



## Larry Don Merrell

March 2, 1945 - May 1, 2025

Larry Don Merrell was born on March 2, 1945, to James Cleburn and Alice Faye (Dacus) Merrell near Lindsay, Oklahoma. He passed from this life on May 1, 2025, at his home in Washington state surrounded by family.

Larry grew up in Oklahoma City with his parents and sister, Linda. He graduated from Capitol Hill High School in 1963. Following high school, he attended Oklahoma Christian College and the University of Oklahoma. He then graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1968. In 1965, while still in college, Larry married Marsha Ann Castellow. To this union were born sons Steven Scott and Greg Alan. In 1975, Larry's family changed and grew when he married Rosario Pedraza Cardenas. During this time Angelica Castaneda became the daughter of the family.

Upon graduation from Oklahoma State and completion of the U.S. Air Force ROTC program, Larry was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force. He graduated as the top student pilot in his class and flew several varieties of aircraft during his 21 years of service. Larry completed various assignments for the military, both domestically and overseas. Although humble about his military service, he was truly committed to serving his country and serving as an Air Force Instructor Pilot and aviator.

Following retirement from the Air Force, Larry enjoyed supporting Rosa in her

career. As a computer expert, he contributed significantly to postgraduate medical research programs and Navy medical health programs. He was an avid reader, enjoyed scuba diving, motorcycle riding, and kayaking. Larry liked to camp throughout the United States and Canada. He also lived and traveled throughout the world.

Larry was a devoted father and husband. He cared for his family and was eager to offer support at all times.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, J.C. and Alice Merrell, and his wife, Marsha.

Larry is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Rosa, and his children, Steven (and wife Laura), Angelica, and Greg. Survivors also include his grandchildren, Kylar, Trever (and wife Dylen), Trace (and wife Jessica), Sydni, Madi, Kaden, Torii, and Anna, his great-granddaughter, LaRue, his sister, Linda Rozzell, and her children, Ronnie, Holly (and husband Josh and children), and Tim (and wife Kendra and children).

A graveside service is set to begin at 2:00 P.M., on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Services are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn of Wilbourn Family Funeral Home. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilbournfamilyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hill Cemetery

100th Street  
Lindsay, OK 73052

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAY 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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