



Larry Dale Corley

April 10, 1944 - July 14, 2021

Larry Dale Corley, 77, of Fort Gibson, was born April 10, 1944 in Paris, AR to John and Blanche (Cravens) Corley and peacefully passed away Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at his home.

He grew up in Coweta and later met and married the love of his life, Carol Sue Nichols on November 25, 1966 in Coweta. Larry was devoted to his family and gave them endless love and memories they will cherish forever. They shared 56 years, 7 months and 19 days of life, marriage and precious memories. He will always be remembered as a devoted husband and father who loved his family and friends unconditionally.

Larry enlisted in the United States Navy in 1968 in Muskogee and was honorably discharged as a Lieutenant in Newport, RI in 1979.

He continued his education receiving a Bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University and a Masters' degree from Tulsa University and Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Larry was a Teacher and Administrator for many years. Teaching at Haskell Public Schools, before serving in the Navy. He also taught at Middletown, RI Public Schools, Coweta Public Schools as an Administrator/Teacher, Fort Gibson Public Schools as an Administrator/Teacher and also worked at ICTC in Muskogee. In 2006 he retired from his teaching career. Larry and Carol started a new career as owners and operators of an Antique Shop in Fort Gibson.

He was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in every city he lived in.

Larry was a member of the Frank Gladd American Legion Post #20 in Fort Gibson.

In Larry's spare time he was a passionate fisherman, loved hunting, woodworking and enjoyed traveling. But most of all he loved spending time with family and friends.

Larry is lovingly survived by his wife, Carol of the home; son, Joshua John Corley of Fort Gibson; granddaughter, Erin Rae Corley of Fort Gibson; brothers, Bruce Corley and wife Linda of Benbrook, TX and Bill Corley and wife Donna of Conroe, TX; sister, Charlotte Weir and husband Bob of Claremore, OK; brother in laws, Jim Nichols of Wagoner and Larry Wallace of Mannford, OK; brother in laws and sister in laws, Jane and Dane Fleming of Astor, FL and Buz and Trish Nichols of Mennard, TX; sister in laws, Polly Hogan of Coweta and Jo Ellen Corley of Coweta; many nieces, nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ken Corley; sister, Sharon Wallace; and sister-in-law, Barbara Nichols.

Larry will lie in state from 12PM-7PM Wednesday, July 21, 2021 with family receiving friends 5PM-7PM, at Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson.

A service Celebrating Larry's life will be 11:00AM Thursday, July 22, 2021 at Fort Gibson First Baptist Church with Pastor Danny Gandara and Pastor Nate Capps officiating.

Committal prayers and interment will follow at 2:00PM at Haskell Cemetery in Haskell, OK with Charlie Moore, Derek Hogan, Rome Nichols, Scott Corley, Jason Corley, Seth Corley and Mark Fleming serving as casket bearers.

The family of Larry Dale Corley has entrusted his care, service and burial to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson, OK. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left for the family at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 21. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Family Visitation

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home (Fort Gibson)
1224 E Poplar St
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
(918) 478-2555

Celebration of Life

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 E Hickory
Fort Gibson, OK 74434

Committal Service

JUL 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

Haskell Cemetery
1700 North Chickasaw ave
Haskell, OK 74436

Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Dale Corley*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Larry was my Geometry teacher in Haskell and made that subject my favorite.*

I remember taking him along on a dove hunt in the Choska bottom.

When asked why he chose a single shot, he replied that it improved his aim, as you only have one chance at a bird.

Pretty much describes how we should view life.

Larry, may the Lord bless you with eternal peace.

You are a good guy whom I wished I could have become better friends with over the years.

Jack L. Rhodes (Buddy)

Jack L. Rhodes - July 18, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Love, The Houston and Austin Corleys purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Larry Dale Corley.*



Love, The Houston and Austin Corleys - July 17, 2021 at 02:46 PM

DP

“ Larry Corley was always a gentle giant, and I loved seeing him when I was in high school in Fort Gibson. Later, when I came home from Florida for visits, I would always stop into the antique store to chat with him and Carol who was my art teacher for 4 years. He always had a story for me and always made me laugh. After I graduated high school, I was fortunate enough to take a once in a lifetime trip with both of them and the OK Gadabouts. It was like traveling with family. I know he will be missed deeply, sending my thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Corley, Josh, Erin and the rest of his family and friends.
~Debbie (Hayward) Peters



Debbie Peters - July 17, 2021 at 02:43 PM

JH

“ James Harris lit a candle in memory of Larry Dale Corley



James Harris - July 16, 2021 at 10:22 PM

DS

“ When Larry would pass thru the Lawton area, he would stop by the store, Gibson's Discount Center, where I worked and say "hi" while checking out the hot wheels. Always made my day. Didn't happen often but, once was enough to make me feel special, that's just the man he was. Prayers for Carol, Polly and family.

Dana Shea - July 16, 2021 at 07:29 PM

MC

“ Mr. Corley was my Geometry teacher many years ago. He was such a fun teacher but alas, math was the bane of my existence. Nevertheless he was one of my favorite teachers, regardless of his expertise. When he and Carol bought the antique store my daughter and my husband started frequenting it almost weekly and as a result my daughter fell in love with the two of them. It is such a blessing to me that my daughter had opportunity to know and love someone who touched my life so long ago and in turn, now, has also touched her life. Carol our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you.

Marcy Colley - July 16, 2021 at 09:51 AM

BC

“ This is our favorite picture of Larry. His brother, Bill is on the left and his brother Bruce is on the right. It reminds us of how much he made us laugh, how much he loved to hunt and fish- ok mostly fish, how he made you feel loved and protected.



Bill Donna Corley - July 16, 2021 at 07:16 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Dale Corley.



July 16, 2021 at 12:59 AM