



William Larry Papizan

January 25, 1944 - March 5, 2022

Larry “Brillo” Papizan, 78, passed away peacefully at home on March 5, 2022, surrounded by his family. Larry was born on January 25, 1944 to Grady and Thelma Papizan. He graduated from Crystal Springs High School and enrolled at Mississippi State University. He was commissioned in the ROTC while at Mississippi State University, then entered the U.S. Air Force and was stationed for one year at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida before being transferred to Bentwaters Royal Air Force Base in England. Larry was a devout Christian and fierce believer in public service. These two beliefs shaped his entire life.

Larry was united in holy matrimony to Faith Papizan in Crystal Springs. Their union was blessed with three children, Stephen, Cherie, and Rebecca. Stephen and Cherie were born while he was stationed in England. When they returned home from England, Larry enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi where he graduated with a master’s degree in accounting and business. He then moved his family to Lafayette, LA and eventually New Orleans while working for Amoco Oil. Rebecca was born shortly after moving to Lafayette.

In addition to living abroad, Larry and Faith embarked on many different adventures during their 57 years together. They lived in Louisiana for ten years before moving back home to Crystal Springs to open a grocery store where they raised their children as devout Christians at First Baptist Church. Larry was a deacon at the church, served on numerous committees, and also

served as the youth minister for a time, then worked with the youth group for the rest of his life.

After they left the grocery store business, Larry worked for the Copiah County public school system until he retired from there ten years ago. Even then, he couldn't stay away and returned part time.

Larry was a loving husband, father, and devoted grandfather (Papa). He was a fierce advocate for the youth in both the church and the public school system. He had a love for running and watching any and all athletic events. Every year he drove the bus for youth trips, supported the local youth by attending nearly all their sporting events, and guided them spiritually in and out of the church. Additionally, as a loving grandfather, he attended his grandkids' plays, games, vacations, and just spent time with them. He was a constant in nearly all kids' lives he encountered. He loved mentoring and supporting youth. He saw them as the future and fiercely believed in their ability to shape a loving and Christian inspired world. He inspired so many with his kind, generous, and enthusiastic spirit. Larry was their biggest champion.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents Grady and Thelma Papizan and his brother Stanley Papizan.

Larry's survivors include his loving wife Faith; their children Stephen (Miranda) Papizan, Cherie (Bill) Powell, and Rebecca Little; their grandchildren Grayson, Hannah, Ben, Jared, Cooper and Max; and his sister Beverly (William) Teasley.

The family will host visitation for friends and family at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs on March 7, 2022 from 5-8 pm and on March 8, 2022 at 10 am until the time of funeral service at 11 am. Burial will follow at Old Crystal Springs Cemetery.

Flowers or donations to First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs Youth Fund.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Larry Papizan*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ *Sandra Cliburn lit a candle in memory of William Larry Papizan*



Sandra Cliburn - March 08, 2022 at 12:39 AM



John 14....Prayers with Ya'll

Sandra Cliburn - March 08, 2022 at 12:40 AM



“ *Larry has been a long time friend and I never heard him raise his voice in anger or frustration. Always looked up to him and will miss him.*

Sam Sumrall - March 07, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *I haven't seen Larry for many years but I will never forget him. He was truly a Christian man. He was always soft spoken and truly cared about you. I know he will have many jewels in heaven.*

Gary Hydrick - March 07, 2022 at 09:40 AM

CT

“ Larry was a fine Christian man and will be missed. He always had a smile whenever I was around him.
Deepest condolences to the family and to my sister in law, Beverly.



carroll teasley - March 07, 2022 at 08:20 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Larry Papizan.



March 07, 2022 at 08:05 AM

GM

“ Larry was one of the finest men I have ever known. I feel privileged to have had him as a forever friend. My friendship with him and his wonderful, caring wife. Faith, have been dear friends for many years. God blessed all of us who knew him. His faith and his devotion have been an example to others his whole life. He will be dearly missed, but lovingly remembered.

Glenda Morgan - March 06, 2022 at 07:49 PM

GH

Losing a lifelong friend like Larry hurts to the bone. Spent lots of time with he and Faith. Really good memories from high school and throughout our lives. He was one of the strongest Christian men I've ever known. Last June he gave me the opportunity to walk a 5K with him. Gave me the encouragement to start walking every day. I miss him and will keep his memory in my heart. God welcomed home a real warrior. Peace brother.

Gary Henley - March 06, 2022 at 08:32 PM

PH

A true friend all my life. Larry and I roomed together at Miss State for three years. What a blessing I received. I will be seeing you soon. Paul Hutchison

paul hutchison - March 19, 2022 at 01:52 PM

SJ

“*I can't think of Larry without thinking of Faith as well. They had a beautiful love that will survive death. Our class of '62 produced some great guys, and Larry was one of the best. Prayers and love to Faith and the family. Sandra Thomas Johnson*

Sandra Thomas Johnson - March 06, 2022 at 03:36 PM

EL

I first came to know mr. Larry when I was employed at crystal Springs middle school some 20 years ago. I found out at that time that mr. Larry was a very nice person. I truly will miss his presence at Crystal Springs Schools. My sympathies goes out to his family That I know will truly miss his love & presence. My prayers @ love sincerely goes out to the family. The Hardy family

Elsa LaverneHardy - March 06, 2022 at 07:32 PM

JK

Larry and I got to know each other in Sunday School when we were little boys. We soon learned that our families went way back in their close friendship. Our grandmothers, Clara Papizan and Amy Kitchens, were very close friends. So were our dads, Grady Papizan and Lloyd Kitchens. I can't remember a time when Larry, his brother Stanley, and I weren't friends. What a blessing they were to me, and the memory of them always will be precious to me. I thank God for giving these exceptionally strong Christian men to me as lifelong friends. I shall miss them, but only for a little while.

Jim Kitchens - March 07, 2022 at 10:59 AM

JS

Larry will be remembered for his love of Christ and his sweet family. Larry was a classmate of my brother, Malcolm, and blessed all who knew him. Our prayers are for comfort for Faith and his children. Janice Chapman Schoeller

Janice Chapman Schoeller - March 07, 2022 at 11:22 PM