



Larry B. Blazer

July 16, 1950 - January 27, 2021

Larry B. Blazer, age 70, passed away early Wednesday, January 27, 2021. His parents Bruce and Jessie Blazer preceded him in death. Survivors include wife

Phyllis Clark Blazer, sons Todd Blazer and Russell (Beth) and grandchildren Grayson and Avery

Blazer, sister, Sheila Pruitt (Luther), nieces Jessica (Casey) Hicks and Celia (Sammy) Shults

and their families. Other survivors include many cousins and sisters-in-law Sue Clark and Kay

Clark Anders (Glenn), Andy Anders, Mandy (Duncan Overton) Anders.

Larry was an educator in the Coker County School System for many years.

He began

his career as a teacher at Centerview Elementary School in 1973 before moving to Smoky

Mountain Elementary School as a teaching principal. Larry then served as principal at

Parrottsville Elementary School. In 1988 he was elected as the Superintendent of the Coker

County School System. This position later became Director of Schools and he continued to

serve in that capacity until retiring in 2008.

Larry was very civic-minded. He served in the Army National Guard and was a

member

of the Kiwanis Club. He liked people and greatly enjoyed talking with them.

Larry was an avid

fisherman, a history buff and loved spending time with his grandchildren. He

was a member of

the Caton's Grove United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the: Cocke County Education Foundation Scholarship Program to Cocke County Central Office 305 Hedrick Drive, Newport TN 37821.

Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 2:00 pm at First United Methodist Church in Newport, Tennessee.

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
212 Washington Avenue
Newport, TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Manes Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry B. Blazer*



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2021 at 10:06 AM



“ *Larry B. Blazer*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM

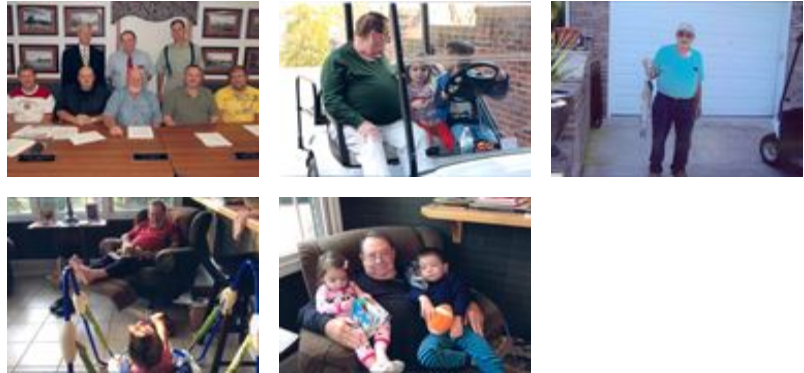


“ *Phyllis, Sheila, and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bernice & Melanie Strickler*

Melanie Strickler - August 15, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Manes Funeral Home, Inc. - August 13, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ I loved Larry from the day I met him. He was a kind man who always put the kids in this county first. He was very loved, will be greatly missed and heaven is alot fuller with him in it. Bless you Phyllis and the family.

Melissa Sisk - August 12, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ My sincere condolences to you Phyllis and family for your loss. Love you

Vickie White - August 10, 2021 at 07:32 PM



“ Larry worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of children. I don't know if there's a better epithet



Jody Williamson - August 10, 2021 at 06:49 PM

GF

“ Thoughts, prayers, hugs!
Ginni Walker Foust

ginni walker foust - August 10, 2021 at 06:30 PM

WA

“ Beth, Russell and family, Tommy and I are so sorry for your loss.
You are in my prayers.

Tommy and Waynella Ivy Large

Waynella - August 09, 2021 at 10:15 PM

TF

“ So sorry for the loss of Larry. What a great guy. My dad when he
drove the bus always had a great admiration of Larry and vice
versa. Lots of great high school memories in the shop and other
times. My heart goes out to the family.

