



Lawrence F. Bower

May 8, 1934 - September 29, 2016

Larry was born in Phoenix, Arizona on June 8, 1934. Soon after, the family moved to San Antonio, Texas. He attended St. Peter's Catholic School, Central Catholic High school, and graduated from St. Mary's University with a Business degree.

After his parents' deaths at the ages of 11 and 13, Bernie and Loretta Lamoureux and Larry's older brother, Jack, took over parenting. To keep Larry "out of trouble" Jack encouraged him to work at HEB Grocery store. While in high school, he started a small business repairing TVs and radios (this was the day of the tube).

During Larry's 42 years of service with HEB, he worked his way up from package boy to store manager. This was interrupted for 2 years while he was serving in the army in Germany.

At that time, the store managers had to "create" the displays. One of his favorites was when they moved a working single person airplane into the old Broadway HEB (taking out the front window) for a produce display.

Larry never lost his love for "tinkering" and "creating" things from a wheeled box go cart at the age of nine to working with motors and wood. Even before his children were born, he had neighborhood youngsters coming to ask if he

"could come out and play with them." As a store manager, he knew his customers so well that he would send someone to their home to check on them if they did not come to the store at their regular time.

Larry became a boy scout Webelo leader, served as lecturer at St. Gregory's church for several years, and helped with school festivals.

He married Janice Hrcir and had 4 children: Craig, Gary, Joanna and Deanna. Larry worked for HEB and then retired at the age of 56 to do the things he enjoyed: making gadgets in his garage (the original MacGyver), taking and printing photographs, taking his dogs for walks, satisfying his sweet tooth (secretly) and spending time with his 11 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter.

Larry was a man of few words who loved God, his family, and would often be seen at family gatherings pointing his finger towards one of us, so we would come over and "not tell your mother". He was creative, funny, crafty, and kind. Janice and Larry celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this past June. His family will miss him dearly.

A celebration of Larry's life will be Monday, October 3, 2016: Visitation 6:00 pm, Rosary 7:00 pm at Mission Park North. On Tuesday, October 4, 2016: Mass at St. Gregory the Great at noon. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Presentation Sisters, 8931 Callaghan, San Antonio, Texas, 78230.

The family sends a thank you to Mary, Regina, Deb, and the staffs at Wellmed and Amedisys Hospice for their care and support.

If you are ever driving through Schulenburg, Dad would've wanted you to stop by Kountry Bakery and enjoy the best donut ever made.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

OCT 3. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Service

OCT 4. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
700 Dewhurst
San Antonio, TX 78213
(210) 342-0281

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I worked with him in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and at H.E.B.. He taught me to do tune-ups and to do brake jobs. He made really good store displays, especially the light bulb display when he was GM manager at #24. He was a remarkable man. He is missed.

Bill Michael - October 03, 2016 at 10:01 AM

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“ I remember when we were young, Uncle Larry coming into Mike's and my room where he would keep the two of us laughing, for what seemed to be hours. Since Mike preceeded him I'm sure they are both reliving those memories. Along with Dad, Grandad, Grandma, and Uncle Mark, Uncle Bill, and Aunt Margaret. Sharon's and my deepest sympathies are with the whole Bower-Hrncir clan this day. Uncle Larry entertains the biggies tonight.

Tim Hrncir - October 03, 2016 at 10:01 AM

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“ My Uncle Larry was a sweet, gentile but authoritative man who gave his nephews an interesting view of life as youngsters. One memory is sitting directly underneath the San Antonio airport lights near the landing strip on a hot summer night while Uncle Larry was listening to the control tower guide the plane in for landing on his special band RadioShack radio. He made it seem he himself was talking to air traffic control & he may have been. He always let us revel in the fact that he was an HEB store manager & maybe one day we could accomplish great things. Larry was a rare hybrid of a man with technical genius and soft skills enough to ingratiate people. He enjoyed his life & accomplishments and created enough time to enjoy what he proudly earned in retirement. God speed to you Uncle Larry & now you know the mystery eternal life holds for us all.

Claude A. Lamoureux, Nephew - October 03, 2016 at 10:00 AM

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“ *Such an amazing testament to such an amazing man. Prayers for your family.* ”

Lori Calzoncit - October 03, 2016 at 10:00 AM