



Latham Loomis Brundred Jr.

March 20, 1922 - February 17, 2012

Latham Loomis “Larry” Brundred, Jr., was born in Tulsa on March 20, 1922, to Latham Loomis Brundred and Jean Miller Brundred. He passed away gently in his sleep on February 17, 2012, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 89. Larry graduated from Taft Preparatory School in Watertown, CT, and the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA. He served in the United States Air Force during World War II as an Engineer on B-29’s. As a civil and mechanical engineer, his varied career spanned a number of industries, including oil, gas, marine, and aeronautical. He started his career working for Union Oil Company; further positions included ones with Brundred Oil Company; a partnership with his father in Abilene, Texas; American Metal Climax; a founder and Vice President of Ocean Science and Engineering; and President of Brittain Industries. On June 11, 1953, he married Natalie Jo Logan, who he always called his “bride,” and remained happily married for 58 years. Making homes in Kansas, Texas, Connecticut, and Maryland, they returned to Tulsa in 1973 where they remained. He is survived by his beloved wife, Natalie, his four daughters, Merrilie Richards, Natalie Brundred of Santa Rosa, CA, Patricia Turner (Doug) of Newhall, CA, and Anne Hatton (Trevor) of London, England. He is also survived by his sister, Jean Brundred Murray (Jim.) He leaves ten grandchildren: Lindsay and Andrew Kashian, Jennifer Pilley (deceased) (Brad), Latham Turner (Natasha), Matthew Turner (Megan), John Turner (Tammy), and Alexandra, Christopher, Natalie and Timothy Hatton. His two great-grandchildren are Ashleigh and Haley Pilley. Larry was a business entrepreneur whose great lifelong passion was flying. He owned a number of planes and flew extensively. He also held a variety of other interests, including skiing, golf, scuba diving, polo, tennis, sailing and wood working. He built three boats and an airplane in his spare time. He was always fixing things, a true “nuts and bolts” engineer. An optimist at heart, he loved life and was devoted to his family. A man of integrity, his gentle manner and keen sense of humor attracted others to him. Ever ready with a smile, he loved “his girls.” He will be sorely missed by those whose lives he touched. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial gifts to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum. A service of thanksgiving will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 3515 South Harvard Avenue, Tulsa, OK on Wednesday, February 22, 2012, at

2:00 p.m. If you would like to record memories of Larry, please
visit www.floralhaven.com.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Latham Loomis Brundred Jr.*

Chris Hatton - February 17, 2013 at 06:56 PM

CH

“ *1 year today. I miss you, Pops*

Chris Hatton - February 17, 2013 at 06:56 PM

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“ *It's hard to try and decide what to write about you, Pops – there are so many memories and stories I have. You are an inspiration to me. I was always amazed by you, and you were always interested, engaging and fun to be with. The times ahead will be hard, but in the back of my mind I know that you will always be with us in spirit. I can only thank you for what a profound and lasting impact you had on so many people, including me. I will miss you always. Christopher*

Christopher Hatton - February 27, 2012 at 12:02 AM

SN

“ *Dear Brundred family, We were terribly saddened to hear of Larry's passing. He was such a wonderfully sweet, funny man. We enjoyed so much visiting with he and "Mimi" on their visits to Marion. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we remember "Pops" with warmth and smiles. Love, Sue, Stan, Ryan and Geoffrey*

susan noonan - February 23, 2012 at 02:32 PM

FL

“ *Uncle Larry was an amazing man. I knew he was an accomplished man but was not quite aware of how accomplished he actually was. He was an inspiration to me in many ways and he will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Brundred Family and I am truly sorry for your loss. Loving Memories, Forrest Lee.*

Forrest Logan - February 22, 2012 at 08:37 PM

BB

“ Larry will be missed by everyone he's known! I met Larry when I began to take care of he and Natalie's home along with two beloved german shepherds, Baron first, then Zoe. I looked forward to collecting their mail while they traveled because I knew we would have lovely conversations when they returned. Larry was a gentleman and a kind soul. His mind was sharp, and his interests many. He treated everyone with respect and dignity. My favorite image of him will be sitting in his chair cracking nuts. His face all smiles when I peeked in to say hi. I will miss our visits greatly! Natalie, I love you. You are in the Blankenships' thoughts and prayers. Larry was blessed to have you as his wife. He adored you.

