



Larry A. Bays

August 15, 1946 - April 3, 2016

Larry A. Bays age 69 of Grayson, formerly of Sandy Hook, Kentucky went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 03, 2016 at his residence after an extended illness with cancer.

Mr. Bays was born August 15, 1946 in Elliott County, Kentucky a son of the late Lake Arthur and Mary Watson Bays,

Other than his parents Larry is preceded in death by one grandson; James M. Freeman III, two brothers; Johnny Bays, McArthur "Mac" Bays. Three sisters; Wilma Loretta Rumble, Mable Stephens, and Nannie Lee Sloas.

Larry started working with his dad as a young 13 year old boy. As a young man he built homes and tool dressing in the oil fields. On November 08, 1964 Larry was united in marriage to the love of his life Phyllis Gilliam Bays keeping a union of commitment for 51 years of marriage. He retired from local 472 of Ashland, Kentucky after 35 years of dedicated service. 30 years of Larry's career was dedicated to Ceco Corporation in Cincinnati, Ohio. After retirement he started working for Manning Reality at Sandy Hook, Kentucky.

Larry was a child of God and a member of Watson Enterprise Baptist Church for the past 11 years. He let his light shine thru singing, preaching, holding revivals and helping in any revival that called upon him. He also had a radio

program for 25 years on Sundays. He was a member of Hepburn Masonic Lodge #576, Free and Accepted Masons in 2006. He took great pleasure in helping the elderly or anyone in need. Among his many accomplishments and achievements he was a Kentucky Colonel an honorary commission given by the State of Kentucky for the services and work for the advancement of Kentucky.

In addition to his wife he is survived by 3 daughters whom he loved deeply; Tina Louise Ratliff and Pamela Renea Cagle both of Ashland, Kentucky. Mary Stephaine Banks and spouse Bryant. Six beautiful granddaughters and one great grandson. Two sisters; Martha Bays and Betty Claire, along with a host of extended family members and many friends who will sadly mourn his passing.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 06, 2016 in the chapel of Waddell & Whitt Funeral Home in Sandy Hook with Bro. Franklin Gillum and Bro. Rodney Gilliam officiating. Burial will follow in the Watson Family Cemetery.

Friends may call after 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 05, 2016 and after 9:00 a.m. Wednesday until the service hour at the funeral home.

Masonic services will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. by the Hepburn Masonic Lodge #576 F & AM.

Serving as pallbearers are Christopher Gilliam, Wayde Gilliam, Tim Gibson, Jim Gibson, and Terry Sloas, Bobby Lewis, and Arthur Lewis.

Acting as honorary pallbearers are Jerry Wayne Sloas, Kenneth Clair, Clavis Dickerson, Rodney Gilliam, Eugene Dickerson, and Donnie Roller.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Whitt & Sons Funeral Home
1260 North Ky 7
Post Office Box 704
Sandy Hook, KY 41171
(606) 738-9600
<https://www.whittandsonsfuneralhome.com>

Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ Gary & Helen B. Fannin sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry A. Bays



Gary & Helen B. Fannin - April 09, 2016 at 10:25 AM

PF

“ Paul Fannin lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



paul fannin - April 07, 2016 at 05:19 PM

GF

“ Gerdene Blevins Fitch lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Gerldene Blevins Fitch - April 06, 2016 at 09:24 AM


Jennifer
Fraley

“ Jennifer Fraley lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Jennifer Fraley - April 06, 2016 at 06:37 AM

DW

“ *Donnie And Kimberly Whitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Donnie and Kimberly Whitt - April 05, 2016 at 10:11 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl Banks lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Cheryl Banks - April 05, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *Phyllis, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls. You and Larry are a huge part of my life, especially my childhood! May God carry you through your heartache and give you strength to continue on! Many prayers! Love you guys, Dennie and Millie "Sloas" Gilliam*

Millie Gilliam - April 05, 2016 at 09:23 PM



“ *Roses and Calla Lilies (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Larry A. Bays.*



