



Larry Charles Burk

September 22, 1944 - July 10, 2015

Larry Charles Burk of Carrollton, Texas; beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on July 10, 2015 at the age of 70 surrounded by his family. Larry was born on September 22, 1944 to Albert Charles "A. C." and Bertha (Shelton) Burk in Slaton, Texas. He graduated from Texas Tech University and remained an avid Red Raider fan through out his life. He married his high school sweetheart, Joan Bednarz on July 19, 1969 in Slaton, Texas. He would describe Joan as his model for living and they would remain together until he passed.

Larry's professional career began as an English instructor for Middle Tennessee State University, where he and Joan made many life-long friends. He and Joan would adventure back to Texas, where he proudly worked in the HR department of Boy Scouts of America National Office for 23 years. Larry became a dedicated supporter of fellow HR professionals where he volunteered for the Society for Human Resource Management or "SHRM". He served as the Dallas Chapter President, Texas Council Director, Area Vice-President, and served on the National Board of Directors. He would retire from the Boy Scouts to serve SHRM full time as a Regional Director, in which he mentored many HR professionals from all over the United States.

Larry was described as a humble man who put others before him and he loved his family fiercely. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joan Burk of Carrollton, Texas; daughter Karin Busby and husband David of Richardson, Texas; grandson, Michael Busby; granddaughter, Anastasia Busby and one grandchild on the way; sister-in-law, Sandra Bednarz; nieces Tammy King, Teri Bland and husband Eddie, Toni Rackley, Alisha Bednarz, Jodi Starkey and husband Tracy; several grand nephews and nieces, and numerous cousins. Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Chapel in Allen, Texas with a reception to follow the service. Interment will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton, Texas. The family will receive friends during a visitation Tuesday evening from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow in Allen, Texas.

In Larry's memory, donations are being accepted to support the SHRM Foundation and to fund a scholarship in Larry's

Memorials

To Joan and the family: Larry had a Texas sized personality and was pure joy to be around. I will miss his dry humor and watching him tell stories (he put so much into them that listening was never enough)! He will be truly missed by all of those he touched, especially his former colleagues at SHRM. May God continue to comfort you during this time!

PAMELA J. GREEN, JULY 15, 2015

LCB: In Memoriam It's a dismal day in Dallas though the sun shines bright, As we mourn Larry's passing yet also celebrate his wonderful life. A devoted husband, father, grandfather and colleague throughout the years, We are left with fond memories of laughter and joy as we now shed our tears. The Hole-In-The-Wall Gang has lost a founding member with a unique wit and essence, And we will continue to carry on our traditions though deprived of his important presence. It is important for his family and all to know that though Larry's life has come to an end, He will always be fondly remembered most of all as our BROTHER and FRIEND.

TIM HEUP, JULY 14, 2015

I met Larry at the Boy Scouts of America in 1989. I was very young and not far removed from college. I would go and visit with Larry to get advice and help with my career and other issues. I can honestly say that he was one of the most decent and wonderful men that I have worked with in my career. I hadn't seen Larry since 1990, but a few weeks ago we were driving through Slaton and my wife and I reflected on what a great man he was. 25 years after working with Larry and he was still in my mind. That is the kind of impact Larry made on people. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. However, his legacy is the joy and decency he brought to those who got to know him.

MARK BROWNING, JULY 13, 2015

Oh how we will miss Brother Larry. While he was somewhat a soft spoken man, he was certainly larger than life to those who were privileged to earn his friendship. We all will surely miss his huge, bright smile, his positive outlook on life, and his caring nature for all. As a fellow member of the HITW Club, I will forever be grateful to have known, loved and appreciated this fine man, known to me as Larry of Lubbock. Sincere sympathy and a warm hug to Joan and the whole family. I wish you peace in the wonderful memories that surround your heart.

ELYSE GUT, JULY 13, 2015

Joan, we were so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was always such a nice man. Please know that prayers are heading your way especially during this difficult time. Much love...

KATHY & CHRIS ALLISON, JULY 13, 2015

I had the privilege of serving under Larry's leadership during his many years of volunteering with The HRSouthwest Conference. He was truly humble, funny and a wonderful person. The world was a better place with him in it.

LINDA MILLER, JULY 13, 2015

A piece of my heart is missing today. Larry and I worked together several times on events for the HR community in the DFW area and seeing him was always a highlight of HRSW for me. He had some favorite stories our work together and I will forever miss hearing him telling them again. We were all blessed to have him in our lives as an example of strength and kindness.

Thank you Larry!

CINDY JENNINGS, JULY 13, 2015

Dearest Joan, Karin, David, M, & A, our deepest sympathy on the passing of one of the best men ever in the history of the world! Larry was my brother (by other parents) and he was an incredible role model and friend. As one of the HITW gang founders, we enjoyed many gatherings and deep belly laughs.

Heaven has again become richer and may Larry's legacy live on STRONG!

Love to you all!

MARY CHEDDIE, JULY 13, 2015

Larry was a tireless supporter of our Neighborhood Association's Crime Watch and Bird Watch program, rising to fame as our diligent "Bird Man" in the battle against nesting Egrets in the Highlands. A devout family, Karin grew as a model of what we all hope our children to become as a direct result of both Larry & Joan's commitment to helping make the world a better place. Our thoughts and prayers to Joan, Karin and the extended family during their time of loss and we know Larry will watch over them! Joan, please know the Highlands is here for you to give support or quiet time as you need us.

STEVE & PEGGI BABICK, JULY 12, 2015

Joan, we are so sad at the passing of Larry. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and prayers for the Burk family.

BOB MORA, JULY 12, 2015

Larry and I met when we served on the board for the local HR board in the 1980s and had remained friends since. He was dedicated to the profession, humble beyond words, had a sense of humor that was as delicious as life itself and a love and respect for the values he held. I will miss him dearly. My sympathies go out to Joan whom I have met and respect immensely and the family. Hold him tightly in your memories as no one will ever be able to take those away from you. He was loved and respected by all the lives he touched. God speed!

PAM VENNE, JULY 12, 2015

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