



## Mr. Larry Garner

December 22, 1945 - April 25, 2025

Services for Larry Garner, 79, of Tyler, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at First Methodist Church in Tatum with the Rev. Dwain Smith officiating. Interment will follow at Tatum Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home in Henderson.

Mr. Garner died Friday, April 25, 2025, at his home. He was born Dec. 22, 1945, in Marshall to the late Hubert Garner Jr. and Clara (Wynne) Garner. He was raised in Tatum where he was baptized at First Methodist Church and graduated from Tatum High School in 1964. He served honorably in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the USS Ranger during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Garner was a modern renaissance man. He had worked with his father as a brick mason, had a career with Bechtel as an engineer, and for many years was the owner and operator of Bodacious BBQ at Exit 562 on Interstate 20. He was also a skilled knife and hat maker as well as a silversmith.

Mr. Garner enjoyed traveling and riding motorcycles. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club and had taken part in the Rolling Thunder ride to Washington, D.C.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Holley H. and Bertha (Kuykendall) Wynne and Hubert E. Garner Sr. and Bessie (Allen) Garner.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 33 years, Diane Garner of Tyler; son, Marshall Neidigh and wife, Emily, and their children Magnolia, Luke and Violet of Blanchard, Oklahoma; sister, Patricia Crisp and husband, David, of Billings, Montana; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends. The family would also like to express their gratitude to Tracey, Tash, and Hospice of East Texas for their tender and loving care of Mr. Garner.

Pallbearers will be Marshall Neidigh, David Crisp, Jason Wheeler, Tommy Odon, Paul Chezem and Paul Wilkerson.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Tatum Cemetery

Tatum, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **28**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home  
1414 South Main Street  
Henderson, TX 75654

## Service

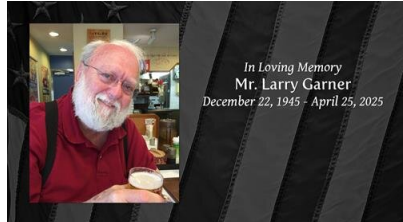
APR **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church of Tatum  
150 Jackson  
Tatum, TX 75691

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Larry Garner* ”



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**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - April 28, 2025 at 10:46 AM

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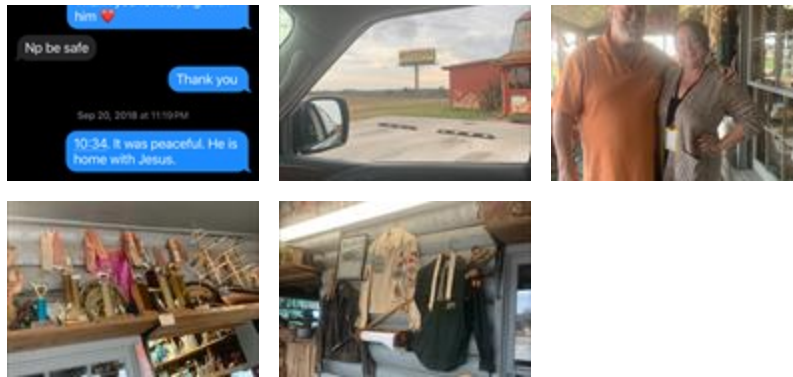
“ *Pat, my sincere condolences. Leigh Spencer* ”

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**Leigh Spencer** - May 11, 2025 at 11:10 AM

RH

“ I don't much remember a time that Larry has not been a part of our lives. No doubt, one of the best BBQ men around. Larry was brilliant and innovative and quiet and kind. I am so grateful for the way he loved my daddy. I always thought they really looked like brothers. I thought about the wonderful reunion you and your mother had. I always admired the way she saved and displayed all of your achievements. Your store was a museum of amazing collectibles and memories. Diane, I have no words. Maybe you would do a BBQ road trip with me this summer. It was my greatest intention to have taken you both.



Robin Lindsey Hightower - April 27, 2025 at 07:44 AM

NK

“ Larry my Bodacious cousin, such a sweet generous person. My 4th cousin became my partner in genealogy research of our Garner family line. Larry & Diane opened their home to me & took us around the area researching court houses & cemeteries. He became one of my favorite cousins. I will forever be grateful for all they did for me. Rest in heavenly peace sweet cousin. Love & miss you  
Nora & David Kelly

Nora Kelly - April 26, 2025 at 10:46 PM

TS

“ *String & I shared many good times with you riding.. you would always make us laugh.. our thoughts and prayers are with Diane & the Family.. 🙏  
God gives you your rest...*



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**Tami & String** - April 26, 2025 at 06:32 PM