



## Mr. Larry Lankford

January 9, 1954 - February 28, 2022

Larry Dean Lankford, age 68, of Henderson, Texas, passed away on Monday, February 28, 2022. He was born on January 9, 1954 in San Juan, Texas, the youngest of 6 boys to Carmelita “Carmie” and Walter Lankford. Larry spent most of his childhood in Mission, TX before moving to Henderson, TX in 1971 where he met his wife of 48 years, Sharla. Larry worked for Big 3 Industries/Air Liquide for over 20 years until his retirement in 2001. Larry’s largest passion in life was his family, he was a loving and generous man who loved seeing his family together. His last words to his grandchildren were “Do your best and be your best” His second largest passion was sports. He served as the Dixie Boys Baseball Umpire-in-Chief for the State of Texas, he also umpired baseball for over 38 years and officiated football for over 43 years. Larry also enjoyed working with the Rusk County Youth Project Show, and he served on the Henderson Boys Baseball Association Board of Directors as the Director of Umpires. Larry’s love for baseball didn’t end there, he also managed the baseball concession stand in Henderson, that was eventually named “Lankford’s Café”. After years of battling with pulmonary fibrosis he was given the gift of life on February 18th, 2020, with a single-lung transplant. In November 2020, he began the largest battle of his life against Covid-19. He was known to many physicians and nurses at Houston Methodist Hospital as “A Miracle” or “Lucky Larry” for being the only single-lung transplant patient to survive Covid. The Lankford family would like to thank the family, friends, physicians, nurses and aides who were involved with his care in and out of the

hospital.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Carmelita Lankford, brothers Wilburn Lankford, Merl Lankford, and Jimmy Underwood.

Larry is survived by his wife, Sharla, daughter Jessica Davis and husband Jeremy of Henderson, son Jared Lankford and wife Miranda of Wylie, grandchildren Taylor, Riley and Kamden, brothers Dale Lankford and wife Nancy, Terry Lankford and wife Barbie.

Funeral services for Mr. Lankford will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 5th, 2022, at Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson, Texas with Rev. Toby Tipps officiating. Interment will follow at Crims Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time on Saturday, at the church.

Pallbearers will be Scott Duran, Ray Deason, James Chambless, Tom Williams, Shannon Sanders, Kirk Greenhouse, Robert Barton, and Clay Hale. Honorary pallbearers will be Happi Fuller, Cal Goss, Jacob Patterson, and Josh Carlile.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Henderson Boys Baseball Association in memory of Larry Lankford. Address: HBBA, P.O. Box 1712 Henderson, TX 75653-1712 or Venmo: @HendersonBoys-Baseball.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Crims Chapel Cemetery

6959 SH-322  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
410 N. Marshall St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Service

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
410 N. Marshall St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



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



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - March 04, 2022 at 12:35 PM

JF

*Mr. Larry and your entire family was such an encouragement and constant at HBBA. Sorry we couldn't celebrate his life with you today, but he will always be remembered! We love you all and are praying for you! The Fords, Chris, Jennifer, Christian, Wyatt and Carson*

**Jennifer Ford** - March 05, 2022 at 03:07 PM

SA

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers.*

*Steve and Sheila Alford*



**Steve and Sheila Alford** - March 13, 2022 at 09:06 PM

RM

“ *Renita Mackey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



**Renita Mackey** - March 08, 2022 at 02:41 PM

DS

“ *Dave Silva lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



**Dave Silva** - March 06, 2022 at 04:00 PM

JP

“ *John And Cathy Pride lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



**John and Cathy Pride** - March 05, 2022 at 12:47 PM

KH

“ *Men like Larry Lankford help make our memories richer for the times with our sons in boys baseball. thank you Lankford family for sharing him with us. Ken & Mollie Hale*



**Ken Hale** - March 05, 2022 at 12:45 PM

RC

“ *Very. Sad when I came to know about his departure from this world. May his soul RIP!! Prayers for his family !*

**Rajiv Chacko** - March 04, 2022 at 08:31 PM

NK

“ Nancy Kniffen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Nancy Kniffen - March 04, 2022 at 06:36 PM

DB

“ Our sincerest prayers and condolences to all the family. May our Lord give you peace and strength. Doug Brooks and family, Mission, Tx

Doug & Loli Brooks - March 04, 2022 at 01:09 PM

JT

“ Prayers of comfort for the Lankford family. Bill and I are fortunate to have known you.

