



LARRY DREXEL SHAFFER

August 15, 1946 - October 23, 2025

Larry D. Shaffer, 79, passed away on October 23, 2025, in Grove, Oklahoma. Born on August 15, 1946, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Larry led a life defined by dedication, ingenuity, and quiet strength. He graduated from McClain High School with the class of 1964.

He devoted 37 years to the field of avionics at American Airlines. Among his many accomplishments, he helped design a component for an aircraft that is now housed in the Smithsonian Museum—a lasting testament to his technical expertise and contributions to aviation.

Beyond his professional achievements, Larry found joy in simple pleasures. He had a deep love for fishing and a remarkable talent for fixing nearly anything. Whether working in his garage or enjoying time outdoors, he approached life with patience and skill. His dry sense of humor and kind demeanor made him a valued presence among those who knew him.

He married Judy Fox in Eureka Springs, Arkansas on August 23, 1996. After living in Foyle, Oklahoma and Atlanta, Georgia, they settled in Grove in 2015, where they quickly made many friends and became devoted members of Trinity Baptist Church. Larry's steady faith and commitment to his community were evident throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents George Shaffer and Norma (Moyer) Crawford, brother Richard Shaffer and sister Loyce.

Left to cherish his memory, his wife Judy Shaffer; children Kathryn Shaffer of

Avant, Oklahoma, Terry Dorsey of Eucha, Oklahoma, Mike Shaffer (Shannon) of Verdigris, Oklahoma, and bonus children Jeffrey Salyer of Kingspoint, Tennessee and Kristin Yazzie (Virgil) of Naschitti, New Mexico; brother Doug Crawford of Florida, 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, as well as many extended family and friends. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him and stand as a tribute to a life lived with purpose and integrity. A Memorial Service for Larry will be held at 1pm on Thursday, October 30, 2025 at Trinity Baptist Church, Grove, Oklahoma. Arrangements are entrusted to Nichols-Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services, Grove, Oklahoma.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
Grove , OK 74344