



## Larry Wayne Davidson

October 31, 1943 - May 12, 2026

Graveside services for Larry Wayne Davidson, 82, of Gilmer, Texas, will be held at 10:00 am, Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Sunset Memorial Park with Brother Charles Johnson officiating. The family will receive friends 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Wednesday at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Larry was born on October 31, 1943, in Gilmer, Texas, to Sam Houston Davidson and Juanita Cowley Davidson and passed from this life on May 12, 2026.

Larry married Paula Odom on April 12, 1974, in the Methodist Church Chapel in Gilmer, and they were married for 52 years. He worked as a maintenance mechanic at Texas Eastman for 32 years before his retirement. Larry was a devoted husband, father, and PawPaw whose life was filled with joy and faith. He had a deep love for the outdoors and spent much of his free time enjoying nature. He especially loved hunting and fishing and could often be found in the woods or on the water with family and friends. Cutting and stacking firewood was another pastime he truly enjoyed, and he took pride in hard work and the simple pleasures of country life. Some of his happiest moments were spent outdoors doing the things he loved most.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Paula Davidson; children, Brian Davidson (Candice), Tina Kennimer, and Lorie Davidson; brother, Billy Jack

Davidson (Verna); grandchildren, Brennan Thompson, Jessica Hilton, Colton Shipp, Zachary Davidson, and Lexie Covington; great-grandchildren, Emory Shipp, Adlee Jo Hilton, Jay Thompson, Jack Thompson, and Annie Lou Thompson; sister in law, Renesia Wilburn (Henry); several nieces and nephews; and his fishing buddy, Thomas Youngblood.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his brother and sister-in-law, Tommy and Mary Lou Davidson.

Pallbearers will be Don Davidson, Luke Davidson, Dustin Davidson, Jake Davidson, Zachary Davidson, and Colton Shipp.

Honorary pallbearers will be the Gilmer High School Class of 1962.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to Shriners Children's, c/o Office of Philanthropy, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607, or [donate.shrinerschildrens.org](http://donate.shrinerschildrens.org)

Please visit Larry's online registration book at [www.mcwhorterfh.com](http://www.mcwhorterfh.com) to leave a memory for the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Park

1582 US Hwy 271 S  
Gilmer, TX 75645

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home  
1074 St. Hwy 300  
Gilmer, TX 75645  
(903) 734-7070  
[info@mcwhorterfh.com](mailto:info@mcwhorterfh.com)  
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## Graveside Service

MAY 14. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Park  
1582 US Hwy 271 S  
Gilmer, TX 75645

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Larry Wayne Davidson*



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**Brent Hale** - 6 hours ago

SW

“ *Paula  
I'm so sorry. May you have strength and guidance through all of this. Love and prayers for all.*

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**Sandy Wilson** - May 14 at 08:22 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.*



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May 13 at 05:53 PM



“ 60 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**McWhorter Funeral Home** - May 13 at 04:15 PM

RF

“ Raigan Maddox & Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.



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**Raigan Maddox & Family** - May 13 at 02:51 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I haven't talked to him in a very long time but he was always very nice in school. May God grant peace and comfort to all his family and friends.



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**Linda Shaw Bond** - May 13 at 01:52 PM

MF

“ Micaela DuMay and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.



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Micaela DuMay and Family - May 13 at 11:24 AM

MF

“ Micaela DuMay and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Wayne Davidson.

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Micaela DuMay and Family - May 13 at 11:24 AM

PC

“ Pure Heart Ministry Church purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.



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Pure Heart Ministry Church - May 13 at 10:34 AM

LP

“ Paula, Lorece and I are so sorry, . Sweetie, we are praying for God to grant you, Strength and to comfort you. Prayers for all the family. Sending you a Big Hug. Lorece and June Phillips

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Lorece and June Phillips - May 13 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.*



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May 13 at 09:55 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.*



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May 12 at 10:37 PM



“ *Kay & James Rush purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Larry Wayne Davidson.*



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**Kay & James Rush** - May 12 at 10:02 PM



“ *I have good memories of Larry. Prayers for the family.*

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**Thomas Deab** - May 12 at 09:32 PM



“ *Enjoyed many good times being around Larry at the plant . My sincere condolences and prayers to the family at this difficult time.*  
*Mark Gilbert*

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**Mark and Debbie Gilbert** - May 12 at 07:51 PM

WB

“ I worked with Larry at the garage many years ago and thoroughly enjoyed working with him. He taught me a few things along the way too. Always funny to be around. I'm so glad I came to visit him a couple of weeks back. I would feel really terrible right now if I hadn't. Paula and BB I sure am going to miss him just like you will. Thinking of you all right now.

W. O. Barber - May 12 at 07:13 PM



“ I worked with Larry for many years. What a guy e was. Back in the 60's he always had an old pickup truck for sale.Larry what would you take for that old truck, his answer would always be oh, about two bills.He had a great personality.Jerry Woods and Larry could always put a smile on your face. God bless the family.

Tom Moore - May 12 at 05:37 PM



“ I work worked with Larry for md

Tom Moore - May 12 at 05:28 PM

RC

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was like family to ours. He and daddy rode back-and-forth to Eastman every day together. Daddy always loved Larry. We all loved him! After I bought my first car, anytime I needed a mechanic, I called Larry. He was funny, he would say, you again? Paula altered my wedding dress and of course I would have to deal with Larry too. He gave me a hard time about getting married. :) we're all gonna miss Larry and his fun personality! Prayers to Paula, and all the kids, grandkids, and Great grandkids! Love y'all!

Ronna "Beanie" Caskey - May 12 at 03:38 PM

TH

*Paula, so sorry to hear this! Prayers for you and the kids!*

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**Terry & Jeannine Howard** - May 12 at 04:01 PM

PP

*To all of the family, I'm so sorry for your loss!! He was a good man!  
Lifting prayers for all!!*



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**Patti Palmer** - May 12 at 04:10 PM