Judy Taylor - March 04, 2022 at 06:43 AM

TG

“ Larry our or ornery, aggravating sweetheart. Made us laugh on family get togethers when our kids were little. I miss those times. Sharla, Jessica and Jared I know your hearts are breaking. May God send you comfort. Love Y'all, Tommie Lynn

Tommie Gillespie - March 03, 2022 at 09:49 PM

AC

“ Thoughts and prayers for yall!!!



Ashley (Smith) Caldwell - March 03, 2022 at 04:36 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Buckner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Elizabeth Buckner - March 03, 2022 at 03:07 PM

BS

“ Larry I love you like a brother. Thanks for all the good times and we had quite a few. I cherish my friendship with you and Sharla. Sharla and family I'm so sorry I couldn't be a pallbearer for Larry because of my current situation in the hospital. I'm sure he's giving me a hard time about it. Lol. We love you all! Bruce and Brenda Selph

Bruce and Brenda Selph - March 03, 2022 at 02:40 PM

BS

“ Bruce And Brenda Selph lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Bruce and Brenda Selph - March 03, 2022 at 02:33 PM

PH

“ Pam & Wallace Hibbard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Pam & Wallace Hibbard - March 03, 2022 at 12:54 PM

PH

“ Pam & Wallace Hibbard sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Pam & Wallace Hibbard - March 03, 2022 at 12:47 PM

PH

“ Larry was like family to us. He and Wallace were like brothers. He was a very special friend and person. When God made Larry, he made one of a kind. We sure will miss him. Love, Pam and Wallace Hibbard & Family



Pam & Wallace Hibbard - March 03, 2022 at 12:44 PM

P.

“ Pam & Wallace . purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. Larry Lankford.



Pam & Wallace . - March 03, 2022 at 12:38 PM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Suzanne Reed** - March 03, 2022 at 09:21 AM

TK

“ *Tammy Keeling lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Tammy Keeling** - March 03, 2022 at 08:24 AM

LC

“ *Larry was a great friend. We had many good times both on and off the field. He will be missed by those of us who knew him. You fought a good fight now rest my friend.*

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**Larry Clemens** - March 03, 2022 at 08:02 AM

JS

“ *Josh Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Josh Scoggins** - March 03, 2022 at 12:42 AM

TP

“ *Sharla, Jared and Family. I'm so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you. God Bless. Tom*

Tom Podlucky - March 03, 2022 at 12:12 AM

VS

“ *Viana Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



Viana Scoggins - March 03, 2022 at 12:02 AM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



Donna J Aaron - March 02, 2022 at 11:43 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



Gary Wilkerson - March 02, 2022 at 10:45 PM



“ *God Bless the Lankford Family ! 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�*

Rigoberto Cardenas - March 02, 2022 at 10:18 PM

BG

“ So many fond memories of Larry, his sense of humor and love for his family.  
Praying for peace and comfort.  
Love to all the family.  
Larry you will be missed.  
Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - March 02, 2022 at 09:34 PM

JC

“ Dixie Boys Baseball appreciates the commitment that Larry made to our organization. As a very worthy DBB Hall of Fame member, Larry made a real difference in the lives of countless young people. Our thoughts and prayers for his family and friends. Many great memories of Larry Lankford. He will be missed.

J. Sandy Jones - Commissioner/CEO - March 02, 2022 at 09:01 PM

BD

“ I met Larry on several occasions as I was the state director of Tennessee he was a fine and honest man who will be missed my sincere condolences to the family God bless and keep you .

Billy Dorris - March 02, 2022 at 09:00 PM

AM

“ Amy Miley-Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Amy Miley-Payne - March 02, 2022 at 08:48 PM

CH

“ *Sharla,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Larry was a good man who touched  
many lives. My prayers are with you and the kids.  
Cathy and Mart Hooper*

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**Cathy Hooper** - March 02, 2022 at 08:15 PM

LD

“ *My husband Glenn Day loved Larry and loved officiating with him.  
They had many great times together. Hopefully they are making  
sure all the rules are being followed in heaven!  
Love and prayers,  
Lynan Day*

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**Lynan Day** - March 02, 2022 at 08:08 PM


DC

“ *David And Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**David and Jan Crow** - March 02, 2022 at 07:54 PM

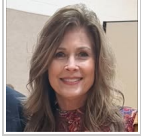
 Barbie  
Lankford

“ *Barbie Lankford lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Larry Lankford*



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**Barbie Lankford** - March 02, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Donny & Deana Griffth*



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**Deana Griffith** - March 02, 2022 at 06:49 PM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Suzanne Reed** - March 02, 2022 at 06:25 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Gary Wilkerson** - March 02, 2022 at 06:14 PM

DC

“ *The Chapman Family*



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**David & Kathy Chapman** - March 02, 2022 at 05:46 PM