April 05, 2016 at 07:30 PM

JS

“ *John Stegall lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



John Stegall - April 05, 2016 at 06:54 PM



“ *Donna Miller lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Donna Miller - April 05, 2016 at 05:52 PM

SH

“ *So sad to lose our friend and former classmate. He did us proud! Was so happy to see him and hear him sing at our last Class of '64 reunion. He was a good man and special friend, always kind and gentle. Our loss but surely Heavens gain!*

Susie Bowling hill - April 05, 2016 at 05:11 PM

TC

“ *Trisha Stevens Carroll lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Trisha Stevens Carroll - April 05, 2016 at 04:26 PM

BB

“ *Bill & Betty Barker lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Bill & Betty Barker - April 05, 2016 at 03:40 PM

AM

“ *Allen&Rhonda Mason lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Allen&Rhonda mason - April 05, 2016 at 11:56 AM

PB

“ *Pamela Burke lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



pamela burke - April 05, 2016 at 11:09 AM

AI

“ *Allan & Gail Ison lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Allan & Gail Ison - April 05, 2016 at 07:40 AM

AI

So sorry for the loss of your loved one! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!

Allan & Gail Ison - April 05, 2016 at 07:43 AM

RM

“ Our Deeest Sympathy, Alway had a lot of respect for Larry and Phyllis. I can remember them praying for me when I was a very sick girl. Love you and your family.

Rhonda and Mitchell Oney

Rhonda and Mitch - April 05, 2016 at 06:30 AM



DP

“ Debbie Porter lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays

Debbie porter - April 05, 2016 at 06:03 AM



DH

“ Dwight & Lynetta Howard lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays

Dwight & Lynetta Howard - April 05, 2016 at 12:19 AM



JS

“ Jennifer Sparks lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Jennifer Sparks - April 04, 2016 at 10:41 PM

FJ

“ So sorry for your loss prayers for the family



Faye Jarrells - April 04, 2016 at 10:39 PM

Herb Fraley

“ Herb Fraley lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Herb Fraley - April 04, 2016 at 10:02 PM

Herb Fraley

I have known Larry most of my life. He was a great guy.

Herb Fraley - April 04, 2016 at 10:04 PM

JB

Larry was my dad's first 1st cousin, knew him all my life, great singer and preacher, our loss is heavens gain, so sorry for his family we'll miss him, but we will meet again.

Jo Ann Butts - April 05, 2016 at 07:21 AM

CD

So sorry. He was an example for all.

carole dickerson - April 05, 2016 at 10:18 AM

WV

“ *Thoughts and prayers for Phyllis, their girls and all the family..I loved being in church with Larry and Phyllis, and sing with Larry.. Glenn and Larry worked together in Tx. and we all stayed together in a tiny little apartment..Larry will surely be missed.. Glenn and Wendy Vanover*

Wendy Vanover - April 04, 2016 at 10:00 PM

DM

“ *Deborah Manning lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Deborah Manning - April 04, 2016 at 09:31 PM

DP

“ *David and Ruth Peters sending Love and Prayers to all the Family. RIP Larry!*



David & Ruth Peters - April 04, 2016 at 09:14 PM

RB

“ Randy And Reta Byrd lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Randy and Reta Byrd - April 04, 2016 at 08:45 PM

CD

“ Clavis & Edith Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Clavis & Edith Dickerson - April 04, 2016 at 08:43 PM

CT

“ I was so thankful to know such a wonderful caring man. He was a great light to so many people. Rest in peace, Bro. Larry Bays. Till we meet again.

Chris Tharp - April 04, 2016 at 08:34 PM

AS

“ Larry was one of the most decent and honorable Christian men I have ever known. He not only gave Jerry Wayne a start in working for CECO, but he taught him everything he knows. I have Always respected him to the highest. He treated me like I was apart of the family and excepted me and Loved me. He showed my kids Love and what a Christian is suppose to be. We Loved him so much and will miss him a lot. But knowing we will see him again on the streets of gold he talked about gives us peace. He is singing and playing his guitar for Jesus!! Love You Larry!!!
Amy Sloas

amy sloas - April 04, 2016 at 08:18 PM

WB

“ Wanda Mayse Bang lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



Wanda Mayse Bang - April 04, 2016 at 08:12 PM

ES

“ Everett Sparks lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays



everett sparks - April 04, 2016 at 07:55 PM

ES

“ Loved to hear this man preach. He was happy doing it and I was happy to hear him....

