



## Larry Duane Story

November 5, 1952 - March 1, 2023

Larry Duane Story, known to his grandkids as “Papa”, from Beggs, Oklahoma was 70 years old when he passed away March 1, 2023, at St. John’s Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Larry’s passion for gardening began when he was a young man and has flourished ever since. Known throughout Oklahoma for his green thumb, Larry loved to share his harvest with family and friends. Many looked forward to his vegetables, especially his tomatoes, each year, and he was eager to provide. He was a man of many pranks, great integrity, immense character, and forever devoted to his family.

Born on November 5, 1952, in Clovis, California, to Charles E. and Betty M (Dawson) Story. Larry graduated from Glenpool High School in 1971. After graduation Larry attended Tulsa Welding School and then began his lifelong welding career in various capacities.

On August 1, 1974, Larry Duane Story married the love of his life, Patricia (Trish) Gail Shelton at the First Baptist Church of Beggs, and after their wedding the new couple made the Beggs area their home. Larry and Trish met in June of 1973 at a street dance in downtown Okmulgee. Quick thinking Trish pretended that she couldn’t parallel park and asked Larry if he would help her out. Larry was eager to assist with his parking skills and the rest was history.

In 1978, they started their family and were blessed with their first daughter Lisa Gail and their second daughter Dana Michelle in 1981. The new family

loved to work together in the garden, camp at the lake and fish.

Larry was proud of his career and was a dedicated welder and fabricator for 50 years, before retiring in 2018. He took great pride in doing his job with high standards and produced nothing less than exact, precise projects. Larry was skilled in tig, mig, and pipeline welding and was able to layout, draw and fabricate even the most complex projects. Larry's famous words were, "all you need are strings and squares," when doing layout for fabrication. He was a proud member of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 430 Union for 45 years. Larry's favorite hobbies included hunting, fishing and gardening. Larry prided himself on perfection in everything he did. His hunting equipment was always neatly stored, cleaned and in perfect order. He loved to have a place for everything and everything in its place, even in his garden. His garden had perfectly placed rows and was planted with the utmost care. The garden was more than just a hobby to Larry; it was his way to show love to his friends and family by giving away bushels and bushels of his hard work in the form of the most tasteful vegetables. If there was anything Larry loved more than being outdoors, it was his family. He was extremely proud of his daughters and their families. Without fail Larry would be found cheering on his granddaughters, Sophie and Sadie, at a pig show or rooting for his grandsons, Jobe and Brodie, at a baseball game. Friends and family knew that Larry could always be counted on to drop whatever he was doing to help them. He was trustworthy, dependable and loyal. Larry was a fierce loving Papa and was fiercely loved by his family. Larry cherished his relationship with his Lord and Savior, where he was a member of the Nuyaka Baptist Church in Nuyaka, Oklahoma.

Larry is preceded in death by his father, Charles E. Story and his father in law Paul H. Shelton. He is survived by his beloved wife Trish of 48 years, his mother Betty M. Story of Okmulgee, his mother in law Norma Shelton of Beggs, his daughter Lisa Varner and husband Pokey of Bristow and his daughter Dana Atwell of Bristow. He is blessed with four grandchildren, Sophie Varner, Sadie Varner, Jobe Atwell and Brodie Atwell, all of Bristow. He

is also survived by his twin brother Gary Story and wife Cheryl Ann of Natura and his younger brother Donny Story and wife Cheryl of Fayetteville, Arkansas. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his entire family and a host of friends.

Viewing will be from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 5, 2023, at the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home Chapel in Beggs, Oklahoma. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 6, 2023 at Crossroads Baptist Church in Beggs, Oklahoma with Pastor Chad Eads officiating. Interment will immediately follow at the Beggs Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the McClendon-Winters Funeral Home of Beggs. Memories, condolences, photos and videos may be shared with the family on Larry's Tribute Page of our website at [www.mcclendon-winters.com](http://www.mcclendon-winters.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Beggs Cemetery

West Hwy 16  
Beggs, OK

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 5. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - Beggs  
205 West Main  
PO Box 750 (for mail)  
Beggs, OK 74421  
(918) 267-4444  
info@mcclendon-winters.com  
<https://www.mcclendon-winters.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crossroads Baptist Church  
Beggs, OK

# Tribute Wall



“ *McClendon-Winters Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - March 04, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**McClendon-Winters Funeral Home** - March 05, 2023 at 02:41 PM

SH

“ *We're so sorry for your loss. Hugs and many prayers Trish for you and your Family*



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**Sheri** - March 05, 2023 at 01:16 PM



“ 95 files added to the album Life Tributes



McClendon-Winters Funeral Home - March 04, 2023 at 02:25 PM

DJ

“ Larry was such a beautiful person. Always friendly, smiling and ready to help anyone. I was so shocked to hear this news. A true loss the neighborhood.



