



## Lawrence Hanley Lium

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Lawrence “Larry” Lium, 78, beloved husband, father, grandfather (GPa), brother, and friend to many, passed away on Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Mansfield, Texas. His battle with newly discovered medical issues was just too hard.

Larry was born in Minot, North Dakota to Juel and Irma Jane (Hanley) Lium. He attended Sunnyside and Washington grade school and Minot Junior and Senior High, graduating in 1960. He went on to attend Minot State College and the University of North Dakota Graduate School, majoring in Journalism/Communications.

He first met the love of his life, Adell Guidinger, in junior high and they dated through high school. They married on August 1, 1964 in Minot. They had a son, Joel, born in Minot in 1967; and a daughter, Alison, born in Louisville, Kentucky in 1971. His career in Public Relations for higher education took him to Hanover, IN; Jacksonville, FL; Norman, OK (Boomer Sooner); and Ellensburg, WA. Larry and Adell both retired in 2005 and moved to Mansfield, TX to be near their daughter and granddaughter. There is peace knowing that Larry and Adell are together again.

Larry was an amazing musician. Music was a huge part of his life. He was a member of a few bands in the DFW area, including Buttermilk Junction. He got to play the Old-Time American music and Irish Traditional music that he loved so much at weekend festivals and gatherings. He could play any instrument you gave him, but he especially loved the guitar, banjo and mandolin. Larry was a hard worker and a real “do-it-yourselfer.” He loved all the projects that his rental properties gave him to keep busy after retirement. He also loved golf, and his friends at Walnut Creek Country Club are considered his golf family. Sailing was another favorite hobby of Larry’s. While in Washington state, the family was fortunate to have many sailing vacations in the San Juan Islands which he truly loved. Most notable about Larry is his caring heart. He took such good care of family members, neighbors, tenants, and friends that it sometimes meant he forgot to take care of himself.

Larry was an amazing man who most likely never realized how many people he has had an impact on in his lifetime.

Larry is preceded in death by Adell in 2013; his brother, Jim, in 2019; and his brother, Tom, in 1996.

Survivors: Son, Joel Lium; daughter, Alison and husband Ron Mendelsohn and granddaughter, Laurin Mendelsohn; brother Robert (Bob) Lium and wife Pat.

Donations in Larry's name can be made to support Parkinson's research ( [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org) or [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org) )

# Events

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**MAY**   **Celebration of Life**   **11:00AM**

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First United Methodist Church Mansfield  
777 N. Walnut Creek Drive, Mansfield, TX, US, 76063

# Comments

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**Robert Lium** - May 12, 2020 at 10:58 PM

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“ I am Larry's younger brother Bob. Larry was a very hard loss. He was a special brother as were the other two brothers we lost. Tom at age 50 in 1996 (Youngest) and Jim in September 2019 at 80 (the Oldest). Now Larry at 78 (Second Oldest). Two brothers in six months Larry was a great musician like many Lium's (Just not his brothers). You can see Larry's natural talent on the video below as well on the many others on Facebook and YouTube. We also loss a great musician

Alison, Ron, Laurin and Joel as well as many nieces and nephews can be very proud of their Dad, Grandfather, Uncle. I am.

Watch this video of when Michael Murphy Martin was walking by ButterMilk Junction at a festival and joined in. Watch Larry follow Michael's lead and play on. May Larry Rest in Peace with Adell and his Music

<https://youtu.be/-kOAeWaJpF8>

**Robert Lium** - May 12, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ I grew up next door to Larry in Minot, North Dakota. Larry and I were good friends and went to many Minot Mallards baseball games together. We lost touch about 60 years ago but I always remembered his friendship.

**Bill Guenther** - May 13, 2020 at 01:20 PM

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“ When Gil and I moved to Ellensburg, WA in August of 1983, little did we know that we were soon to meet a couple who would become our very dear friends--Adele and Larry. Gil and Larry had met in Indiana briefly; I knew neither of them, but we met Adele right away, and she invited us to drive to Anacortes, WA and meet Larry who was on their sail boat, and we would go sailing around the San Juans. That was way too good an invitation to turn down, and so we 3 headed north on I-5 and thus begun a wonderful friendship that has lasted all these many years.