Terry Fowler - February 09, 2021 at 08:46 AM

KM

“ I am terribly sorry about Larry. I worked under him and also went, to
college with, him. He is a fine man and also a fair one. I admire him
greatly. My, f

Kathy McCarter - February 06, 2021 at 10:19 PM

CG

“ To Phyllis, Russell, Todd, & family. I am so sorry to hear of your
loss. I always had great admiration for Larry. As a former student,
Larry was always fair but stern as principle at Parrottsville
Elementary. My thoughts, prayers, and love to the family. I know
that Larry is sitting on a fishing honey hole in heaven.

Craig Gardner - February 06, 2021 at 09:56 PM

KM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Larry 's death. My Father thought very highly of him . He was certainly a man of integrity..I went to college with him and we sha

Kathy McCarter - February 06, 2021 at 09:54 PM

PB

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends. May you find peace and comfort in the days to come. Always enjoyed working with Mr. Blazer and was so appreciative of his support throughout the years.

Paula Bearden - February 06, 2021 at 07:07 PM

TL

“ Sorry for your loss, we are praying for your family.

Tommy and Carolyn Lillard - February 05, 2021 at 06:36 PM

AN

“ Prayers for the family.



Angela - February 04, 2021 at 09:25 PM

JF

“ To all of the family, we are very sorry for your loss . Larry was a wonderful person with a sincere interest in his job . He cared for people and all students in the school system . Larry helped to secure the property for the Cocks County Recreation Building . We will be remembering you in our thoughts and prayers . James and Gail Frisbee



James and Gail Frisbee - February 04, 2021 at 06:07 PM

MW

“ Sheila, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the rest of the family. Larry was a great educator and a fine man.
Mackey & Michelle Winter

Mackey Winter - February 04, 2021 at 04:36 PM

NW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during your loss.

Norma Gregg Wines - February 04, 2021 at 02:20 PM

RC

“ What an amazingly generous, kind, and God fearing man. He will be missed. Prayers are with the entire family and community for this loss.

Rob Capparelli - February 04, 2021 at 09:02 AM

SC

“ Larry was one of my favorite people. Always the same wherever you saw him, and he always had a smile on his face. A great educator who always had students best interests at heart and was always there for the teachers , no matter what the situation. He sure will be missed by those who were lucky enough to have known him.

Sandra Calfee - February 04, 2021 at 08:14 AM

JW

“ Shelia, I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Larry touch so many lives & will be missed by many

Jodie Bible Wright - February 03, 2021 at 07:39 PM

KL

“ prayers for the family. Larry was always good to me when i started working at Grassy Fork School. He and Phyllis was helpful with my family in time of need. GOD Bless your family. Kathy Lemons and family

kathy lemons - February 03, 2021 at 04:07 PM

EC

“ Elbert Carver lit a candle in memory of Larry B. Blazer



Elbert Carver - February 03, 2021 at 01:36 PM

CB

“ I was so sad to hear of Larry's passing. He worked tirelessly with such commitment to better the schools of Cocke County. And if you improve the county's schools, you improve the lives of the people of Cocke County. He made such a huge difference.

Carroll Barger

Carroll Barger - February 03, 2021 at 11:54 AM

LW

“ My heart goes out to Phyllis, Todd, Russell, Beth, Sheila, and the rest of the family. Larry was simply "one of the best." I will miss him. May God bless you all.

Linda M. Williams - February 03, 2021 at 10:25 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.



Melody Walker - February 03, 2021 at 04:15 AM

 Vicky
Turner

“ So very sorry for your loss. Larry was such a good man. No longer suffering. You will see him again one day. Sending prayers and love.

Vicky and Mitch Turner

Vicky Turner - February 02, 2021 at 10:25 PM

TG

“ So sorry for your loss - your family is in my thoughts and prayers

Tammy Grooms - February 02, 2021 at 07:14 PM

BB

“ Phyllis and family. You are in our prayers. Larry was one special man! He will be greatly missed, but he has left a legacy for all of Cocke County in many ways! We love you!
Becky and Charlie Boggan

Becky Boggan - February 02, 2021 at 06:12 PM

TC

“ My deepest sympathies to all. May God comfort & console during this very trying time.

