



Larry Edward Westmoreland

March 21, 1952 - May 15, 2023

Larry, age 71 and lifelong resident of Tickfaw, went to his heavenly home on Monday, May 15, 2023, surrounded by his loving family in the comfort of his earthly home.

Larry's faith and family always came first. He fiercely loved his family and cherished each memory made with them. Larry adored his beautiful wife, GiGi, for 49 years. He loved spending time with family and friends. Being a great "Pa" came easy and he was quick to tell you how very proud he was of each of his grandchildren. He treasured his family and friends more than anyone could imagine. His family has greatly appreciated the love, prayers, and unending support from everyone over these last 2 years of his life. Larry fought his battle with pancreatic cancer with grace, strength, courage, and an unending tenacity that was fueled, and sustained, by his faith in his Savior, Jesus Christ, along with his genuine passion for his family. The promise of eternity with his Creator brought Larry peace throughout that journey and his desire was to share the love of the Lord with his family and friends as much as possible. That same unfailing promise of God is also what helps ease the pain of his loss. Larry was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend who is already dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. His family is forever grateful for the gracious care of everyone at the Oschner Cancer Center, STPH, St. Tammany Hospital Foundation Hospice, and the Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund.

Larry worked tirelessly as a Professional Horse Trainer for more than 50 years; training and showing in a variety of disciplines. His favorite, and specialty, over the past 35 years, being Cutting and Working Cow Horse. Having earned countless state, regional, and national titles, to say he was an accomplished horseman would certainly be an understatement. One of his greatest joys was helping his youth and amateur riders to achieve their horsemanship goals. He was a highly respected trainer, coach, and mentor to countless people throughout his career. Most of whom grew to be lifelong friends, some even becoming family. The equine industry was blessed for more than 35 years to have Larry sitting in on multiple statewide, regional, and national boards / committees shaping the equine future in America. Most recently, he actively served/worked as an NRCHA 2A Judge / Clinician, was President of the LQHA, BOD Member for LaSH, and was the Vice President of the SRCHA until his passing.

For more than 18 years, Larry served his local community as a Deputy and Lieutenant Detective with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. During his law enforcement career, he earned a national Heroism Award for his service along with numerous other commendations. Larry served on multiple task forces and tactical groups which collaborated with local, state, and federal agencies throughout his years of service. The lifelong friendships made, and memories shared, with his "Brothers and Sisters In Blue" were forevermore treasured by Larry. His many experiences in law enforcement provided him with a wonderful extended family. Honor, bravery, and integrity were some of his most admirable qualities.

Larry is survived by his loving wife, Genevieve 'GiGi' Cates Westmoreland; daughter, Kelly Leigh Westmoreland Vinyard and her husband Amos Alton Vinyard; and grandchildren; Alex Weston Vinyard, Kade Wyatt Vinyard, and Kaylee Rose Vinyard.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Vernis Westmoreland; and his uncle Stanley Eugene Baham.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations please be made to the following organizations that helped Larry and his family in some extremely difficult times:

“Tribute Donation”, please designate Hospice at time of donation.

<https://www.sthfoundation.org/donate>

and

The Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund

<https://www.horsemensdistressfund.com/how-to-help/>

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the Chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 12012 Hwy 190 West, Hammond, LA. on Monday, May 22, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. until the start of the Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. Brother Rick LeDoux will officiate.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Hammond, LA
12012 Highway 190 W
Hammond, LA 70401
(225) 567-1884

Funeral Service

MAY 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Edward Westmoreland*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - May 20, 2023 at 01:27 PM

CM

RIP old friend.....you will be truly missed.....Carl Merriett

Carl Merriett - May 20, 2023 at 10:19 PM

NL

*So very sorry for your loss Gi Gi , prayers and condolences to you and your lovely family 🙏
Norma LaCava*

Norma LaCava - May 21, 2023 at 12:19 PM

MB

*Just a beautiful memorial
The Bergeron's*

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BB

Remembering a cold day in October squirrel hunting and eating your granny's wonderful biscuits and bacon. See you on the other side.

Bruce Bennett - May 23, 2023 at 11:00 AM

PC

“ So sorry for your loss. My God comfort you at this time. Patrick and Heidi Corrigan

Patrick Corrigan - May 20, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Westmoreland.



May 18, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Westmoreland.

May 18, 2023 at 08:12 PM

KJ

“ I did not have the pleasure to meet Mr. Larry, however, heard nothing but good about him from people who rode with him. RIP

Kim Renfroe Jenkins - May 18, 2023 at 05:44 PM

LA

“ Louisiana Stock Horse Association purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Larry Edward Westmoreland.



Louisiana Stock Horse Association - May 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM

TW

“*"Ride the hair off that horse!", he once told me. Never forget that or him. Lived that he was always so positive and encouraging. He loved helping others....a wonderful friend, mentor and trainer. He will be missed! Prayers for family. RIP Larry.*

Tricia Wiley - May 17, 2023 at 10:44 PM

JM

“*Gigi and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Our families were very close, especially when Larry was growing up. May Jesus comfort you.
The James D. Miley Family*

Jean Miley - May 17, 2023 at 10:27 PM

CF

“*It was such an honor to meet Larry in 2006. He was a wonderful person, friend, man, cowboy and teacher. He was always so kind to my family and I. He trained and took my beautiful Mare to the Arabian Horse national event in 2007. I hope that he has a chance to ride her again. Only this time in the clouds. He taught me a lot about showing horses. For his friendship and kindness I will be forever grateful. Ms Gigi and family, I send hugs, love and deepest sympathy to you. May the Lord comfort you and your family during this time of sorrow. If I can be of help to you at anytime, please don't hesitate to call.*

Charee Fabiano - May 17, 2023 at 10:22 PM

KS

Larry was so passionate about his cutting and working cow horses and he was a good friend and the nicest man God always wants the best and Larry was the best I will miss him condolences to his beautiful loving family

Kris Searle - May 18, 2023 at 09:44 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Westmoreland.



May 17, 2023 at 10:16 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Westmoreland.

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Edward Westmoreland.



May 17, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ He will be greatly missed. It was always good to see him and family at the family reunion... Prayers for the family.



David Moyer - May 17, 2023 at 08:19 PM

JS

“ Larry was one of the most humble, generous and giving people I have ever known; I always admired his positive attitude. It was an honor for me to know him for the short while that I did. RIP my friend.

Johnny Steib - May 17, 2023 at 06:57 PM

AW

“ GIGI, Kelly and family, my heart hurts with yall. I will miss him.

Anita Wall - May 16, 2023 at 09:55 PM

AP

“ So sorry to hear about Larry . We worked together at the Sheriffs office. Would run into him every now and then at Wal-Mart. Prayers for all family

Angie Phelps - May 16, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MB

GiGi, Kelly and family my prayers are with you. I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. God Bless through this time.

Mildred Briggs - May 17, 2023 at 11:59 AM