



Oscar Leslie Lawson

September 2, 1937 - January 8, 2011

LAWSON

Oscar L. Lawson, born to Oscar W. and Elia Lawson, on September 2, 1937, died Saturday, January 8, following a stroke. He is survived by his wife Rose Mary Ochoa Lawson and children: daughter Katherine L. Barry, and her children Midori and Jade; son Christopher and his wife Vanessa and their children Michael, Katrianne, Nicole and Abby; son James and his wife Zonia Lawson; and son John and his wife Kathy and their children Kevin, Kaitlin and Gabrielle; brothers: Eleazar and his wife Janie Lawson and Robert and his wife Olga Lawson, and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and grandnieces. Oscar was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Danny and Richard.

Oscar was a great father, husband, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. Through a long career in music and entertainment, he reached out and touched many people who consider him a friend and all-around good person.

A devout Catholic, his mission was to have his children and grandchildren educated in the faith. In recent years he has been a driving force in the St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Acts Retreat and also taught CCD Confraternity of Christian Doctrine at St. Gregory The Great Catholic Church.

He began his career in music in 1956 when he and Henry Hernandez started

the Royal Jesters group. As teenagers at Lanier High School, Oscar, along with Hernandez and Louis Escalante, are credited with inventing the "West Side Sound", probably the first Hispanics to perform "doo-wop." Touring Texas, Las Vegas and other locations, they provided '50s rock and roll to many generations. In 2005 the Royal Jesters were nominated on the Grammy's 48th anniversary for the Best Tejano album "Odyssey The Journey." Lawson also created the Texas Talent Music Association which gave birth to the Tejano Music Awards. For more than 20 years, Oscar was an award-winning documentary producer who traveled the world for humanitarian stories for the Hispanic Telecommunications Network's "Nuestra Familia" program.

Visitation begins at 5 p.m. and the rosary will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr. The Rite of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 1710 Clower. Interment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery #2. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Oscar L. Lawson St. Mary Magdalen Acts Retreat Scholarship Fund; account at a Security Service FCU branch.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at www.missionparks.com under the obituary section.

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RC

“ Rose Mary i was so sorry to hear of your sweet Oscar's passing. I know how hard it is to lose someone you love so dear.I'm lifting you and your family up in prayer,for God to heal your broken hearts, and fill them with joy and peace that surpasses all und

Rose Ann Falcon Cadena - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Anne Marie and I just want to say that you and Oscar are in our thoughts and prayers. Oscar will be sorely missed, but his memory will live on with everyone's thoughts of how he made their lives better.

Jerry and Anne Marie Hopp - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ MY DEEPEST SYMPATHIES, OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY.YOUR MUSIC WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART .MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.

JOE LOPEZ - January 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Rose Mary I was so saddened when Greg let me know of this. My thoughts and prayers have been continuously with you all during this time of sorrow. Oscar was so kind to us at all times and I've always admired him for his beautiful family. May he rest in pea

Eddie Molina - January 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ My deepest sympathy to the Lawson Family. My mom, Rosemary, worked with Oscar for many years at HTN and I had the pleasure of knowing him through her. May God be with your family during this difficult time and always.

Sissy Cantu

MaryEsther Cantu Kitaen - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ I've only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Lawson a few times. I'm friends with Vanessa Chris's wife. She always said that he was a very nice man and a wonderful Grandfather. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Michelle Rodriguez - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Our deepest condolences and our thoughts and prayers to the Lawson Family. We all grew up to the sounds of the Royal Jesters.