ed and debbie sparks - April 04, 2016 at 07:51 PM

LK

“ *Lonze Turner And Sherry Kelley lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Lonze Turner and Sherry Kelley - April 04, 2016 at 07:49 PM

DG

“ *David And Becky Gallion lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



David and Becky Gallion - April 04, 2016 at 07:46 PM

SP

“ *Susan Preston lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Susan Preston - April 04, 2016 at 07:43 PM

AN

“ *Amy Naylor lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



amy naylor - April 04, 2016 at 07:31 PM

DF

“ *David & Vickie Fox lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



David & Vickie Fox - April 04, 2016 at 07:15 PM

DC

“ *Darlene Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Darlene Cantrell - April 04, 2016 at 06:50 PM

ME

“ *Marie Engle lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Marie Engle - April 04, 2016 at 06:41 PM

ME

I knew Larry and Mac from the Ford garage years ago...wonderful people..sorry for your loss. May God wrap you in his care!!

Marie Engle - April 04, 2016 at 06:45 PM

LD

Sooo sorry to hear the loss of your loved one, Praying for God to wrap his arm' around you and your family, God Bless You and the family.

Len DeLong - April 04, 2016 at 07:28 PM

VW

A sweet classmate and friend is gone. So sad for his wife and family. There was such obvious love surrounding him.

vernadine fannin wetherell - April 05, 2016 at 12:39 AM

OP

“ *Our family loved Larry dearly. His stopping by after church or revivals was a blessing to my mom and dad, Boyd and Laura Keeton. We will all miss him. Rest in Peace, Larry...*

Oma K. Patrick - April 04, 2016 at 05:17 PM

JP

“ *Joey, Kristi, Gavin & Hannah Preston lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Joey, Kristi, Gavin & Hannah Preston - April 04, 2016 at 04:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Larry A. Bays.*



April 04, 2016 at 04:42 PM

BG

“ *Brother Larry Bays. What a great man. He was a very driven individual by his work for the LORD. He will be deeply missed but I know he wouldn't trade places with anyone. Without a doubt Brother Larry has received his reward that he worked so diligently for for so many wonderful years. We love you Phyllis and family so much. Brother Larry is at rest with Christ forever. He cant come to us but we can go to where he's at. God Bless you all with strength and comfort and guidance that only comes from above. Jesus is our refuge.*

Barry Gilliam - April 04, 2016 at 04:32 PM

JF

“ *Jim & Kathy Adkins & Family lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Jim & Kathy Adkins & Family - April 04, 2016 at 02:56 PM

RC

“ *I will miss Larry dearly. He was a great man! I have always loved hearing him preach and sing. GOD sure did shine in him. Lots of love and prayers for the family right now, especially my dear friend Steff. Love Rebecca*



Rebecca Click - April 04, 2016 at 02:00 PM

LM

“ *Laura Manuel lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Laura Manuel - April 04, 2016 at 09:59 AM

DB

“ *I got to know Larry several years ago when we were in a Revival meeting. He was a great man of God and has now gained his reward. Psalms 116:15 says Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints. God Bless the Family. Rev. Don Burton*



Don Burton - April 04, 2016 at 08:49 AM

SA

“ *Sandy Adkins lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Sandy Adkins - April 04, 2016 at 06:16 AM

DR

“ *DONNIE ROLLER lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



DONNIE ROLLER - April 04, 2016 at 04:35 AM

DR

Larry was always a great friend and neighbor, and will be missed

DONNIE ROLLER - April 04, 2016 at 04:38 AM

SK

“ *Sue Newell Keeton lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Sue Newell Keeton - April 03, 2016 at 08:43 PM

MF

“ *Michael Dickerson & Family lit a candle in memory of Larry A. Bays*



Michael Dickerson & Family - April 03, 2016 at 07:49 PM