Todd Cummings - February 02, 2021 at 05:43 PM

MA

“ Marian Anderson lit a candle in memory of
Larry B. Blazer



marian anderson - February 02, 2021 at 04:40 PM

LF

“ Cocke County lost a great man when they lost Larry Blazer. I have a lifetime of memories of him spending years at Parrottsville Elementary and High School. He leaves a great legacy to many. Our loss is heavens gain. Prayers for peace and comfort.

Linda (Gregg) Franklin - February 02, 2021 at 03:18 PM

LD

“ Sending sincere condolences at this heartbreaking time for your loss. You are in our prayers!

Matthew 5:4

*Sincerely,
Linda & Bud Dawson*



Linda Dawson - February 02, 2021 at 01:06 PM

JT

“ We are so sorry for the loss of Larry. He was a good man. He did a lot for our county. He sure will be missed.
Jim and Jewelene Travis

Jim and Jewelene Travis - February 02, 2021 at 11:48 AM

SB

“ Sorry to hear of Larry's passing, prayers for your family.

Susan Ball



Susan Ball - February 02, 2021 at 10:53 AM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss.

Ben Hicks

Ben Hicks - February 02, 2021 at 10:52 AM

MC

“ Please accept our deepest sympathy. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this difficult time and the days ahead.

Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman

Mary Chrisman - February 02, 2021 at 10:43 AM

GM

“ Deepest condolences to the family. Paul and Gail

gail metcalf - February 02, 2021 at 10:34 AM

KH

“ I am sorry to hear about Larry. I have many wonderful memories of him and your family. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Kristy Hill - February 02, 2021 at 10:19 AM

BP

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing.mike and I loved larry.he was a kind and caring man .Larry gave me my first job when I moved back to newport.ill be always be engrateful for that.larry will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Barbara proffitt - February 02, 2021 at 10:06 AM

DO

“ Our very deepest sympathy. Larry Blazer's legacy to Cocke County's schools and our children is immeasurable. His ability to look forward and plan for every school's growth and betterment benefited our community both during his tenure and for generations to come. Rest well, our friend, and may you enjoy the best fishing spots in Heaven.

Duay and Kay O'Neil - February 02, 2021 at 10:05 AM

GS

“ So sorry for your loss your in my prayers .Gail Samples



Gail samples - February 02, 2021 at 09:57 AM

SD

“ So sorry for the loss if such a wonderful man, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you!

Sherrie Dillard - February 02, 2021 at 09:19 AM

AD

“ Sincere condolences to the family. Larry was a good man. He was a good principal and was always good to my mom when she worked with him at the school. Never failed to talk when I would see him out. Love and prayers to you all.

Amy Burnett Dorsey

Amy S Dorsey - February 02, 2021 at 09:18 AM

EP

“ *Phyllis praying for Grace and Comfort at this most difficult time.*

Edith Williams Parks - February 02, 2021 at 08:50 AM

ST

“ *Mr Blazer was a good man and will be missed. He was my teacher at Centerview in the early seventies and was a great teacher. Rest in peace Mr. Blazer*

Steve & Loretta Taylor - February 02, 2021 at 08:11 AM

LG

“ *Larry was a good friend. He and I worked with the church on several occasions doing Gods will. He will be missed, however we know he is in a better world.
My prayers are with the family and friends.*

Lloyd Gregg - February 02, 2021 at 08:09 AM

AF

“ *Prayers for all !!Larry will be missed May God Bless all !!*

Alvin and Tammy Ford - February 02, 2021 at 07:40 AM

HS

“ *Phyllis I'm Sorry for your loss I know what's you are going through.
My prayers for you and your family. 🙏🙏 Love you Heather Shults*

Heather J Shults - February 02, 2021 at 04:44 AM

MM

“ Growing up with Todd and Russell I feel like I have always known Larry. I remember going up to him his first day at Parrottsville and asking “How are you liking your job Larry”....He turned around and said “So far so good Melinda but shhh you can’t call me Larry here....”. I think after that all adults were Coach. He will be truly missed. Love and prayers for the family.

