



# Larry Spencer Tyler

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**L**arry S. Tyler was born the fourth of six children on March 25, 1944, on a farm in Logansport, LA, to Ernest Howard and Johnny Maude Tyler. He attended Logansport public schools and graduated as valedictorian of his class in 1962 when he was named a National Merit Scholar. Larry majored in Psychology at Stephen F. Austin SU in Nacogdoches, TX until he was drafted in 1965. Larry was an avionics technician and served 2 years in Germany before being sent to Vietnam in 1968 where he was a staff sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division.

After Vietnam, Larry earned a BA in Psychology at the University of Houston in 1970. He attended Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, TX, taking an intern year as a missionary in Korea. There he and his wife, Dona Kathryn (D.K.) adopted a Korean foundling, Bryan, who followed his father into Christian ministry, working for GUTS church in Tulsa. Their second adopted son also works in Tulsa in online tech support.

Larry served as pastor of Presbyterian churches in Victoria, Crockett, and Carthage, TX for a total of twenty years. He also proudly served as an Army chaplain for 20 years, retiring as a major in 2004. He earned a second master's degree from Texas A&M University, Central Texas in 1992. On active duty, Chaplain Tyler sandwiched another year in Korea between long tours at Fort Hood, TX where he and D. K. were very active in the local Mensa group. Perhaps his favorite job was the last one he is held-serving fifteen years as a hospice chaplain at Heartsway Hospice in Longview, TX. He combined hospice chaplaincy with volunteer work in prison ministry.

In retirement, he and his wife have traveled to Alaska, Europe, and Canada. They moved during the past year to a retirement community to be near their sons and grandchildren in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Larry was preceded in passing by his two brothers, John Tyler and Donald Tyler, and his sister, Carol Tyler. He is survived by his wife of fifty-four years, Dona Kathryn Tyler, sons Bryan Tyler



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(Keira) and Joshua Tyler, grandchildren Aiden and Quinn Tyler, all of Tulsa; sister Kathryn Walker (Bruce) of Beaumont, TX, and brother Bruce Tyler (Linda) of New Braunfels, TX. He had numerous nieces and nephews of whom he was very fond.

Larry had great intellectual curiosity and was a lifelong learner. He will be remembered for his kindness and loving heart and will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Holt International @ [www.holtinternational.org](http://www.holtinternational.org)

The family will be having private service.

The service will be available via webcasting :

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/75406/hash:5FC87EA5FC9D8767>



## Tribute Wall

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BM

**Becky McLendon** posted:

DK I just learned of Larry's passing last night. Tom and I send you our deepest sympathies and LOVE... you are now in our prayers that God will continue to shelter you all in His loving care as you navigate life on earth without Larry. We all know where he IS and we know we shall see him again. I am SO flooded with wonderful memories of our friendship and deep fellowship we have shared since WOW.... 1979. We had our share of laughter, tears and powerful conversations in these years!!! 44 years?wow. Just know we love you and David, Maribeth and Deanna join us in sending our love. Tom and Becky McLendon

January 9 at 5:31 AM

CB

**Carol Blair** posted:

I am one of the pianists at Christ the King OPC in Longview. One year at Christmas, Larry sent me a Christmas card and thanked me for playing the piano. That meant a lot to me. --Carol Blair

June 30 at 6:13 AM

BD

**Brice Davis** posted:

This is such a great photo of Larry! He was a wonderful friend, a great teacher and one who lived life to its fullest! He walked the walk and shared his love for Christ through his examples of giving. We have missed him for awhile, since his move, but will always have a special place in our hearts for him. Love you, Brice and Jeannie

June 29 at 10:56 AM

BJ

**Brice And Jeannie** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Tyler family.



June 29 at 10:48 AM

DS

**Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury** posted:

My condolences to D.K. and all the family and friends of Larry. He was a precious individual with a brilliant mind and great sense of humor. He was responsible for me being employed as a chaplain at Heartsway Hospice for many years where he was my supervisor. I am sad for his passing but happy he is in heaven. Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury Carthage, Texas

June 29 at 4:34 AM



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**Christ The King Opc - Longview, Texas** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Tyler family.

June 28 at 1:53 PM



**American Legion Post 140 - Longview, Tex** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Tyler family.

June 28 at 12:32 PM



**Deedy And Todd Abernethy** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Tyler family.

June 27 at 4:02 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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