

# Lawrence "Larry" Emerson Westhoven

September 14, 1940 - May 31, 2018

### Celebrating the life of

# Lawrence "Larry" Emerson Westhoven

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 5:00 p.m.
Wildwood-Village Mills United Methodist Church
Village Mills, Texas
Reverend Chris Kirkendall
Reverend Randy Carrion



Opening Prayer Reverend Randy Carrion

Obituary Reverend Randy Carrion

*Home* by Chris Tomlin

Family Reflections

I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me

Message of Comfort Reverend Chris Kirkendall

Stand Up for Jesus by George Beverly

**Closing Prayer** 

Amazing Grace by Alan Jackson





**Lawrence "Larry" Emerson Westhoven** was born September 14, 1940, Toledo, Ohio to Richard and Eileen Westhoven. He was their first born. They blessed him with a little brother, Thomas Westhoven. They thrived in different areas. Larry loved riding his bike even back then. Then when he was 13 his mother died of cancer. His outgoing personality and love helped him make it through. Then before he graduated His dad remarried. This bought three new siblings – Michael, Barbara, and Billy. His dad and step-mother had two more kids – Lynn and Wendy.

He in high school he played football and was class president and worked at Kroger's. As a youngster he had a stutter, but the Lord gave him the opportunity to go to classes and get help for it. Then the speaking (joking) could not be held back.

After high school, he married Nancy Miller, and had his first-born son, Randall "Randy" Westhoven. After they separated he went into the army. He learned many things there that he passed on to his children. This is where he was denied the opportunity to do the one thing on his bucket list he did not get to do – fly a helicopter – during the Vietnam War because he did not have a college degree. He was later thankful to God for protecting him because the piolets had a survival rate during the war of ninety minutes, because before he got out they were taking them right out of high school.

When he did his six months, he got out and stayed in the reserves. It was then that he was working at Sears. While their a young payroll worker asked him to her prom. He would never have asked her out because she was seven years younger, but since she did the asking he accepted and that is when the adventure of fifty-one years began. This young lady was Sandra Elizabeth Coss. They were married September 24, 1965. They would have two children Tammy and Scott Westhoven.



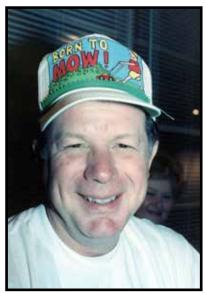
He would work at Sears for nineteen and half years, bought and maintain apartments with a good friend. Then when the blizzard of '78 happened, he was in Texas having Christmas with his in-laws went for a walk and came back and said his family was moving to Texas. So, two months later that is where he was. He did not have a job just savings, so he went to work for his mother-in-law, Astrid Coss, in the hearing aid business. He did well in the selling aspect, but just did not like that type of business. He then started working for Estorage Surgical Supply which enabled him to get approached by his competition and get offered a job at Taylor Surgical Supply. He retired from there, the year

before Tammy's senior year which enabled him to go to all to his kids' activities which would be a big part of later years. Retirement helped fulfill the rest of his bucket list of the travel bug. He loved visiting family (especially grandkids' "Man and Woman in toy house," his trailer) and friends all over the country.

He was blessed with two beautiful grand-daughters from Randy, Carrie and Andrea, one from Tammy, Kimberly and two handsome grand-sons from Scott, Connor and Vaughn. He was able to play and watch them do all that they were in and it brought him much joy when they were younger and especially when he got older.

He loved to tell jokes to everyone, even complete strangers and nurses poking him with needles. He accepted the Lord in his later years which gives us peace that he is truly HOME. He always loved parties and now he is at the ultimate party and he would want each and everyone of you to be there. So, we celebrate his life and how he touched each of us and remember the laughter and love. The family would like to THANK YOU for praying and/or coming, to Larry's last party. He loved and appreciated each of you and so does his family. Survivors include wife, Sandra Westhoven, children, Randall Westhoven and wife Karen, Tammy Neumann and husband Brian, Scott Westhoven and wife Stella, and grandchildren Carrie, Andrea, Kimberly, Connor, and Vaughn.

He went home May 31, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, Step-mom in-laws, brothers Thomas and Michael, sister Barbara.

















### **Matthew 6:9-13**

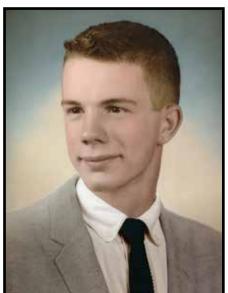
After this manner therefore pray ye; Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us form evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen































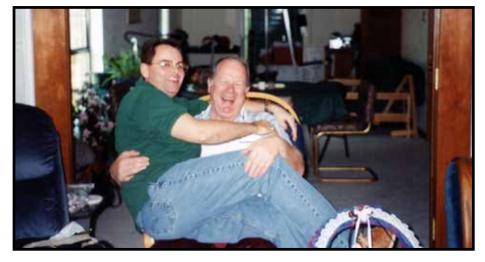




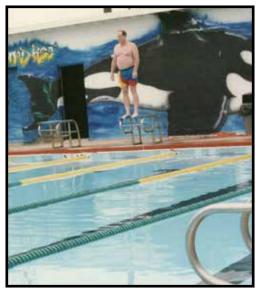


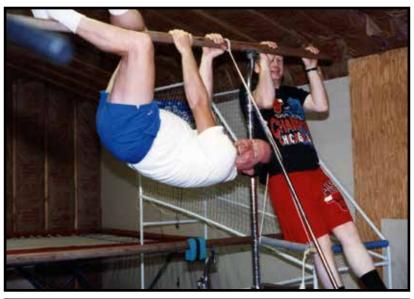






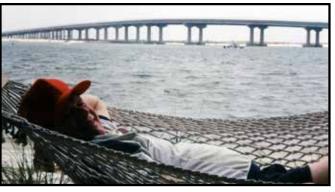












# Pallbearers Scott Westhoven Randall Westhoven Connor Westhoven Mark Mahaney Peter Coss Paul Coss

### **Honorary Pallearers:**

Stan Coss Brian Neumann Vaughn Westhoven Mark Westhoven

## **Interment** Village Mills Cemetery Village Mills, Texas