Gavia - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ My friend Oscar, I am sure that God wellcome you with open arms to heaven for your unselfish devotion here on earth. I remember you when we were kids and live at the Alazan courts and through out high school. I will pray for soul. May you rest in peace. A

Alfred G.Tovar - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Rosemary Oliva - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ My deepest condolences to the family of my brother in christ, Oscar. My prayers are with you. I had the pleasure of knowing him thru our ACT'S Community. May the light of perpetual shine upon him. May our Lord Jesus comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Maria Rubio - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SE

“ Oscar you are going to be sorely missed,from our family to yours.I just wanted to thank you for coming to my brothersLouieservice last Feb.2010. that was the kind a person that you were,always looking out for the little guy.May God Bless you and your fami

Samuel Escarcega - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ I am saved today because of the love and concern Oscar and Henry both had for lost Musicians during religious study in one of their homes by Balcones Heights. By their dedication to God and love of fellow nusicians, they took my wife and I by the hand and

William A. Lowry - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Dear James and John,
My condolences to the both of you and your families. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Jenny Gonzales Rubio - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HV

“*Rose Mary and family,
We mourn your loss and pray for each one of you to have the
strength and courage to carry on your husband and father’s legacy.
Your husband and father was a man of faith, wisdom and great
capacity for understanding the human*

Helen M. Vasquez - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“*May you find comfort in knowing that you are not alone during your
time of loss. We will be praying a rosary daily for the rest of the
week. Remember what Jesus says, "Blessed are they who mourn,"
because they know that God can and will comfort them in an*

Dcn. Jessie & Philis Esquivel - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GV

“*To family and friends of Oscar Lawson. I feel your pain which
anything I say will not remove from your hearts and minds. Oscar,
The Royal Jesters and I go back along time, on the radio when I
aired their recordings, at dances and Oscar at one time gave me*

Gilbert Villarreal - January 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“*I grew up with Oscar in San Antonio and shared many childhood
adventures. Oscar and another dear friend, Tony Ochoa introduced
me to the Church and helped me join the Solidarity of Mary at
Iglesia Guadalupe, a great influence in my life. I shall always be*

Ross Ayversone - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Oscar and I were next door neighbors on Brazos St. His dad and I shared great times drawing and painting and listening to him play the marimba. I can still visualize Oscar singing in a Lanier talent show "I've got the sun in the morning and the moon at ni

Antonio G. Cantu - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Rose Mary I'm so sorry for your lost. With heartfelt Sympathy.. My Deepest Sympathy on you lost.. Please accept my sincere condolence on your loss May God be with you in this hours of Grief. Remember My Sister Pauline and him are singing in heaven&helli

Blanch Alejos - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Rose Mary: It was an honor for me to have worked with Oscar for 10 years at HTN. Oscar was a mission-committed person who did an enormous amount of good for people, giving them faith and hope. In your loss you do have much to be thankful for in this fi

Dick Hirsch - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dear Rose Mary
I was deeply saddened to hear of Oscar's passing. I wish my heartfelt condolences to you, your children, and family.
I knew Oscar at Lanier as my schoolmate and friend. Oscar's persona and singing bring back many fond memorie

Ralph C. Ratcliff - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Besides his legendary accomplishments in the Latino music industry, Oscar dedicated the second chapter of his professional career to helping tell the life stories of Latino Catholics across the nation, Latin America and beyond. From interviewing immigrant

Roberto and Rosie Gutierrez - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Dear Rosemary, our family is saddened by the passing of your husband and a dear friend Oscar Lawson. We will miss him. God bless you and your family! Keep his memories in your hearts!

Jose Mary Limon and Family - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

H5

“ Rosemary, please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Oscar, but most importantly may the memories of you and Oscar give you strength for the rest of your life.
Take care of yourself the best way you can. Oscar and I were cadets at Sidney Lanier H

Henry Jimenez, Class of 58 - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My deepest sympathies to the Lawson Family. The music industry has lost a talented man.

