

Larry R. Arnel

April 27, 1943 - January 10, 2017

Larry Arnel
1943 – 2017

Larry Arnel, 73, of Muskogee, Oklahoma went to be with the Lord, Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 surrounded by his family. Born on April 27, 1943 in California, Larry graduated from Henryetta High School before moving to Muskogee, Oklahoma. As a teen, Larry gave his life to the Lord and later joined the congregation at Immanuel Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma along with his wife, Mary Ann Cooper Arnel, whom he married in 1981. Mary Ann, his best friend and soul mate, was a constant by his side until he left this earth.

Larry was the voice of KBIX radio in Muskogee, Oklahoma for over 20 years while serving as the Director for the station. In addition to his time at KBIX, Larry was also the announcer for Muskogee Rougher sports and Thunderbird Speedway and quickly became known as “The Voice of Muskogee.” In 1972, Larry became the world record holder for his participation of a Wake-A-Thon where he broadcasted live for 192 hours to raise money for the Mayor’s Council for Drug Abuse which raised a total of \$11,000. The city of Muskogee held a parade and a dance in his honor and Mayor Robert, H. Lomax designated a Tuesday in October, 1972, as “Arnel day”. Following his radio career, he served as a Muskogee Police Department 911 operator as well a

federal and private security officer.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Eva Mae and Lewis Ernest of Henryetta, Oklahoma, his brother, Jerry Ernest of Sapulpa, Oklahoma and furry babies Maggie Mae and Lucy Lou of the home.

Larry leaves behind a large loving family including seven children, Laura Trussell, Darryl Arnel, Delana Niece, Tammy Turney and Lori Jorgenson all of Muskogee, Calli Mathers of Tulsa and Calvin Roberts of Oklahoma City, their families, two furry children, Lucy and Holly of the home, numerous grandchildren and great children, as well as a host of family, friends and fans.

Funeral services honoring Larry's life will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Greenhill Cemetery with Ben Mathers, Brian McCain, Calvin Roberts, Darryl Arnel, Lon Turney, Mark Mathers, Ron Niece and Shelby Brassfield serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Buck Thornton, Clifton Trussell, Frank Hardcastle, Harley Hamm, Sr., James Dennis, James Tye, Leon Seifried, Lou Kelly, Major Marion Parson, Odel Pamplin, Roger Lee, Russell Blankenship Tim Gilmore and Tom Foy.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 9:00 AM - 5:30 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

JAN 15. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

JAN 16. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home Chapel
1830 N. York St.
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry R. Arnel*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



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



January 16, 2017 at 04:19 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - January 16, 2017 at 04:02 PM



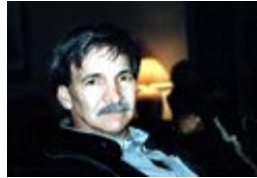
“ *Scott, Tracy, Jackson & Addi Wagner purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Larry R. Arnel.*



Scott, Tracy, Jackson & Addi Wagner - January 16, 2017 at 02:31 PM



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - January 16, 2017 at 11:38 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Larry R. Arnel*.



January 14, 2017 at 06:10 PM

JB

“ Larry was my mentor and my friend. Kind and patient when I was a radio newbie more than 40 years ago, Larry taught me the practical things to know & do in radio, giving me (& countless others) what no amount of college education could begin to touch. His was the voice people knew and whom they knew they could trust. When Larry became the voice many heard answer the phone when they called 911, he calmed and comforted even when the caller was overwhelmed, terrified, confused. Larry was always a gentleman, preferring to build up, not tear down. He had that rare gift of convincing people that he believed in them, that they could do anything, even when they didn't yet know that's what they really wanted to do. We who were blessed to know Larry and work with him are sad now, but Heaven has gained a very special shining light. Thank you, Larry.



Jacqueline Scott Bateman - January 12, 2017 at 08:46 AM

MJ

“ I was so sad to hear about Larry's passing. I grew up with Larry. We went to the same school, our families knew each other. Larry, was a great and kind person. He was always smiling. I'll always remember his big smile. He was easy going, got along with everyone. He adored his kids so much. I remember him when his kids were little he would fuss over them. He was a proud daddy. Larry, you will be missed so much. Love to you and your wonderful family ❤️🌟

Mary Jobe-Bullard - January 12, 2017 at 01:33 AM

MJ

“ *Mary Jobe-Bullard lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Arnel*



Mary Jobe-Bullard - January 12, 2017 at 01:25 AM

DT

“ *Deanna Turnham lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Arnel*



Deanna Turnham - January 11, 2017 at 10:54 PM

KM

“ *Kimberly McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Larry R. Arnel*



Kimberly McDaniel - January 11, 2017 at 08:10 PM