



Larry Joe Fisher

March 8, 1951 - January 31, 2022

Larry Joe “Pops” Fisher, age 70 of Thorndale, passed away Monday morning, January 31, 2022, at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Temple.

Services for Larry are scheduled for 2:00 pm Sunday, February 6, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Thorndale with Pastor Craig Schinnerer officiating. Burial will follow in the Salty Cemetery and guests are invited to gather with the family back at St. Paul’s Family Activity Center after the burial. Prior to the funeral, the family will receive guests at a visitation from 6:00-8:00 pm Saturday, February 5 at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale.

Larry Joe was born at home March 8, 1951, the third son of William Franklin “Billy” and Imogene (Cook) Fisher and raised on the family land in the Salty community. Larry attended Thorndale ISD, graduating in 1969. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where he and Jennifer Sue Patschke, the love of his life, were married on July 11, 1970. Larry worked 45 years at ALCOA as an industrial electrician, retiring in April 2014 as one of the last workers at the Rockdale plant. On his last day at the plant, he rescued a scraggly kitty that became his faithful companion, Patches.

Larry devoted his time outside of work to his family and to his community. After more than two decades as an active fireman, where he acted as President for a time, Larry became an honorary member of Thorndale

Volunteer Fire Department. He was an elected member of the Thorndale ISD School Board for 22 years and proudly supported his Bulldogs in sports, band, One Act Play, and more all over the state. He was a past director of both the Milam County United Way and Thorndale Chamber of Commerce and a proud member of United Steelworkers of America 4895 holding many offices including PAC chairman. Larry attended many state conventions as a union delegate and lobbied nationally for the Steelworkers and rights of all workers.

Larry's outside interests also included hunting, fishing, and working on firearms. This last interest led to him getting certified in gun repair and he opened Fisher's Gun Shop in 1985. As someone who never met a stranger, his gun repair and dealings led to many friendships and connections with people all across Texas. He had a keen interest in history and hunted and collected Native American artifacts, easily stumbling across beautiful arrowheads all around Central Texas. When the kids were young, Larry coached little league and umpired games, helping generations of Bulldogs get their start on the diamond. He also had a green thumb, planting and harvesting pecans and many kinds of fruit, ready for Jennifer and the family to turn in to jellies, jams, and desserts.

He loved his family and enjoyed family reunions and cooking and planning for those festivities as a "keeper of history and tradition" for the Fisher, Cook, Hollowell, and Richardson lines. He also enjoyed planning and working on various events for St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, especially the annual Chili Supper where he used his personal recipe to prepare the first (and only) roaster of chili for the inaugural Chili Supper in 1984. After many years leading volunteer efforts for this event, he handed the reins to his nephews, and then to his son and nephew and their families. In addition to cheering for his Bulldogs and Aggies, Larry proudly supported his St. Paul Lions and was among the loudest and most faithful fans in maroon and gold, maroon and white, or royal blue and white.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Imogene Fisher, brother Jerry Lynn Fisher, and father-in-law, Ernest Patschke.

Left to celebrate and remember Larry is his wife, Jennifer, of Thorndale: their children, Khrys of New Orleans, LA, Billie Jo of Astoria, NY, and Adam (Courtney) of Thorndale: three grandchildren, Emmerson, Hannah, and Jake; brothers, Jim Fisher of Salty and Keith (Debra) Fisher of Salty; sisters-in-law, Donna Fisher of Thorndale, Gayle Daniell (Tommy Roberts) of Thorndale; mother-in-law, LauraBelle Patschke of Thorndale; a number of beloved nieces and nephews and cousins and in-laws; and his beloved cat, Patches.

Serving as Pallbearers: Brian Fisher, Terry Fisher, Jason Fisher, Colby Fisher, Brandon Daniell, Derek Daniell, Micah Merz, Nikolas Merz, Jeff Olbrich, and Jake Fisher

Honorary pallbearers include members of the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department and members of USWA 4895

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial donations be made to St. Paul Lutheran School's "Teacher Supply Fund," St. Paul PTF, or the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Department.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Church Service

FEB **6**. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Paul Lutheran Church - Thorndale
101 N. 3rd Street
Thorndale, TX 76577

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Joe Fisher*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 04, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Prayers for the family! I am sorry for your loss!*

Kathy(Sheppard) & Steve Bright



Kathy Bright - February 13, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ *Jennifer, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Larry was a very sweet and caring guy. He was willing to lend a hand when he could. Larry is not gone, just away! He will live on in your hearts and in the hearts of everyone who knew him. God has called him home to be by his side in our heavenly home. God keep and bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. Sending prayers, hugs, and love.*



Cynthia & George Galbreath - February 08, 2022 at 02:33 PM

CB

“ *Larry was a great man. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*
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Carol Beard - February 06, 2022 at 06:40 PM

CB

“ *Carol Beard lit a candle in memory of Larry
Joe Fisher*



Carol Beard - February 06, 2022 at 06:37 PM

MP

“ *Jennifer and family, Our prayers are with you all at this time of loss!
May God grant you peace!
Mike and Betty Peters*

Mike and Betty Peters - February 05, 2022 at 05:26 PM

CH

“ *My thought and Prayers are with the Family of Mr. Fisher, Shall He
Rest Peacefully.
We had many talks about family and friends we both knew in
Thorndale. Tx
Carol (Davita Taylor) and Eugene Hargers!*

Carol Hargers - February 04, 2022 at 08:28 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.



February 04, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ 103 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - February 04, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ Bobby and Carol Henry & Family purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.



Bobby and Carol Henry & Family - February 04, 2022 at 08:16 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.*



February 03, 2022 at 07:21 PM



“ *Blacklist Costume Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.*



Blacklist Costume Department - February 03, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.*



February 02, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.*



February 02, 2022 at 03:40 PM

KI

“ Jennifer, Adam, Courtney, and rest of the family, My deepest condolences on the loss of Larry. He will be missed. May God comfort you during this time. Sending hugs and love your way.

Kimberly - February 02, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.



February 02, 2022 at 09:23 AM

DE

“ Larry will surely be missed! I'm so sorry and I pray for peace and comfort for the family and all those who love him!
-Dana Eubanks

Dana Eubanks - February 01, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ Jennifer & family, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. I know how close the family is and the love you all have for each other. May God send you comfort in this time of grief. Always remember the happy times because they are so precious.

Bonnie Clark - February 01, 2022 at 06:49 PM

WF

“ I only knew Larry a couple of years around 1990. But the impact he made on my life as a father and community member was powerful. Wish I would have spent more time around him. I would be a better man today. Prayers to the wonderful family and friends during this time. -William Foster

william Foster - February 01, 2022 at 05:24 PM

CH

“ Larry Joe was always a joy to be around. Enjoyed many good visits with him and he was a special cousin. Jennifer and family, our prayers are with you and pray God's strong arms will surround you and comfort you during this difficult time. Sending our love and prayers.

Bobby and Carol Henry

carol henry - February 01, 2022 at 05:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Joe Fisher.



February 01, 2022 at 04:09 PM

HF

“ My prayers are with you all as you walk through your grief. Larry was a great guy and will be missed by all that knew him. May you all find peace in the memories you made with him until you are reunited in your eternal life.

Heidi Ford - February 01, 2022 at 02:48 PM