



Larry Blanchard

January 22, 1929 - December 20, 2025

Lawrence “Larry” Arthur Blanchard, age 96 passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2025, in Lindale, Texas. He was born on January 22, 1929, in Baytown, Texas to the late Cyril Pierre and Ora Beatrice (Murdoch) Blanchard. Larry was a lifelong resident of Texas, living in Lindale for the last 44 years. In his early years he served his country in the United States Navy as a Tin Can Sailor in the South China Sea, met and married the love of his life in 1951 and became a child of God in 1956. For 17 years, Larry was an aircraft electrician installing aircraft equipment for Collins Radio, as a Lead and then as Foreman. This led to becoming the owner/operator of Blanchard Heating and Electrical and Blanchard Electrical.

Larry was a member of First Baptist Church of Lindale since 1981 where he served as an active deacon over 4 decades. He also received a Mission Service Corps appointment from the Texas Baptist Home Mission Board and was assigned to the Texas Baptist Men as Director of Upward Bound, a missionary program for wayward boys, and the TBM Disaster Relief Mass Feeding Program. For more than 25 years he took teams around the world to wherever there was a disaster demonstrating Christ to people in crisis.

Larry was a Master Mason for 67 years and served at the state level as Chaplain of the Memorials Committee in 2009 and Grand Chaplain for Texas in 2003.

Larry was preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Rhodes.

He is survived by his wife of 74 years, Patsy Jane Blanchard of Lindale;

children, Audrey Adams and husband, Randy of Cedar Hill, Janet Muhney and husband, Michael of Argyle, Samuel Blanchard of Lindale, and Aaron Blanchard and wife, Shannon of Lindale. Larry had 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He will be missed. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be sent in Larry's name to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701.

A celebration of life will be held on February 7th at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church, 103 E Van St, Lindale, TX 75771.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Lindale First Baptist Church
105 Hubbard Street
Lindale, TX 75771

Tribute Wall



“ *Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Blanchard*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 03 at 10:52 PM



“ *52 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 03 at 10:40 PM



“ *Janet M. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Larry Blanchard.*



Janet M. - February 03 at 03:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Blanchard.



February 03 at 12:57 PM



“ East Texas Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Blanchard.

East Texas Team - February 03 at 12:57 PM



“ Pat B. purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Larry Blanchard.



Pat B. - February 02 at 11:37 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Blanchard.



January 14 at 01:55 PM

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“ He installed all of the avionics in the first two “Air Force One “ presidential aircraft!!!
Later a man lift broke an axle, dropped him 39 feet and broke his back. After healing, he became active in the Boy’s branch of Baptist Men called Royal Ambassadors . He worked with me during “Desert Storm “ feeding 1400 Kurdish refugees in the Zagreb Mountains of Iran !
Even with his bad back , he led “Upward Bound” back packing expeditions for institutionalized young men to help them through their problems!!!
He was also in Texans On Mission disaster relief programs when it was Texas Baptist Men!!
He was my Spiritual Brother and best friend!!!

Dr John LaNoue - January 07 at 09:17 PM

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I have known Larry for the past 40 years and he was a fine Christian man. Always ready and willing to help whenever needed. We walked up and down several mountains together because he loved leading young men to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. I will miss him.

Mickey Lenamon - January 13 at 10:56 AM

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“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Larry Blanchard



Karen Damon - December 26, 2025 at 09:58 PM