Dianne Jones - March 04, 2023 at 12:35 PM

WN

“ Wanda Netherton lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story



Wanda Netherton - March 03, 2023 at 09:16 PM

JB

“ *Jenny Branson lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Jenny Branson** - March 03, 2023 at 08:16 PM

GL

“ *Gwen Lewis lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Gwen Lewis** - March 03, 2023 at 06:22 PM

 Beth  
Roe Pratt

“ *I always remember Larry being a jokster. He was always teasing someone about something! A great guy! Praying for you all!*



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**Beth Roe Pratt** - March 03, 2023 at 05:56 PM

 Mindi  
McBride

“ *I am so sorry for your loss! <3 you all are in my thoughts and prayers!*

*Mindi McBride*

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**Mindi McBride** - March 03, 2023 at 01:49 PM

MI

“ *Missy lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Missy** - March 03, 2023 at 12:57 PM

PS

“ *Phil STORY lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Phil STORY** - March 03, 2023 at 12:42 PM

WW

“ *William Whitley lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**William Whitley** - March 03, 2023 at 10:34 AM

VB

“ *Vicki Brose lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Vicki Brose** - March 03, 2023 at 09:04 AM

CD

“ *Charla K. Davis lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Charla K. Davis** - March 03, 2023 at 08:55 AM

ZC

“ *Zandra Christy lit a candle in memory of Larry Duane Story*



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**Zandra Christy** - March 02, 2023 at 04:41 PM

SC

*Trish, and family, I was so sorry to hear that Larry passed away. He was a great guy and I'm sure your hearts are breaking. You are all in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult season. Wishing you comfort and peace. Love you guys*

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**Susie Campbell** - March 02, 2023 at 05:44 PM

JS

*I am very saddened to learn this about LARRY i went to school with LARRY AND GARY AT GLENPOOL MANY YEARS AGO. THE last time I saw LARRY was at their father's CHARLES'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE. I pray for the peace and comfort and strength that can only come from our HEAVENLY FATHER.*

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**JIM SPENCER** - March 02, 2023 at 06:26 PM

PS

*Where are the words to ease the pain a family feels at when they lose a loved one? Yes, there is scripture and we all try to comfort. But the hurt and tears will flow. The only comfort is to place all of your hurt, fears, sorrows into the Hands of our Father God . Let your tears flow like a river while He comforts your every fear, every sorrow and every pain you are feeling. Know that you are all in our every prayer and we (all of us) will be here for you no matter what you need. Just remember , one very fine day we will all meet again. Larry will be right there smiling that great smile with his arms out. That is a knowledge we can all trust in. Until then cousin Larry , rest in peace, tell everyone up there hello for us, we love you so very much. Your family and friends Thank You Lord, amen*

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**Phil STORY** - March 02, 2023 at 06:59 PM

RC

*I was so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Story family.*

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**Roger Cunningham** - March 03, 2023 at 03:28 PM

AP

*Sorry to you and your family for the loss of Larry! May God comfort everyone of you. Angela (Treat) Thomsen.*

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**Angie Thomsen Charles was our pastor** - March 03, 2023 at 06:21 PM

WN

*Where to begin? There is so much to say about Larry that it's hard to know where to start. He was the funniest person I have ever known. You had to be on your guard whenever you were around him. I think one of the people he liked to prank a lot because she was so believing in what he said was Cousin Sheila. Rest in peace cousin you will be missed.*

*Terry and Wanda Netherton*

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**Wanda Netherton** - March 03, 2023 at 09:15 PM



*We are so sorry for your loss, may Our Lord hold you closely as grieve through this.*

*Sincerely,  
Tim and Jennifer Starks and family*

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**Jennifer Starks** - March 06, 2023 at 08:46 AM



*Condolences to Trish and the entire family. May God be your strength and comfort. Hugs to all.*

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**Linda Crook** - March 06, 2023 at 04:27 PM