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Active Pallbearers

Calvin Walton • Alex Griffin • Victor Stolbach
Anthony Watson • Zacharias Griffin • Greg McPherson

Honorary Pallbearers

Dion Porter • Sterling Griffin III • Decovan Doss
Tyrone Griffin • Josh Collins • Deangelo Williams
Porter Chappelle • Ocie Fowler • Patrick Shirley

Flower Bearers

Granddaughters and Great-Nieces
Susan Porter

Honorary Flower Bearers

Brittany Doss-Collins • Chelsea Griffin
Lidia Doss • Sheila Doss • Krystal Doss • Sonya Porter
Jasmine Porter • Damita Donaldson • Felicity Griffin
Krystal Griffin • Rita Walton • Aunjulique Carr

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"We Care" — II Timothy 4:8

Acknowledgment

The family would like to thank everyone for their love,
support and prayers.

*Celebrating The Life
of
Larry Dean Doss*

SUNRISE
December 21, 1964

SUNSET
September 20, 2019



SERVICES

Saturday, September 28, 2019 — 11:00 a.m.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

1616 N. Kelley Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73117

Father Danny Grover
Officiating

Obituary

Larry Dean Doss was born to Louis Dewey Jenkins Jr. and Leona Marie Doss (Porter) on December 21, 1964 in Oklahoma City, OK. Larry spent his childhood growing up in northeast OKC with his three brothers and three sisters. Larry was a joyful child and a wonderful son.

He graduated from Millwood Public Schools in 1983 and attended Okmulgee Vocational and Technical School after graduation. Larry often spent his early teens riding his dirt bike throughout the neighborhood. As luck would have it, it was during a daily bike ride that Larry caught the eye of his future wife Junita. Larry and Junita met when they were 14 and 13 years old. He knew immediately that she would be the person with whom he would spend his life. From the time they met, they spent 41 years together, 34 of those years married.

Larry and Junita welcomed their first son Decovan in October 1983. They were later married on April 12, 1986. Their family continued to grow when they welcomed their daughters Brittany in 1989 and Lidia in 1991. Larry had a sense of humor unlike any other. He loved playing jokes and could keep everyone in tears with his quick wit and funny conversations.

Larry began working for the state of Oklahoma and later the city. It was with Oklahoma County Government that he built a long-standing career as a floor technician. Larry worked for Oklahoma County for 23 years. Providing for his family was a priority. He not only worked for Oklahoma County but also began working for Oklahoma City Public Schools in January 1995. He spent the majority of his school career at Emerson Alternative School. Working with children was truly his calling. Larry had a gift for connecting and so many people looked forward to their daily interaction with him. Others sincerely knew him as "Mr. Larry" but so many called him "Suge". Larry stood tall at 6'4. His height and size could be intimidating but Larry was always so humble, sincere and gentle. He had a way about him, was a true friend, and provided a listening ear.

Many believe you can judge a man by the way he treats his mother. Larry was a loving son who always made his mother a priority. She looked forward to their visits after work and on the weekends. His mother was his joy and he was hers. The love for his mother transcended to the love for his wife. He could not wait to come home every day and see Junita. As soon as he walked in the door, he looked for his "baby". They spent all their time together and their relationship as husband and wife grew stronger because of the friendship they had.

Larry and Junita loved to travel to Louisiana for their family vacations. They would spend time with Junita's family and Larry was welcomed with open arms. Junita remarked that Larry was the favorite and he was the person everyone wanted to see. He loved to try the local cuisine but nothing could compare when Larry got behind the grill. He would always make his famous short ribs, hot links, beans and chicken. His father in law (Sterling Griffin Jr) would often say Larry should open a restaurant. He never turned anyone away and their home was always

open to others. Larry never had a bad word to say about anyone. He always saw the good others had to give.

God's grace gave Larry a loving family. He and his siblings gathered often and celebrated every holiday and birthday together. As a middle child, Larry had the pleasure of being a younger brother and a big brother. He never let a birthday pass without calling to wish his siblings a joyous day. His role as an uncle blurred into his role as a father as well as grandfather. To his nieces and nephews he was Uncle Larry but to his great nieces and nephews he was "Papa Larry". He loved his nieces and nephews as his children and he was as influential in their lives as he was in his own children.

Family first was the core of who Larry was. His children shared a close bond with their father. He was an example of strength, courage, perseverance and love. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them and only wanted the best for his son and two daughters. Becoming a grandfather (Papa) brought a new level of joy and happiness to Larry and Junita. Their grandchildren always wanted to spend the night and their time with Papa Larry. The Griffin family played a vital role in Larry's life. Even before they married, Larry was a big brother to Junita's younger three siblings. He spent as much time in their home growing up as he did in his own. He loved Sterling and Mary Griffin and looked after his father and mother in law on a daily basis. He helped create a bond of love and trust between two families (Porter/Griffin) who equally loved him with all their hearts.

His father Louis Jenkins Jr. and his father E. Melvin Porter preceded Larry in death. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Junita, his son Decovan (Sheila), his daughter Brittany (Josh), his daughter Lidia, his mother Leona, his sisters Damita (Stan), Sonya, Susan, his brothers Melvin, Joel (Latonya), Dion, his 8 grandchildren Anthony, Landon, Jalen, Lyric, Cameron, Gabriel, Olivia, Alexandria. His in-laws Sterling and Mary Griffin, his brothers-in-law Sterling III (Maria), Tyrone, Zacharias as well as 23 nieces and nephews and several great nieces and nephews, also survive him.



I did a favor yesterday, a kindly little deed...
And then I called to all the world to stop and look and heed.
They stopped and looked and flattered me
In words I could not trust,
And when the world had gone away
My good deed turned to dust.

A very tiny courtesy I found to do today;
'Twas quickly done, with none to see, and then I ran away...
But Someone must have witnessed it, for – truly I declare –
As I sped back the stony path Roses were blooming there!

The family of Larry Dean Doss wants you to know that he gave his all, did his best, brought us all some happiness. This world is a little better because he lived.



Order of Service

Opening Hymn	There is a balm in Gilead #502
The Opening Prayer	Father Danny Grover
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 23
New Testament Reading	I Thessalonians 4:13-18 Read by Susan Porter
Gospel Acclamation	
Gospel Reading	Deacon Dunn Cumby
Homily	Father Danny Grover
Prayer of Intercession	Deacon Dunn Cumby
Presentation of Gifts	Grandchildren and nieces
Eucharistic Prayer & Celebration	
Holy, Holy, Holy	
Acclamation of Faith	
The Great Amen	
The Lord's Prayer	Congregation
Communion	I am the Bread of Life #755
Solo	Michael Brown
Closing Prayer	Father Danny Grover
Final Hymn	Hush, Hush #624