Larry Wayne Statham

Age 83, a resident of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021 at his home. He was born April 4, 1938 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the son of Joe Frank "Bill" and Mildred "Tooter" (Joyce) Statham.

Larry graduated from Spiro High School in 1956. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1956-1976. He was a Department of Defense Supervisory Management Analyst (GS-15) in Norfolk, Virginia for 6 years. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association for 47 years, the American Legion Post 226 in Coweta, Oklahoma for 20 years and a proud member of Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. He had served as Fire Chief for the Wedington Fire Department for 10 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years Sandra M. Statham; four daughters Cynthia Statham Potter of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Linda Statham also of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Donna Statham Shepherd and her husband Steve of Norfolk, Virginia, and Tracy Avignone Tice and her husband Jason of Farmington, Arkansas; two sisters Betsy Statham Criswell of Muldrow, Oklahoma and Joyce Statham Bridges of Spiro, Oklahoma; seven grandchildren Brandon Beavers and wife Aiden, Alan Potter and his wife Michele, Tyler Potter Sakis, Casey Potter and his wife Gina, Kyle Shepherd, Ty Tice and his wife Katelyn and Cole Tice plus six great grandchildren and beloved nieces and nephews.

FATHER / DADDY

A father comes directly after God –
To shelter, protect and guide.
He has a tired smile in the evening
With love in his heart
And a soul filled with pride
Any man can be a Father
but it takes someone special
To be a DADDY.



APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we wish to express their gratitude for your many acts of kindness, and for your attendance at the funeral service.

Luginbuel Funeral Home
Prairie Grove, Arkansas
online guest book, visit www.luginbuel.com



Larry Wayne Statham April 4, 1938 - May 6, 2021



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed a dream.

As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,

One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,

especially at the very lowest and saddest times,

there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

CELEBRATING THE LIFE & MEMORY OF Larry Wayne Statham

DATE, TIME & PLACE OF SERVICE Saturday, May 15, 2021 - Church of the Nazarene Siloam Springs, Arkansas

ORDER OF SERVICE

Greeting / Invocation

Rev. Tim Traxel

Reading of the Obituary

Rev. Tim Traxel

Congregational Songs:

Hymn # 570 "I've Anchored in Jesus"

Hymn # 625 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Reading (Sandy's)

Phillips Family

"El Shaddai"

Words of Comfort

Rev. Tim Traxel

Benediction

"Staying Alive"

Military Honors

United States Navy

FINAL RESTING PLACE Spiro City Cemetery Spiro City, Oklahoma

MEMORIALS Highland Oncology Group Fayetteville, Arkansas

TWENTY THIRD PSALM

The LORD is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for
His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
for Thou art with me:
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.