DC

“ David and I have prayed for our friends morning and night for this precious family. Travis played ball with Happi Jared, and that group. Larry has had such a profound Part of these boys futures, and before 2020 he was showing an interest in all of these young mens boys, like Stetson Chapman. When we found out he was put on the transplant List, there was never a time that I (Kathy) would not see him at the Ballpark and prayed for him, Sharla, Jessica and Jared. The HBBA and the ones who were served at the “Lankford Cafe” Got behind the Lankford Family. We will continue to stand with them, pray for them all and always remember Larry Lankford. May God continue to be with you all Always.  
David, Kathy Chapman  
Travis Chapman  
Stetson Chapman  
Rylan Ann Chapman

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David & Kathy Chapman - March 02, 2022 at 05:45 PM

RM

“ To many memories to count them all. Some really funny situations. Enjoyed Larry! Baseball and football. He is certainly going to be missed. Praying for your family.

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Ronnie Mutina - March 02, 2022 at 05:36 PM

AP

“ Mr. Lankford will be greatly missed. He was a kind soul and always had a smile on his face. Prayers for the family and friends at this time.



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Ashley Pruitt - March 02, 2022 at 05:24 PM

CC

“ CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



CHRISTUS TRINITY CLINIC - March 02, 2022 at 05:21 PM

RC

“ Reginald & Janice Childers lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Reginald & Janice Childers - March 02, 2022 at 05:00 PM

SA

“ I will always remember the time spent with Larry on the football field. He will be missed.  
Scotty Allen

scotty allen - March 02, 2022 at 02:34 PM

AH

He first started me off umpiring baseball at a young age and he will be truly missed

Antoine Haynes - March 02, 2022 at 07:29 PM

JP

“ Johnny And Debra Poole lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Johnny and Debra Poole - March 02, 2022 at 12:08 PM

PO

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
God be with you and yours,  
Patsy Osburn

Patsy Osburn - March 02, 2022 at 09:41 AM

VI

“ Virginia Irwin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Virginia Irwin - March 02, 2022 at 09:14 AM

JB

“ Jane Brightwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Jane Brightwell - March 02, 2022 at 08:33 AM

  
Richard  
Tandy

“ *Richard Tandy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Richard Tandy** - March 02, 2022 at 08:13 AM

CS

“ *We are so sorry for your los. Craig and Paula Sweeney*



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**craig Paula Sweeney** - March 02, 2022 at 07:39 AM

SJ

“ *Stanley Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Stanley Jackson** - March 02, 2022 at 07:36 AM

BT

“ *Bonnie Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Bonnie Thompson** - March 01, 2022 at 11:42 PM

JB

“ Jeff Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Jeff Brown - March 01, 2022 at 10:14 PM

SA

“ Steven Akin sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Steven Akin - March 01, 2022 at 08:57 PM

SA

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Steven Akin - March 01, 2022 at 08:57 PM

SA

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Steven Akin - March 01, 2022 at 08:42 PM

LT

“ *Liz&Rickey Thrasher*



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**Liz Thrasher** - March 01, 2022 at 08:31 PM

RC

“ *I loved when our boys played baseball and he was the umpire. He was such a character and it was so much fun ribbing him! He was a great guy! I'm so sorry for your loss and will be praying for the family.*

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**Reba Crim** - March 01, 2022 at 08:18 PM

VS

“ *Viana Scoggins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Viana Scoggins** - March 01, 2022 at 07:43 PM

GA

“ *Glenn & Becky Adams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Glenn & Becky Adams** - March 01, 2022 at 07:25 PM

SL

“ Sending prayers and condolences for o  
Larry’s family . He was such a fighter.  
Continued thoughts for this precious family.  
Fred and Susan Lingle



Susan Lingle - March 01, 2022 at 07:11 PM

BE

“ Buddy & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory  
of Mr. Larry Lankford



Buddy & Dianne Everitt - March 01, 2022 at 07:03 PM

TC

“ Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Larry Lankford



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - March 01, 2022 at 06:32 PM

CS

“ Carl & Diana Smith lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Larry Lankford



Carl & Diana Smith - March 01, 2022 at 05:35 PM

CF

“ *Cliff & Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Cliff & Krista Furtick** - March 01, 2022 at 05:17 PM

BH

“ *Barbara & Joel Hale sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Barbara & Joel Hale** - March 01, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Barbara J Jolley** - March 01, 2022 at 03:22 PM

DA

“ *Donna J Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Larry Lankford*



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**Donna J Aaron** - March 01, 2022 at 02:00 PM