



## Larry Dean Rust

July 8, 1952 - March 18, 2025

Larry Dean Rust, 72, of Owasso, Ok was born in Tulsa, OK on Tuesday, July 8th, 1952 and passed into eternity in heaven on Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 in Tulsa. He was a beloved son to Donald Mac Rust and Imogene (Shelman) Rust Hilterbrand.

Larry attended secondary education school in Tulsa where he met David Roe in the 3rd grade who has remained a lifelong friend. He then moved to Sperry schools prior to moving to Owasso, where he attended Owasso High School through the class of 1971.

Larry always had a strong work ethic, beginning at the age of 12, he started his first job as a paperboy, then went to work at Griff's Hamburgers, Hancock Fabrics, and Safeway/Homeland during his high school years. In August of 1971, he joined the United States Army on the buddy system with Owasso friend, Joe Wolfe.

On June 9th, 1972, while being home on leave, he married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Teresa "Terri" Lynn Willsey. They returned together to Schweinfurt, Germany on July 4th, 1972, where they began their adventures together. Over the next 2 years, they spent time with their hometown friends bowling, playing cards and traveling all over Europe. During his time in the Army while stationed in Germany as part of the 3rd Infantry

Division, he completed his High School education at Nuernberg American High School in June of 1974. He worked as a clerk typist, postal personnel and driver for General Latham. He was honorably discharged in August of 1974, holding the rank of SPEC4.

After returning home to Owasso, he worked at various places such as Seismograph Service Corporation in the traffic department, downtown Tulsa US Post Office, Frito-Lay as a route salesman, Harley Industries in purchasing, briefly worked for UPS as a driver. He also joined the Marine Corp Reserves for a short time with his brothers Jimmie and Bobby. His longest career history began in 1984 at American Airlines as a stock clerk in the warehouse. He quickly promoted to Crew Chief Supervisor in the Union and then was promoted into Inventory Control management as a buyer which ended in September of 2001 due to the World Trade Center tragedy. After a brief retirement, he became employed with Ecolab Pest Elimination in March of 2003 which ended in September of 2009 due to a severe back injury.

Larry's greatest enjoyment in life was spending time with his family. His favorite pastimes included boating, camping, fishing, hunting, cookouts, pool parties, reading, photography, and working on "Mr. FixIt" projects for the family, and in recent years, napping with his cat, Baby. He loved our country and was a true Patriot. He was known affectionately by his family as PPW (Papa Warry) or PPWE (PPW Esquire) and told jokes better than anyone we knew. Over the years Larry enjoyed traveling to Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Virginia, Las Vegas, Mississippi, and the Caribbean. He was a Master Mason and had been a member of the Owasso Masonic Lodge #545 and also received the 32nd degree of the Scottish Rite.

Preceded in death by:

Father, Donald Mac Rust, Mother, Imogene Shelman Rust Hilterbrand, Brothers, Jimmie Rust and Bobby Rust

Survived by:

Wife, Teresa (Terri) Rust

Daughters, Summer Johnson and husband Rayme, Tera Pogue and husband Billy

7 grandchildren: Kelsey Swinney, Rowan Johnson, Joe Pogue, Elizabeth Pogue, Hunter Pogue, Colton Fowler, Chase Pogue and one great-granddaughter on the way.

Sisters, Donna Fawcett and husband Larry Fawcett, and Pat Childress and husband Phil Childress.

Sister in laws, Bonnie Rust, Linda Bauer, and Lisa Mcknight as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

He will be greatly missed by family, friends & neighbors. Until we see you again, we are thinking of "sandy beaches".

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **24**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 North Garnett Road  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Funeral Service

MAR **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Life Church  
14008 E 96th St N  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

MAR **25** (CT)

Heroes Hope  
8415 S. 111th East Ave  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
heroeshope@yahoo.com  
<https://donorbox.org/provide-monthly-housing>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Rust.*



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March 24, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Dean Rust.

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March 24, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Larry Dean Rust.*



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March 24, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ *Your WeStreet Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Larry Dean Rust.*



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**Your WeStreet Family** - March 23, 2025 at 03:08 PM

BS

“ BattleCreek achurch Owasso Staff purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Larry Dean Rust.



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**BattleCreek achurch Owasso Staff** - March 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

BS

“ BattleCreek achurch Owasso Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Dean Rust.

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**BattleCreek achurch Owasso Staff** - March 23, 2025 at 03:04 PM

DK

“ Donna Kerr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Larry Dean Rust.



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**Donna Kerr** - March 23, 2025 at 02:39 PM

CC

“ Larry always treated me like his own daughter. I will always love him and will miss him terribly

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**Chrystal Casey** - March 23, 2025 at 02:15 PM

JW

“ Jeff & Amy Warner purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Dean Rust.



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**Jeff & Amy Warner** - March 22, 2025 at 11:25 PM

BN

“ Bonnie Rust, Christy & Nickie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Dean Rust.



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**Bonnie Rust, Christy & Nickie** - March 21, 2025 at 08:52 PM