



Larry Reece

July 19, 1942 - July 28, 2018

Larry Duane Reece was born July 19th, 1942 to Arlen “Dee” Reece and Mildred Huggins Reece in Clinton, OK. He graduated from Carl Junction High School in 1960 and NEO A&M College in 1962.

He married Linda Arlene Palm at the First United Methodist Church of Miami on September 25th, 1964. The couple resided in Miami for more than 50 years before moving to Stillwater, Oklahoma after retirement to be with family and to cheer on the OSU Cowboys.

He was a loyal family man who never missed a sporting event or performance by his two sons or any of his 3 grandchildren. He was the big heart of the Reece family and always made sure his bear hugs were bigger than anyone else’s. He set the bar really high with his example of how to be a Dad and a Grandad.

He was proud of his service as a security officer at St John’s Hospital in Joplin for 23 years because he felt he was making a difference by helping others. He was a successful Independent Insurance Agent for many years and was proud of the years he served Cooper Funeral Home, now Brown-Winter Funeral Home.

He served as Miami Police & Fire Commissioner and as a member of the

Miami Civil Defense. He was a Miami Rotary Club member and Past President of the Jaycees.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his 3 brothers Bill Reece of San Antonio, Terry Reece of Dallas and Tom Reece of Kansas City. He is survived by his wife Linda, his son Lance Reece and daughter-in-law Rebekah and their children Ellie & Lucas, his eldest son Larry II, daughter-in-law Jimi, his first grandchild Lauren as well as Hannah and Colton Abernathy and their families. He is also survived by his 100 year young Aunt Pauline Thomas of Berryville, Arkansas & countless nieces, nephews and cousins who he dearly loved.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Brown-Winters Funeral Home Chapel. The family invites friends and family to continue the celebration of "Big Larry" at the NEO A&M Ballroom immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to:

OSU Coaches vs Cancer
American Cancer Society
4110 S. 100th E. Ave.
Grant Building Suite 101
Tulsa, OK 74146

or

Fold of Honor
Dept. 13
Tulsa, OK 74182
Foldsofhonor.org

Cemetery Details

Glen-Abbey Memorial Garden

58915 East 100 Road
PO Box 1511
Miami, OK 74355
(918) 919-9904

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thinking of you and your loss and hoping you will share the love that will live forever and memories that will shine through the sorrow. May the wonderful memories you have made together be your comfort at this time of sorrow.
With our deepest Sympathy,
Bill & Cindy Tanner*

Cindy Tanner - August 10, 2018 at 05:32 PM

SJ

“ *Linda,
So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I don't have your address but hope to get it soon.
I too have moved. Wish I could have come to the service.
Shirley Jestice*

Shirley Jestice - August 07, 2018 at 08:40 PM

JA

“ *To the family of Larry Reece,
So sorry for your loss. Larry was a wonderful man that was always willing to visit and watch out for all the staff at St. John's hospital. Every morning would see him coming into work, he held the door for me and always made me feel safe when walking in from outside. He always said "waiting for you slow-poke" and smiled so big. Makes me smile to think of him. Jeri Andrews Akin- RN.*

Jeri Akin - August 04, 2018 at 05:16 PM

PY

“ *Linda & family,
I was so sorry to learn that Larry passed away. I worked with you at Osborn Drugs for several years and remember Larry coming to get you to take you to lunch!!! He always was so friendly and had a beautiful smile! I know he will be missed so much. Please know I have you and family in my thoughts and prayers.
Phyllis (Schrader) Yockey, Cassville Mo.*

Phyllis Yockey - August 03, 2018 at 06:21 PM

GT

“ *Gretchen Tyree lit a candle in memory of
Larry Reece*



Gretchen Tyree - August 03, 2018 at 04:39 PM

SB

“ *Linda and Family: My heart was broken when I read that Larry 1 had lost his battle. He had fought so valiantly for months and you ALL had been so faithful by his side during his ordeal. I pray God's Holy Spirit will be your comfort and bless you with so many wonderful memories of Larry 1 during these days to come. Much love, Sandra Borbely*

Sandra Borbely - August 03, 2018 at 09:47 AM

CW

“ *Big Larry was always ALL IN! Linda, I am sorry you lost your partner in life. So many fun and funny memories. I know your hearts hurt. I pray for comfort for the entire family. Big Larry & Linda raised some amazing men. Honor to have been apart of Big Larry's life.*

