



Laurence Thomas Bourgeois

September 16, 1930 - January 1, 2020

Surrounded by family, Laurence Thomas Bourgeois, aged 89, passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 4:11 p.m.

Larry was born in New Orleans on September 16, 1930. Larry is preceded in death by his mother, Marie Bourgeois (nee Sisung), his father, Leon Joseph Bourgeois, and his older brother, Louis Bourgeois.

Beloved husband to the late Helen Emme Bourgeois. Treasured father to Laury Bourgeois, James Bourgeois (Joan Parker), Thomas Bourgeois (Adrienne Rochon), and Kathleen Bourgeois (Thomas Merello) and much loved grandfather to Jesse Bourgeois (Sam Kneibler). Larry is also survived by daughter-in-law Diane Bourgeois and many nieces and nephews.

Larry's family overcame the hardships of the great depression. He attended Fortier High School and at age 17, received a football scholarship to Louisiana State University (LSU), attending for two years. Larry joined his brother, Lou, in St. Louis where he met Helen at Harris Teacher's College. Larry enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and continued to write Helen from overseas. She joined him in England and they were wed in 1953.

In 1954, their first child, Laury, was born overseas. Following the end of

Larry's USAF tenure, they eventually moved to North County as other children were added to the family. They outgrew their Dellwood home and moved to 411 N. Elizabeth in the winter of 1973. This century home in Ferguson was their home for forty years. Many evenings were spent on the front porch, visiting with neighbors and friends.

Larry enjoyed many hobbies including playing darts, collecting stamps, watching movies, and following any number of sports teams. For nearly 20 years, he worked at McDonnell-Douglas aircraft (now Boeing) as a buyer of airplane parts for the F4 Phantom, F15 Eagle, and F18 Hornet. At age 55, he retired to read and travel and continued to support his favorite local sports teams. In recent years, at the assisted living wing at Hidden Lake, Larry enjoyed researching and hosting trivia sessions on a regular basis.

Larry was a mentor, confidante, and all-around great father. After Helen's passing, Larry remained strong in spirit and support for his family and friends. As a family, we will strive to live by his example. We're thankful for the many years and memories we all shared together. We have truly been blessed by his life and love.

Funeral services to be held at Valhalla, 7600 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Louis, MO, 63133, on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Visitation from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. with a non-denominational memorial service to follow.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Valhalla Chapel of Memories
7600 St Charles Rock Road
St Louis, MO 63133

Funeral Ceremony

JAN 7. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DU

“ *i remember how he was kind with us when we visit US. he offered us it's house
reast in peace
christiane duponchelle*

duponchelle - January 07, 2020 at 12:51 PM

LB

Bises, Christiane...Il etait un tres bon homme et pere!

laury bourgeois - January 22, 2020 at 04:54 PM

JV

“ *Juan and Chris Villarreal purchased the Florist C
hoice Bouquet for the family of Laurence Thomas
Bourgeois.*



Juan and Chris Villarreal - January 06, 2020 at 03:12 PM

BC

“ *Betty Crosby purchased the Sentiments of Sereni
ty Spray for the family of Laurence Thomas
Bourgeois.*



Betty Crosby - January 06, 2020 at 10:43 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laurence Thomas Bourgeois.*



January 06, 2020 at 10:25 AM



“ *Love-Bonnie, Angie and Martha purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Laurence Thomas Bourgeois.*



Love-Bonnie, Angie and Martha - January 05, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurence Thomas Bourgeois.*



January 05, 2020 at 12:13 PM



“ *Dearest Laury and family,*

Sorry to hear about your Dad.

Praying that your treasured memories will comfort you.

Love Pat & Graeme

Pat & Graeme Bruce - January 05, 2020 at 10:47 AM

LB

HUGE MERCI, Pat and Graeme-Love to you both!- Laury

Laury Ann Bourgeois - January 07, 2020 at 07:02 AM

FW

“ *Laury and Kathleen, Tom and Jim*

I want to express my condolences to all of you on the loss of a most wonderful father; your dad will be missed, but trust that he is now where his own heart would desire to be, a body that is whole again, with mom and so many others who have gone before him.

He will be watching over you in the days and weeks to come; and I want to assure you that you are all in my prayers, too.

Fr. Henry

Fr. Henry Willenborg - January 04, 2020 at 05:29 PM

LB

Thanks so much, Father Henry-Love, Laury

Laury Ann Bourgeois - January 07, 2020 at 07:06 AM

RE

“ *I only met Mr Bourgeois once, at the service for his late wife, and he struck me as being charming, handsome, and very interested in others. Beyond that, I only know him through Laury's blogs.*

Laury, I know how much you will miss your daily conversations with him from wherever you lived at the time.

I send my love and condolences to all of you.

Regina Engelken

Regina Engelken - January 04, 2020 at 11:29 AM

LB

Thanks, Regina... Love you, Laury

Laury Bourgeois - January 04, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laurence Thomas Bourgeois.*



January 03, 2020 at 06:42 PM

DF

“ *Larry and Helen welcomed us as part of the family. We enjoyed sitting on the porch or sharing coffee when Helen would always offer a treat and listen to his wealth of knowledge on history, sports, movies, etc. We would sit and visit for hours, they were a very special couple. Their kindness and arms of love will be missed!*

With Love, David and Connie

David and Connie Fink - January 03, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurence Thomas Bourgeois.*



January 03, 2020 at 01:15 PM

CV

“ *Dear Bourgeois Family,*

*We're thinking of you as you grieve the loss of your beloved Dad.
We pray that your precious memories of all he meant to you and the
good times you shared together will give you peace.*

Sincerely,

*Juan and Chris Villarreal
West Haven, Utah*

Chris Villarreal - January 03, 2020 at 11:12 AM