Melinda Willis McDaniel - February 02, 2021 at 03:29 AM

PG

“ Coming to watch Russell aka Pigeon Towanda myself play softball all those yrs.

Pedro Gudger - February 02, 2021 at 01:05 AM

EH

“ So sorry to hear this.Mr.Blazer will never be forgotten Prayers for all the family!!!

Eddie & Susan Hance - February 01, 2021 at 10:12 PM

MD

“ So so sorry for your loss! Sending prayers to the whole! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Love, Ms Debbie

Ms Debbie - February 01, 2021 at 09:53 PM

RW

“ Larry Blazer was a solid man. We pray for comfort for the family.
Ray and Rhonda

Ray Fancher and Rhonda Williams - February 01, 2021 at 08:27 PM

AM

“ *Sorry for your loss. The family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Ashley Hensley Moody - February 01, 2021 at 08:25 PM

RS

“ *Love and prayers.*

Roger, Keva and Autumn Shorter - February 01, 2021 at 07:20 PM

PM

“ *We love you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Pat and Bryon Moss - February 01, 2021 at 07:20 PM

PW

“ *Phyllis, Sheila, and family we are deeply sadden by Larry's passing. We cherish the memories we have of Larry thru the years. Love and prayers to all of you now and in the days ahead.*

Parker & Nanette Wilds - February 01, 2021 at 07:10 PM

DS

“ *Prayers for the family. Larry was a wonderful teacher, principal, school director, and a very wonderful personal around. He will be miss by many people.*



David & Brenda Southerland - February 01, 2021 at 07:01 PM

CB

“ *Sending our heartfelt Condolences to all of Larry's family. Connie & I have known Larry for many years. He will be missed by so many people. Prayers for you all during this sad time of loss*

Connie & Marsha Ball - February 01, 2021 at 06:48 PM

LJ

“ So sorry to hear about Larry. He was always so nice to my Mom, Willena Nichols Holt, whenever we would see him out. Sensing prayers for the whole family.

Lorie Shelton Jones - February 01, 2021 at 06:34 PM

PS

“ So sorry for your loss..
Patty Evans Stephenson



Pat Stephenson - February 01, 2021 at 05:50 PM

TD

“ Larry was my principal at Parrottsville. He was a really good man that cared for the students he was in charge of. He will be missed by all. Our prayers go out to all the family and friends.



Tiffany (Southerland) Dobbins - February 01, 2021 at 05:30 PM

PL

“ Prayers and condolences to Larry's family. I have fond memories of him from Parrottsville High School and I highly respected his work in education. He was a good guy.

Pam Lowe

Pam Lowe - February 01, 2021 at 05:22 PM

JF

“ *Phyllis, I am thinking of you and your family during this sad time... prayers going up. Hugs*

Jusy Fowler - February 01, 2021 at 05:15 PM

JK

“ *Phyllis and family I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Larry. He was a wonderful man as were his parents and I know you will miss him so much. Please accept my sincere sympathy and love to the family. God bless and grant you all peace and comfort at this time.*

Joan Kropff - February 01, 2021 at 04:46 PM

KB

“ *So sorry for your loss a Larry was such a good man and will be missed.*

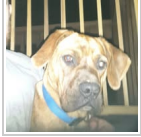
Lynn and Kim Butler

Kim Butler - February 01, 2021 at 04:45 PM

ER

“ *Phyllis and family Robert and I send our love to all of you for the loss of your dear Larry. Oh how much we loved him! I worked for him at the Superintendents office. He was the wonderful boss everyone would love to have had! Robert loved fishing and visiting with him so very much. May God wrap His loving arms around each of you and give you comfort and peace. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️*

evelyn rhodes - February 01, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ So sorry to hear about your Dad Todd.
Praying for you and your family. You have
been such a blessing to me and Dutch
Bottoms Church. We love you



Deidra Stuart - February 01, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Prsyers!



