Larry James Devillier, Sr.

August 13, 1936 - February 11, 2022

Celebrating the Life of

Larry James Devillier, Sr.

Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:30 p.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Winnie, Texas

Opening Song	*"How Great Thou Art"*
Greeting	Pastor David Hilton
Opening Prayer	The Lord's Prayer Wyatt and John Oscar Coco
Scripture Reading	Psalm 23 Kate Devillier
Song	*"Go Rest High on That Mountain"*
Family Reflections	Tyler Coco Justin Devillier Kristen Devillier
Message of Comfort	Pastor David Hilton
Closing Song	*"When I Get Where I'm Going"*
Closing Prayer	Pastor David Hilton
Recessional Song	*"Cattlecall"*

Larry James Devillier, Sr., of Winnie, passed away at the age of 85 on February 11, 2022, under the care of Kindred Hospice at the Arboretum of Winnie. Larry was born on August 13, 1936, in Rayne, Louisiana to Mildred Arceneaux and John Oscar Devillier. He was the oldest of their four children.

When Larry was 10 years old, the Devillier family moved to Winnie to begin what would become decades of farming rice. Larry attended East Chambers from 4th grade on to his graduation in 1955. Larry's first memories of starting school in Texas after attending Catholic School in Louisiana was that his classmates wore something called "blue jeans." Larry and his brothers were outfitted in sailor pants and knickers! After several attempts, his mother Mildred finally got it right.... the Devillier boys had "Texas blue jeans!" Larry participated and lettered in football, baseball, basketball, track and tennis, as was typically customary in small schools. He was known by his classmates with the nickname his coach gave him "Sca-lop." The evolution of this nickname was a result of Larry not pronouncing scalloped potatoes properly at a team dinner.

On November 13, 1955, Larry married an "Anahuac" girl, Ginger Faye Smith, known to all as "BB." Apparently, it was scandalous to marry a girl from the rivalry school and she was Baptist (much to his parents' dismay). They were married for 64 years until her death in June 2019.

Larry was the consummate gentleman…always tipping his hat and opening doors. He wore many hats during his lifetime, with the cowboy hat being one of his favorites. His passion and love for riding horses was almost equal to the love of his family. His favorite horse was an Appaloosa named Pink Rain (she was crazy) but they had a special bond.

Larry's most treasured memories were the times he spent in Freer. His great Uncle Olide had a ranch down in South Texas and several times a year Larry and his best friends headed there to "work cows." Larry, Bubba Devillier, Leroy Ezer, Gilberto Urebe together with their friends who have passed: Wayne Sullivan, Dr. Booster Stephenson, Tooter Haynes and Rex Eubanks were all called the Freer Boys. Many tales were passed on…but it was the ones we didn't hear that made this a legend in all of our households. We think that the phrase "What goes on in Freer, stays in Freer" began here!

Once the grandchildren came along, he wore the PawPaw hat proudly! Never could you find a more devoted grandfather. Attending anything and everything that his grandchildren participated in. From riding horses competitively to dance recitals to sports to beauty pageants…nothing could keep him away! The boys were taught all about hunting and fishing. The girls were all cowgirls.

Then the great-grandchildren came along and his heart was overjoyed! He loved those babies! He loved holding and rocking them when they came for a visit. They all learned to ride the bouncing horse and played with toys that were throwbacks from the 80's. Visits with PawPaw were the best!

Larry is survived by his 3 children: Paulette Cobb of Beaumont, Larry James "Buddy" Devillier, Jr. and his wife, Sheri and Dean Devillier and his wife, Pam, all of Winnie.

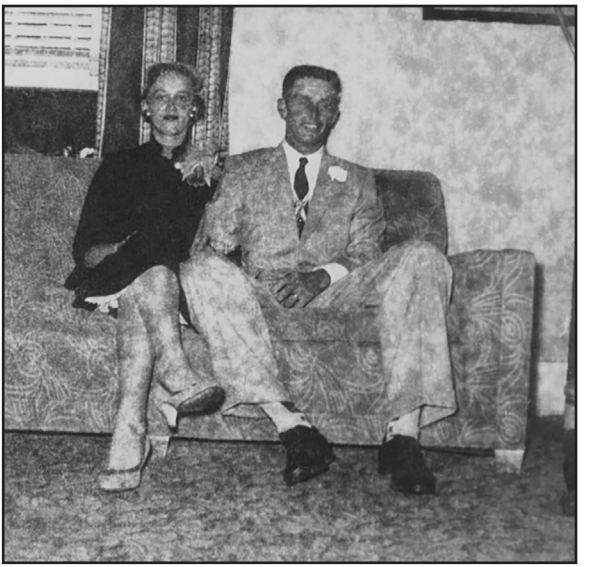
PawPaw is survived by his adored grandchildren: Tyler Coco and his wife, Worley, Justin Devillier, Kate Devillier, Kristen Devillier, Colton Devillier and his wife, Andrea, James Cobb and Audrye Hodges and her husband, Chris.

Left to cherish memories of PawPaw are his great-grandchildren: Wyatt James and John Oscar Coco, Hadlee Kay Dugas, Liam Ry Devillier, Charlotte Bernice and Cooper James Hodges.

Also surviving Larry, 2 of his siblings, Saundra Devillier Fontenot and Billy Devillier and sister-in-law, Barbara Smith and brother-in-law, Wayne Behrend.

In addition to his parents and wife BB, Larry is preceded in death by his son-in-law, Greg Cobb; brother, Kenneth Devillier; and beloved granddaughter, Lauren Coco.

The family wishes to thank Innovative Home Health Care, the Riceland Hospital, Kindred Hospice and the Arboretum of Winnie for their compassion and care. A special thank you to Dr. Danny Thompson, Dr. Boutte, Juana Figueroa and Fatima Soto.



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Tyler James Coco
Justin Dean Devillier
Tim Dugas
Steve Franzen
Pete Cammareri, Jr.
Doug Choate
Steve Hodges

Honorary Pallbearers
Bubba Devillier
Leroy Ezer
Gilberto Urebe

Posthumous Pallbearers
Wayne Sulliven
Dr. Booster Stephenson
Tooter Haynes
Rex Eubanks

Interment
Fairview Cemetery
Winnie, Texas

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