



Larry Canoy

May 15, 2019

Larry Albert Canoy, of Lexington, passed away May 15, 2019 at 1:51 A.M. at Lexington, OK. Larry was born March 15, 1938 in Sikeston, Missouri to Albert G. and Delores (Beal) Canoy. As a child, Larry grew up living in Sikeston, MO, Amarillo, TX and Duncan, OK. As an adolescent the family located to Carthage, TX where Larry spent many happy years. On May 26, 1956, Larry graduated from Carthage High School. He was a member of the CHS Football Team and was not shy to speak well of his Alma Mater. Following High School, Larry attended Panola Junior College in Carthage before enlisting in the Texas National Guard, and subsequently, the United States Army. Larry was honorably discharged from military service on February 28, 1963. He was a proud veteran and was ever quick to talk of his deployment to Germany during the tense years of the Cold War. On August 18, 1960, Larry was united in matrimony to Edith Marie Wood in Tyler, TX. To this union three sons, were added, Rusty, Ricky and Randy. In the early days of marriage, Larry and Edith lived in Carthage and Tyler. During those years, Larry owned and operated a service station, an LP gas business and was briefly employed by the General Electric Corporation. In 1966, Larry, Edith and family moved to Duncan, OK and Larry took up employment with Skelly Oil Company at the Velma Gas Plant in Velma, OK. He continued with Skelly until the company was purchased by Getty Oil Company and later Texaco. He was a capable and competent employee of these companies and never failed to go beyond the call of duty in order to accomplish the task at hand. By the fall of 1999, Larry was happy to retire from the oil & gas industry after 34 years of dedicated service. He was a long time officer and president of the International Union of Operating Engineers. During his years of retirement, he could be found playing golf with his friends, working feverishly on his well-kept & manicured lawn, sitting pleasurably on the front porch and doing whatever was required to keep "the boss" satisfied. An occasional game of solitaire on the computer would not have been out of the question. Larry was a faithful husband and father who took his role of providing for and protecting his family very seriously. While he projected an outward persona of toughness, he was a man of deep feeling and tenderness. His love for his family was never doubted and was constantly affirmed by his actions and often by his words. Over the years, Larry could be found participating in the Citizens Band Radio Club in Duncan, coaching Mity-Mite Football,

attending Duncan Demon Football games throughout the 1970's, making frequent trips shuttling the wife and kids back and forth from Duncan to Tyler, wetting a hook in Lake Humphreys, and enjoying a cup of coffee with friends at "The Chisholm". Larry was a Christian and member of the First Baptist Church of Duncan, OK. He was, as well, a member of the Masonic Lodge. He was highly intelligent, incredibly well-spoken, very hard working and when the situation called for it, a bit hot tempered. Larry was dearly loved by his family, appreciated by his friends and respected by all who knew him.

Larry was preceded in death by:

His father, Albert G. Canoy

Mother, Delores Canoy

Brother, Michael David (Mickey) Canoy and

Grandchildren, Ryan Taylor Canoy and Sarah Elizabeth Canoy.

Larry is survived by:

Wife, Edith Canoy of Lexington;

Sons, Rusty Canoy and wife Amy of Lexington, OK,

Rick Canoy and wife Debra of Anchorage, AK and

Randy Canoy and wife Mendy of Rush Springs, OK.

Grandchildren, Carrie Canoy, Lindsey Canoy, Allyssa Canoy, Caleb Canoy,

Victoria Munn and Tate Canoy;

Great grandchildren, Kael Frankie Hobbs, Emmilyn Grace Canoy,

Olive Rose Canoy and Henley James Canoy;

Cousin, Norman Woods & family of Sikeston, MO.

Larry is also survived by a host of loving nephews and nieces as well as many friends.

A special work of thanks is to be extended to Dr. Bryan Dye, the excellent & exceptional staffs at Westbrook Retirement Center, Lexington Nursing Home and Valir Hospice.