Louise & Jimmy Hux - February 01, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ Larry was a good man, when he was little I was his girlfriend, His
parents took me to church every week...I love the family

Imogene McMahan - February 01, 2021 at 03:36 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of a wonderful person.
Praying for the family



Rosalind Gibson Self - February 01, 2021 at 02:51 PM

JH

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with the family. Larry was a good man..

Jerry & Alieen Huff - February 01, 2021 at 02:17 PM

BE

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Benjamin Evans - February 01, 2021 at 01:43 PM

DF

“ Sending my sincere condolences and much love to all the family.

Debbie Fullington - February 01, 2021 at 01:43 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of Larry passing. I knew him through the school system. Still seen him sometimes at NGS picking up the children he always spoke to me. Ask how I was doing. Praying for you all! Love Debbie Hurst

Debra Hurst - February 01, 2021 at 01:37 PM

GG

“ Mr. Blazer has always been so kind to me, especially during the hard times of my life. He will be greatly missed. My prayers will be with Phyllis, Shelia, and the rest of the family. May God bless each of you.

Gail Gray

Gail Gray - February 01, 2021 at 01:35 PM

CS

“ Sorry for your loss. Charlie and Patti Seehorn

charlie Seehorn - February 01, 2021 at 01:29 PM

LM

“ Phillis and family, I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was such a great man and awesome educator. He was my principal at Smoky Mountain Elementary School and my teacher. I loved him so much. Between him, Mr. Denton and Mrs. Clark I am proud to say I am an educator and use what I was taught by all of them daily. Most of all was the love of my students. Prayers are with your family.

Lisa Miller - February 01, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SW

“ Mr. Blazer was such an incredibly special person. He leaves behind a never-ending legacy and positive impact on the lives of students and educators alike. He will be so missed. He hired me as a school counselor in 2002 and I am so thankful to have worked under him. Love and prayers to his wonderful family! Jeff & Sherrie Weeks

Sherrie Weeks - February 01, 2021 at 12:34 PM

DB

“ Larry Blazer was and still is a very close friend and confidant who graciously fished with me for many years and went on mens fishing trips in which fond memories were experienced. His dedication to the educational system in Cocke County was exemplary and his commitment to pour youth was an example to be followed. I shall miss him greatly and every time I attempt to catch the illusive Crappie in Douglas Lake, I will do it in in his memory. Our Gideon Fish Fries each July will miss him as he provided fish, attended as he could and shared fish tales many enjoyed annually. Now he fishes in the Crystal Sea in our Fathers House and I look forward to wetting a line with him one day. Miss you Blaze!

Donn Berney - February 01, 2021 at 12:32 PM

AE

“ Larry will always be remembered for being a great superintendent for Cocke County. I worked the most of my teaching career under his guidance. God bless your family. I will always remember his kindness.

ann breeden evans - February 01, 2021 at 12:27 PM

SK

“ Larry was so compaasionate and funny. I will never forget what he told me in my interview with him so many years ago. He made me laugh when I returned from Kenya one year with a Masai spear for him. A Masai friend had given it to me to hive to him9.. He said he would take it to board meetings if needed. Larry was what embodied being a Cocke Co. educator. I am so glad I had the privilege of working for him.

Sydney Kinnear - February 01, 2021 at 12:25 PM

EE

“ We are so sorry for your loss and praying for your family. - Shane & Emma Allen (Addison & Ellis)

Emma & Shane Allen (Addison & Ellis) - February 01, 2021 at 11:38 AM

SC

Larry was such a great man and a wonderful friend. He was also so kind to my mother! I will never forget our trip to Phoenix and to the Grand Canyon! It was so enjoyable. We both went out on the edge of a huge flat rock and looked straight down to the bottom! I took a great picture of him there! I love him and he will always live in my heart!

Steve Costner - August 11, 2021 at 10:09 PM