*Rudy Reyes
Class of '56*

Rudy Reyes - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ My deepest, heartfelt condolences to Rosemary, Christopher, Katherine, John and James on the loss of your beloved husband and father. My dad, Victor Alvarado, played with the Jesters from the early 60’s through their retirement; in 1977 and my earliest

Maria Victoria Alvarado Castillo - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Rose Mary, Chris, Katherine, James and John

Your family has a special place in our hearts. With deepfelt sorrow we offer our condolensces to you. We have fond memories of times shared with you. Oscar will be greatly missed by all especially you all a

Maria Hilda Pinon - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. Oscar was always a kind and gentle Man,he will be missed by all. Vaya Con Dios

Michael Gutierrez - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ To condolences to the Lawson families. Just hearing the family how they love to be together. Elida Milland, loves the family so much, how they love her daughter Zonia, the day James Lawson married her in 2001. Zonia talk about her in-laws so much and how

Beatrice Lama - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *The first time I danced with the man I would eventually marry was at a dance that the Royal Jesters were playing at. We danced all night to that wonderful music. 36 years later, every time we here their music, no matter where we are at, we start dancing.*

Martha Gutierrez - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ *I listen to the Royal Jesters songs every weekend my kids know who the Jesters are Thank you Oscar for the music you made people sing Thank you for the good times The Royal Jesters Forever.*

ray.hernndez - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ *Our deepest condolences to the LAWSON family.Oscar we want you to know that you made a difference. May you rest in peace.*

Ernest E. Gallardo - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *I've known Oscar since I was in Grade School. Me and Diane use to go to the St. Frances' Dances where the Royal Jesters were playing. I thought it was so cool because we would get in free. Oscar is Diane's uncle, and Diane and I had been friends for a lon*

Susan Castano - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ Dear Rosemary, Christopher, Katherine, James and John:
I was deeply saddened by the passing of Oscar, your husband and father. He was a man among men, compassionate, humble, devoted to his family, his work, and his Lord. His passion for music jus

Judyjane Vasquez-Witte - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Mi querida amiga Rosie,nos quedamos con los hermosos recuerdos de esos días tan fabulosos que pasamos con ustedes,ya tenemos un angelito que desde el cielo nos cuidará;fue un hombre fuera de serie,excelente esposo, padre y amigo verdadero...nuestro corazó

Gloria y Carlos Amezcua - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ Oscar was a great friend, an excelent coworker,a brother. He was a men devoted to his family. It was a previlage work with him for more than twenty years. He always surprised me with new facets of his life. I admired him for his honesty and his sence of

Carlos Amezcua - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My family and I wish to express our most sincere and heartfelt condolences to each and everyone of Oscar's family, his wife Rose Mary, his daughter Katherine, his sons Christopher, John and James. I know all the stories printed about Oscar are true-he wa

Jesse Peralta - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My condolences to the Lawson family. As a 1966 graduate of Fox Tech I'll always have those happy memories of dancing to the music of the Royal Jesters. Thank you Oscar, and God bless you.

Roland G. Maldonado - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ Lawson Family, I was so saddened to hear of Oscar's passing. Oscar was truly one of the finest men I have ever met. As a young editor at HTN I worked closely with Oscar for several years. He was a fun, gentle, honest and fair man; a role model and a man

Pablo San Martin Jr - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ We pray that God will comfort all of the Lawson family and friends. Our family Louis Escalante's nieces and nephew had the privilege of being at the Royal Jesters Reunion in Oct. It was a gift from God to all. Oscar's memorial of service to God will go on

Beatrice Saenz - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My condolences to the Lawson family on Oscar's passing, my Lanier classmate of 1957. I was pleasantly surprised in 1997 when I saw Oscar, Dimas G. and Henry H. at a Tejano Showcase in Las Vegas. A long way from the school assembly/talent show where I fi

Arturo Art Flores - January 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Monsieur Lawson, as I used to called Oscar, was a person with a great sense of humor but specially a person with a great heart. I felt so deeply his departure but my heart is at peace as I already know he is in a much, much better place. So long friend.*

José Alfaro - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *To have known Oscar was to have loved him. I arrived in San Antonio back in 2002 and Oscar was the first to make me feel welcome. Our time sharing the office was short, but I have many good memories, most of them funny ones, and all of them happy ones. I*

Manny Evans - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Rosemary, I am so glad to have reconnected with you, Oscar, Henry and Libet in October at the VFW after so many years. I cannot imagine what you are going through right now. Richard and I are so sad to hear that Oscar is gone, but definitely not forgotten*

Maria M. Carrillo - January 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM