



Larry Dean Sowder

April 13, 1918 - March 5, 2017

Larry Dean Sowder was born April 13, 1948 in Okemah, Oklahoma to William Fred Sowder and Mabel Lee (Barnes) Sowder. He passed away Sunday, March 5, 2017 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 69.

Mr. Sowder was a longtime resident of Seminole County. He retired from the United States Army; having served during three tours during the Vietnam War. Mr. Sowder also operated a western store in Lawton, Oklahoma, loved horses and was a volunteer firefighter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jill Sowder and one brother, Terry Sowder.

Survivors include his two sons, Aaron Sowder and wife Melissa of Okemah and Eric Sowder and wife Robin of Wewoka; one daughter, Elizabeth Sowder of Oklahoma City; one brother, Kerr Sowder of Wewoka; sister, Sherry Vaught of Cromwell and grandchildren, Nathan, Noah, Kyle and Kasey.

Services will be under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Home, Okemah.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 9th and Friday, March 10th, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

A memorial service at Schoolton Cemetery will be scheduled and announced at a later date.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Parks Brothers Funeral Home
301 N 3rd Street
Okemah, OK

Visitation

MAR **10**. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“My name is Doyle Thompson, his mother was my mothers niece. I am a cousin of Larry. I have been looking for his name on face book for two years. I found this obituary and was surprised to see he passed away. Larry and I were children in Compton, California in the early 1950's . We moved into the neighbor hood where Larry lived in Compton. When I first met Larry, he offered me a Washing State Apple. It was so delicious and big. Later that day, he or his brother were eating sun flower seeds. I had never tasted sun flower seeds until that day. Through the last 67 years I have probably eaten about 20,000 pounds of seeds. All because of Larry. He moved across town sometime later and I didn't have much contact with for years. Met up with him in 1964 when I lived in Long Beach one summer. Didn't see him again for about 15 years or so. One day in the Mid or early 80's, Larry called me and asked me to help him with his wife, who was stranded at the Fair Grounds. He called me up and said, "hey cuz, this is Larry". Yeah, like I knew who he was after so many years. But, got it straightened out, went out to the Fair Grounds, pick up his wife and took her to Lawton. After that, didn't see Larry much over the years. Last time I was him was at Mable's funeral. Lost contact with him for a few years. Today, it saddens me to read the obituary. Time passes so fast. It seems like just yesterday I was spitting sunflower seed shells, and playing Army. Larry and I served in the same type of unit (Army Security Agency) during the Vietnam war. For those of you who do not know much about his service, he was the (spook) intelligence sergeant that was in on the first attempt to rescue POW's in Vietnam. Yes, Larry is a real hero, we all just didn't know it. Rest in peace old cousin. We will meet again some day. Cousin Doyle, Oklahoma City.

Doyle Thompson - March 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM

DW

“ *The ultimate PCS! OooRaa!!!!*

Your friend and fellow Nam Vet,

Danny Wimberly



Danny Wimberly - March 10, 2017 at 03:36 PM

VW

“ *Elizabeth, So very Sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. My Prayers for You.*

Virginia Williams

Virginia Williams - March 09, 2017 at 08:35 AM

ES

Thank you so much Virginia

Elizabeth (Beth) Sowder - March 09, 2017 at 10:47 AM

JD

“ *Sorry for the loss of Larry. He always had a joke or story to tell. He loved is family. Condolence to his family. Janet Douglas*

Janet Douglas - March 08, 2017 at 10:54 PM

ES

Thank you Janet

Elizabeth (Beth) Sowder - March 09, 2017 at 07:25 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Sowder.*



March 08, 2017 at 10:33 AM



“ *Love you and miss you Bubba this doesn't seem real*



Kayla Ringle - March 07, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ *A heck of a father in law and was a true blessing to have u in my life im not sure who im going to argue with or talk with about ur son but ill just talk and i know u will listen i love u dad..rest in peace*



Melissaaron Sowder - March 07, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ *We love u dad and ur boys and baby #3 will always remember u. Nate still says who will play trains with him., that was ur job dad we still cant believe this is happening but rest in peace we love u*



Melissaaron Sowder - March 07, 2017 at 08:32 AM



“ *Kimie Archuleta sent a virtual gift in memory of
Larry Dean Sowder*



Kimie Archuleta - March 07, 2017 at 01:21 AM



“ *My love to Larry Dean (Buba) Sowder I will
miss you ,see you in Heaven!*

*"Life is not about waiting for the storm to
pass.."*

"It`s about learning to dance in the rain!"

Mart (LeMay) Fulsom



Mart (LeMay) - March 06, 2017 at 11:53 PM

M(

“ *My Sincere Condolences to the Family, Loved ones and Friends of*

Larry Dean (Buba) Sowder.

Dear Beth and family you are in my thoughts and prayers I am so sorry i can not be there for you at this time.

When some one we love so very much is taken from us we have such a sad heavy heart..That is when we must be thankful for the time God blessed us to have Buba.

"Buba was Gods angel on earth he brightened everyone`s life he touched!"

I am sure God has him a beautiful mansion up there,where he will be waiting with his arms open wide to welcome each of us home. I have many blessings in my life every day.One of my greatest blessings in my life was,

"Buba and Beth to always be mine!" They were not just mine, but my dearest true friend from begging to end they were always there.To get me though the hardest times. I could not have made it with out Buba and Beth to get me on the right path!"

"Beth you were such a blessing to your Dad with your love and care!"

Cheril you will never know how much your love and care meant to Buba. He would always tell me how he was so grateful to have you. Always remember what a blessing you all were to Buba and how you made his life so much better here till God took him home. Any one that has had the Sowder`s in their life are truly blessed. "I know for sure it has been one of my of my richest blessings!"

Buba loved his family more than his own life,"you were his life."

All of the accomplishments of Buba`s life,

"his unconditional love of his family and friends were foremost!"

Buba brightened the world where ever he was.He will be missed but never forgotten we will be with him again up there.

"With time our sadness will become precious memories to treasure forever!"

"I could write a large book on the "precious memories of the



Sowder`s all good!"

My prayers and love are with each of you now and forever.

Mart (LeMay) Fulsom .

Mart (LeMay) - March 06, 2017 at 11:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Sowder.*



March 06, 2017 at 11:24 PM



“ *One of the best men I've ever known! He had a heart of gold. This doesn't seem real. We love and miss you ole man.*



Ashley Douglas - March 06, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *I served with Larry "Tiny" at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1977 - 77. He was a big man and the younger guys liked to dance around and tease him about fighting them. The young guys would stay out of arms reach as Tiny had quick hands. It was always funny to see one get too close and Tiny would snatch them up by the nap of the neck and then listen to them beg for mercy. LOL It was all in fun. Tiny had come to our house several times and played with my two children and even enjoyed a couple of meals with us. He was a good man and great friend. I'll miss the chats with him on FB. Rest in Peace old friend. God got a good man*

Robert "Mac" McAtee - March 06, 2017 at 10:11 PM

ES

“ Elizabeth (Beth) Sowder lit a candle in memory of Larry Dean Sowder



Elizabeth (Beth) Sowder - March 06, 2017 at 07:18 PM

ES

Daddy this doesn't seem right nor should it be happening. I love you and will miss you terribly!

Elizabeth (Beth) Sowder - March 06, 2017 at 07:19 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Sowder lit a candle in memory of Larry Dean Sowder



Cheryl Sowder - March 06, 2017 at 03:57 PM

CS

My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love you Bubba. I'm going to miss you.

Cheryl Sowder - March 06, 2017 at 03:59 PM