



R. Lawrence "Larry" Spellins

April 13, 1937 - March 13, 2015

Larry Spellins, age 77, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 13, 2015. He died peacefully at home with his family. He was a wonderful husband, dad and papa.

He is survived by his wife of 51½ years, Linda; son, Jeffery Todd and his wife, Elizabeth; grandchildren, Ashley, Taylor, Cristian, Jordan and Jett; brother, Ronnie and wife, Penny of Houston; sister, Flo Hawkins of Oklahoma City; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Larry was born in Arkansas, relocated to Albuquerque and graduated from Highland High School and attended St. Joseph's College. He and his wife moved to Dallas and he retired from Ben E. Keith Foods. After retirement they moved back to Albuquerque.

Celebration of Life Service will be Friday, March 20, 2015, 11:00 a.m. at FRENCH - Westside. Memorial contributions are suggested to Temple Baptist Church, 1613 Arizona St NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

FRENCH - Westside
9300 Golf Course Rd NW
505-897-0300

Tribute Wall



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of R. Lawrence "Larry" Spellins.*



March 19, 2015 at 08:53 PM



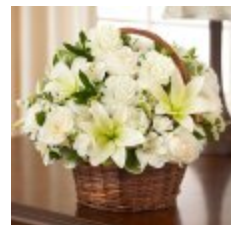
“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of R. Lawrence "Larry" Spellins.*



March 19, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of R. Lawrence "Larry" Spellins.*



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“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of R. Lawrence "Larry" Spellins.*



March 18, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of R. Lawrence "Larry" Spellins.*



March 17, 2015 at 07:12 PM

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“ In 1957 Larry bought a new 1957 Chevrolet 2 door coupe. His first brand new car. He was so proud of this car. He washed it every week. He had the new chevy for maybe a month and decided he was going to teach mother how to drive. I was so excited because I got to go. Keep in mind this is 1957 Albuquerque New Mexico. There wasn't any freeways or traffic or congestion. Pretty safe! Seat belts were not even on the map in 1957. Larry drove us to a quiet area on the North side of town. He patiently went over everything with Mother and was sitting beside her as she started the car and put it in drive. He told her to press on the accelerator slowly and gradually increase her speed to get comfortable. It couldn't have taken more than a few seconds for her to have put the accelerator all the way to the floor and we going all the way across the road over the curb and headed straight for a white pickett fence.. I had no idea that my brother could move with such speed and agility. He flew across the front seat, grabbed the steering wheel while pinning mother to the front door and managed to swerve the car and miss the fence and stop. I think I was on the floorboard in the back seat trying to figure out what just happened. Mother was scared to death. Larry calmly got behind he wheel and we went home, no injuries and no more driving lessods for Mother. Years later we were all together and the story came up again and Larry and Flo told us that when they were young and lived in Arkansas, only dirt roads back then, Mother would drive them into town. I was puzzeled! They went on to explain that mother could drive she just couldn't stop the car. This was in rural Arkansas no paved roads no stop signs. All the cars had running boards! Larry and Flo would ride on the running boards and jump off when they got to town. Pick up what they needed come out side and jump on the running boards and ride home. Mother would turn off the car as they coasted into the driveway. It was obvious she could not stop. Over the years when we would get together this story always was a topic of conversation. The older we got the versions became funnier! Life was simple back then. Larry we will miss you! GOD Bless All !

Ron Spellins

Katy Texas

Ron Spellins - March 17, 2015 at 01:43 PM

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“ *From the Tate, Tate, and Beeson families, our sincerest condolences to the loss of Jeff's Dad. He was a good man-we know that from his son . . .*

Mark Tate - March 15, 2015 at 09:00 PM

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“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we express our deepest condolences.*

Shelia Hocker - March 15, 2015 at 01:36 PM