



Larry Wayne Bale

November 16, 1943 - February 9, 2024

Larry Wayne Bale, age 80 passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, February 9, 2024. Larry was born November 16, 1943, to John T. and Sylvia Audrey (Bonham) Bale in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

On January 24, 1965, Larry and the love of his life Sandra exchanged vows. After their marriage, the two were inseparable for fifty-nine years.

Even at a young age, Larry wanted to inspire others. He attended college and earned his bachelor's in mathematics and a minor in history from Northeastern State University and later received his master's from the University of Arizona.

Larry was a devoted math teacher at Caney Valley High School and loved helping children learn, even his own girls and grandchildren. He also taught at Independence Community College from which he retired at the age of 70.

After retirement, you would often find him tutoring at the Wesleyan Christian School. He was an educator through and through to the very end.

Larry had many accomplishments in his life including being a member of the marching band through college, attending ROTC, singing tenor in the church quartet, and being a loving father to his three daughters. He enjoyed collecting stamps, coins, gardening, running 5K races, competing in the church softball league, and serving at the Dewey and Bartlesville Senior Centers. He truly had a servant's heart.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents as well as his three brothers and three sisters.

His memory will forever live on with his wife Sandra, their three daughters and their spouses, nine grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Larry's family will miss his goofy remarks, his big heart, and his contagious smile.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **10**. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory
1600 SE Washington Blvd.
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-4300
info@stumpff.org
<https://www.stumpff.org>

Memorial Service

FEB **24**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dewey First Church of God
222 South Osage
Dewey, OK

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Bale.



February 21, 2024 at 08:10 AM



“ I have not known Larry very long he sat at table with us and he was very kind and many times offered to take my lunch tray after I was finished. We all enjoyed his company Larry will be missed by all. We will keep Larry and his family in our prayers. Peggy LaRochelle



Peggy LaRochelle - February 13, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Me and my brother had many childhood days with Larry We enjoyed hunting Turtle Doves with our beanie flips. Of course, we would all three have starved to death relying on our skills. I well remember JT and Audrey. Our family also attended First church of God in the 50's. I remember the milk Cow that JT had in the south lot next to their home. I thought that was really cool.

I'm so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I hadn't seen Larry for over 60 years but was able to see him at my cousin's funeral just a couple of weeks ago. Rest in peace Larry.

Ken Duncan - February 11, 2024 at 03:12 PM

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“ Larry, better known as Mr. Bale was a great guy. He was my teacher for a very short 3 weeks when I transferred to Business Math as I did not have enough patience to care about $x-y=z$ back then. Later he was my Boss at Bale's Drive-In. He came to relieve his wife after school so she could tend to the girls at home. He has a sense of humor and smiled lots. I like to think I taught him about the food service business 😊 He will be missed and I send hugs and love for his surviving family. 🌸👤

Lori Moreland Minnabarriet - February 09, 2024 at 11:22 PM