoted wife, Dawn Williams Newport. Until we meet again, stay strong, learn everything you can and remember, "EVERYTHING AFFECTS EVERYTHING."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints
636 Oakhaven Rd.
Pleasanton, TX 78064

Tribute Wall

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“ One of my first memories of Larry, was time I spent outside their home and he was throwing baseballs. He told me about his time playing professional ball and about an upcoming game. He was so interesting I just wanted to hear more. Then he talked to me about his fishing adventures. I must say Larry loved the outdoors!!!! He was a hard worker and a good man.
Love you Dawn, I know you feel empty lots right now and time will help you replace that void with love and memories.

Katherine Moore - January 11, 2019 at 08:32 AM

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“ Larry communicated more thru his behavior than his words. As long as I knew him, he wasn't much for words and kept his feelings private. But he was always ready to teach a child to fish, no matter what age. I remember him helping my oldest granddaughter Abbie, now 18, to fish when she was about 2 years old. They had a child's yellow "Snoopy" fishing pole. He showed her how to bait the little hook and drop it into the water. Then mom would distract her while Larry slipped a little perch on her hook. He took such pleasure in watching the excitement of this little 2 year old reeling in her fish. Also, the time when a Boy Scout troop came out from Cedar Park to work on their fishing merit badge. He helped each one catch a fish but was amazed when this one Scout kept reeling in one fish after another.

The most important thing I remember was the devotion he had to my mother. I will forever be grateful and indebted to him for caring for my mom the way he did. Yes, he would frustrate her and drive her crazy (some of it on purpose, I think) but no one could question how much they loved and supported each other. Even though he didn't go to church, he would get up early on Sundays just to make sure mom's car was warm and in tip top shape so she wouldn't be late. While she was gone he would make sure the dishes were done and floors cleaned. That made Sunday's extra special for her. Larry was one of the few people that could hold a complete conversation only using a few words. His expressions and body language spoke volumes.

Larry left a legacy for me, my children and some of my grandchildren. He will be missed but we understand and look forward to the day when we will all be reunited.

I love you Larry❤️

Lisa Williams Shaw LaCaze

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