Carolyn Walstad - August 03, 2018 at 09:11 AM

JT

“ *Linda and Family:*

I too was shocked to hear of Larry's passing, I worked with Larry at St. John's Regional Medical Center of Joplin in security & security dispatch. I know that words will not comfort the hurt and loss in a time like this, but I want to offer my sympathy and condolences to you and the family. I also want to share briefly a secret about Larry. Larry was a greater man than most knew. Larry would put on a stern gruff persona only to hide the soft, loving, giving true personality of his character. When we would take up collections in the office for one reason or another, Larry would grumble and act as if he didn't want to do it publicly. However, he was the first and last to contribute. Larry would give in secret to whoever was collecting and say to hit him up again if we didn't reach our goal or need. On a more personal note, Larry was there for me giving me guidance on what to do and what to have in place while caring for elderly parents all the way until they passed. Larry gave me guidance on buying my first home, and just fatherly advice in the absence of mine. Larry encouraged me in the Missouri Jaycees because of his passion for the Jaycee organization when he was involved in his youth. Larry would often speak of his Love for his family and OSU. My thoughts and prayers are for you Linda, Lance, Larry, extended family and friends. Larry's passing will create a vast void in the lives of many that will never be filled. Larry lived and exemplified the Jaycee Creed by his "Service to Humanity" as being the best work of life. I am honored to have known Larry, and again I am truly sorry and saddened in his passing.

Love,

John R. Thurman

Mo JCI Senator #67002

Mercy Communications Dept.

John R. Thurman - August 03, 2018 at 01:50 AM

GB

“ So sorry for your loss Larry. Prayers for you and your family

Greg Bains - August 02, 2018 at 04:27 PM

BR

“ Linda and Family, my thoughts and prayers for comfort to you. Remember please, that I am just across the street. ❤️ Barb Rogan



Barb Rogan - August 02, 2018 at 11:37 AM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending hugs and prayers to the family. Larry made a wonderful difference to our lives as a coworker and to the patients at St. Johns. He always had a smile and kind words of encouragement for all. Rip our dear friend. Janet Sluder

Janet Sluder - August 02, 2018 at 11:30 AM

CC

“ Linda, and Family: I was in shock to hear of Larry's passing, I worked with Larry at St. Johns hospital, he was an assist to the St. Johns family. Larry went further then any other officer and would talk to people when they needed someone to talk to, weather they were co-workers or patients. no matter what it was about. I will truly miss Larry, he was like a father figure to me, and his hugs were like magic. Love to you and yours Carol Chaffin

carol chaffin - August 02, 2018 at 09:04 AM

Beau
Smith

“ so sorry for your family's loss of Larry!! prayers and condolences headed your way for comfort during the moments' ahead when I hope you have precious memories to keep you at peace. prayers and hugs to all!! <3
Beau Smith a POKE fan and alum!!

Beau Smith - August 02, 2018 at 08:54 AM

MJ

“ Linda and family, So sorry to hear of Larry passing away. I am praying God give you strength and comfort during this sad time. We lost Punkin in Jan. Still feeling the sorrow. I remember Larry from St John's hospital he would always stop by to say Hi to Punkin. He was a very nice man and always had a smile for us. I'm sure they are having a big reunion in heaven with family and friends. God Bless each one. Maxine Jones

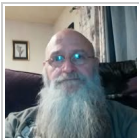


maxine jones - August 02, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. Larry was a kind hearted man and loved his family.

Karen Downs - August 02, 2018 at 06:49 AM



“ I'm really sorry for your loss Linda Larry will be really missed I can say that Larry touched everyone he was in contact with at the hospital I can you and Larry were a big part of my life thank u and I will always remember his contagious laugh

Bill Burris - August 01, 2018 at 07:32 PM

CP

“ So so sorry to hear of your loss. I worked as an RN on 6E and Larry would come to my floor to pick up valuables. He was always so kind, a real gentleman. He was very proud of his family. My prayers are with your family.

Carole Pallissard

Welch, OK

Carole Pallissard - August 01, 2018 at 05:03 PM

BS

“ Linda & family: so sorry to hear about Larry .
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love, Ben & Anita



ben & anita smith - July 29, 2018 at 07:45 AM