For the 10+ years we lived in Ellensburg, there was never a dull moment with Adele and Larry--from winter rafting down the Yakima in early February, to ballroom dances--tuxedos required, to trips to Yakima wineries, picnics on top of a scary mountain drive to Lion Rock, where we played bridge in the sunshine with Mt. Rainier in the background. There were weekends in Cle Elum at "The Cabin" where Larry played the guitar and Gil brought his keyboard and we played lots of bridge. Hikes in the snow, trips to the Brick (in Roslyn) for games of pool and table shuffleboard and golf in the summer were just a few of the adventures we had together. There was the infamous "Eruption Party" attended by several couples who purchased at a Rotary Auction (for several hundred dollars) a weekend trip to Cle Elum which we and the Liums and Bob and Lovelia Case hosted. (This was the 10 year anniversary of the Mt. St. Helens eruption -- imaginations would run wild when thinking of fun things to do in a small town). Then there was "The Mash" party, Rose's Cantina party and the times Larry drove the old school bus complete with live chickens.

The sailing adventures we had during all these years would fill another page, but crossing the Puget Sound shipping lanes in dense fog, and hitting a rock in the San Juans while 4 of us were calmly reading, are just two memorable events.

Since none of our children lived in WA (they were in college in Arizona then) we enjoyed spending time with Joel and Alison during these years as well as with Adele and Larry. Joel was one of Gil's students at Central Washington University. And when the Liums moved to Texas, we visited them there and they visited us when we moved to Kingston, WA. The last visit we had was in Texas right before Adele died. But with all the great memories we have of our long friendship, we will always remember the Liums.

Mary Jac & Gil Neal

Mary Jac & Gil Neal - May 12, 2020 at 04:41 PM

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“ I came to meet Larry many years ago at the Keller Folk Music Society. Our paths crossed later at an Irish session in Arlington and with Buttermilk Junction. I didn't know him well, but I remember that any time I was around him, everything seemed brighter and happier. You couldn't ask for a better friend than that. My condolences to all of you.

**Bobby Bush** - May 12, 2020 at 02:17 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Larry's death. I was a bridesmaid at Adell and Larry's wedding. I have known Larry since the 7th grade. Adell was one of my best friends. My mom, Margaret Geving played golf regularly with Larry's mom, Irma. I am sure he will be greatly missed. Fondly, Jesslyn Geving Larson and my husband, Ron Larson, both graduates with Larry and Adell, of Minot High School, 1960 class, Minot, N. D.

**Jesslyn Geving Larson** - May 12, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ I remember Ron Larson from Minot.

**Bill Guenther** - May 13, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ Robert Lium is following this tribute.

**Robert Lium** - May 12, 2020 at 01:00 AM

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“ I met Larry in my first days with Buttermilk Jct when he'd come out of his mourning for Adele --so I never did meet her. He told us one time a year or so later at Oakwood Cemetary, between the two Saints and Sinners tours each October, that "Carolina in the Pines" was their favorite song and maybe could we try playing it, which we did, to ourselves. So one can imagine when Larry and Adele reunite, she will ask "Larry, do you remember our favorite song" and he will be able to say..."Not only do I remember it, but let me tell you about that morning in Stephenville a few years ago when Michael Martin Murphey sat in with us for about half and hour and borrowed MY guitar!" Larry was tickled pink that day, we all remember....Will Cornell, Buttermilk Jct....see the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A3fKLHEq\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A3fKLHEq_A)

**Will Cornell** - May 11, 2020 at 09:20 PM

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“Larry graced the members of the Bambi & Thumper contra dance band in Dallas with his inimitable guitar-picking skills for the past several years. He would fight the traffic from Mansfield to make it to gigs, paid or unpaid. We remain grateful and will continue to miss his warm, gentle presence in our midst.” -- Janis Adams, Shelley Allison, Dennis Amber, Jim Calhoun, Susan Mardel & Mary Ellen Robertson

**Shelley Allison** - May 11, 2020 at 08:25 PM