Becky Blankenship - February 21, 2012 at 05:06 PM

WM

“ Sending love from Charlottesville, Virginia, where Larry's sister Bunny has made a home all these years, and where we always welcomed a visit from dear Uncle Larry. He always brought a plane, his lovely bride, and lots and lots of light.

Wistar Murray - February 21, 2012 at 01:39 PM

CN

“ I loved Uncle Larry all my life and always enjoyed visiting him & his family. After in graduated from high school in 1969, Uncle Larry flew me & Grandmother from Kansas to Bethesda,MD so I could spend time with my Aunt Natalie & my 3 cousins. Many years later, I took at trip to Tulsa from HI and Aunt Natalie picked me up & while at their house, Uncle Larry pulled up in a big old restored convertible while sporting a nice red bandana headband! Uncle Larry was always kind and extremely pleasant with me. Aloha Uncle and God rest your soul,
Connie

Constance Logan Napoleon - February 20, 2012 at 04:07 PM

AH

“ My dearest darling Pops, I will never forget all the things that made you such an amazing person. You always extended such a warmth and kindness to every one you met. I can only put into so many words how special you are to the whole of our family. I know that you are in a better place now but these qualities that you passed to my mother and aunties will continue to live on through them and your grandchildren, thorough your great grandchildren and forever after that. Times ahead will be tough but I know that you will watch over us all, especially Mimi who need the comfort to know you are well and happy. There are some things about you that I will never forget – the way that when we blew a kiss at you, you would kiss the end of you fingers shaped like a gun and fire one straight back! Or the way you signed all your your cards to us, signing the 'P' of your name with a smiley face and a bow tie. I even remember when we lived in our first house in Gerrards Cross, you put me on you shoulders and carried me up the hill towards the high street and I can remember thinking, "Wow, Pops sure is strong for an old guy!" But my favourite memory of you has to be when you asked me to help you with you costume for Mum and Dad's 20th wedding anniversary party. The theme was for you to go dressed as your favourite American person. You asked me to print up a name tag that said "My favourite American is Anne's mother, Natalie Brundred. We have been married for 53 years." This story, to me, sums up exactly the kind of person that you are – kind, loving, caring and beautiful. A man with a good heart and a good soul. We are all so lucky to have known you. We will never ever forget you. Pops, I love you more that I can put into words but you will always stay close to me in my memory and in my heart. I love you always.

Alex Hatton - February 19, 2012 at 10:52 PM

DN

“ I first met Larry when he was flying for Angel Flight of Oklahoma and I was the ground coordinator in the mid 90's. Angel flight pilots, like Larry, would furnish their time, plane and gas to fly patients to hospitals throughout the USA at no cost to the families. Larry would seldom decline a flight and was extremely helpful to the organization. This is the kinda of a guy Larry was, and he will be missed by all who knew him. Thanks again Larry..... Don Neville

Don Neville - February 19, 2012 at 09:06 PM

DN

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Don Neville - February 19, 2012 at 08:31 PM

SL

“ I didn't know Larry that well having only met him on a few of his visits across the pond to visit his daughter Anne and her family. Once met, not very easily forgotten. He was adored by the women in his life and his own adoration exuded from him. As a dear friend of his daughter, Anne, I know his passing will leave a void for her but as I said to her, he left the family knowing how much he meant to them and with the sound of their laughter and tears in his ears. What better way to go?My thoughts and prayers are with Natalie, Merrilie, Natalie, Patty and Anne and their families. God bless you Larry xx

Sarah Liveing - February 19, 2012 at 04:43 PM

SN

“ Dear Brundred family, We are so saddened to hear of Larry's passing. He was a wonderfully sweet and funny man and we enjoyed seeing him whenever he was in Marion visiting Anne. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We remember "Pops" with warmth and smiles.Much love, Sue, Stan, Ryan and Geoffrey

susan noonan - February 19, 2012 at 02:23 PM