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## Larry Chapman Obituary

A Memorial Graveside service to remember Larry Chapman will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at the Marlow Cemetery. Larry passed away on Wednesday, June 24, 2020. He was 68. On October 18, 1951, Larry Lavon Chapman was the eldest of five children born to W.L. and Lillian (Pennington) Chapman in Quanah, Texas. While Larry and his siblings were growing up, their father's oilfield job took them to many places. Larry was a master storyteller of the various places they moved and the adventures that each move brought. One of those included a move to Vanhorn, Texas, where Larry got his first motorcycle. When Larry was a young adult, the family planted roots in Pearl, MS. While in Mississippi, Larry played the guitar in a band. One of his favorite pastimes was listening to music! His favorites were: Lynyrd Skynyrd, Stevie Ray Vaughn, and ZZ Top. He could sit for hours listening to those artists and playing along. A story involving music that Larry would tell was one of him and a cousin playing Rock n' Roll music in his uncle's church. Their granny told them it was a sin to play "that music" in the church. That didn't slow Larry down too much. He loved to play the guitar with his friends, his nephews, his little brother, Dusty, and especially his son, Clint. Larry, and a friend, joined the U.S. Marine Corps, at the same time, on the "Buddy System." Following a couple of years of service, Larry was honorably discharged. In 1976, Larry moved to the Duncan, OK area where he would meet his wife, Sheryl Gibbs. She recalls a friend introducing them and that Larry looked like Glen Campbell, especially his hair. On their first date, Larry welcomed Sheryl to bring along her 3 ½-year-old son, Ronald. That won Sheryl over. Larry was a special man in her eyes. The couple married on Nov. 17, 1977, and their family would grow when they welcomed another son, Clint. As an occupation, Larry was an auto mechanic and worked at car dealerships in the Duncan and Marlow areas. He was a talented mechanic, and it was demonstrated by people calling



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him at home and telling him they were broken down and needed help. Larry never hesitated to help. Larry taught both of his sons how to work on their cars but stressed them to “not ever do it for a living.” He wanted them to do something easier on their bodies. Larry was proud of both sons. Besides music, playing the guitar, and working on cars, Larry enjoyed James Bond and Sci-Fi movies, including the Twilight Zone, of which he had the entire series. Sheryl recalls her last day spent with Larry: They enjoyed several Lynyrd Skynyrd songs, “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough” and their song from the early days – “You Light Up My Life” by Debbie Boone. Even though Larry was not able to speak, he let Sheryl know he loved her by blinking his eyes when she told him, “I love you and blink if you love me.” What a cherished last memory she has of their wonderful day together. Larry is survived by his loving wife, Sheryl Chapman, sons: Ron Shipman, Clint Chapman, and wife, Kara; grandchildren: Ryley Shipman, Paedon Shipman, Charity Chapman, Lily Chapman, Mercy Chapman, and Rory Chapman, all of Duncan; brothers: Kevin Chapman and wife, Sharon of Marlow; Dusty Chapman of Del City, OK; sisters: Sandy Villarubia of LaCombe, LA and Deanne Gates and husband, Chester, of Marlow; brother-in-law, Rick Gibbs and wife, Cathy of Winter Park, FL; brother-in-law, Mike Matty of Duncan; sister-in-law, Debbie Travis, and husband, Tim of Marlow; and sister-in-law, Carla Hall and husband, Greg of Bixby, OK in addition to several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, daughter-in-law, Jerri Shipman and sister-in-law, Glenda Matty.

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## Tribute Wall

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**Jarrett Hale Chapman** posted:

I only just discovered Larry's passing while searching for him on line. Though I'm not a very social person and know few of my cousins, Larry was always my favorite. I remember his deep, comforting, southern voice. As a child I rarely felt comfortable around people outside of my parents home but with Larry's warm kind welcoming ways I felt right at home walking the 60 feet from uncle Willard's house to see clint's toys as he explained our family relation. I truly wish I had known all of you throughout our lives. You are truly good people as I do believe apples never fall far from the tree. God bless you. Jarrett Chapman

July 19 at 7:24 PM



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Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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