



Thomas "Larry" Corbett

October 10, 1946 - September 22, 2020

Thomas "Larry" Corbett passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 after a long courageous battle with lung cancer. Larry was born on October 10, 1946, the son of the late Thomas Melton Corbett and Cleo Bunn Corbett.

Larry graduated from Nashville High School and the Agricultural Institute at North Carolina State University. He devoted his life working at two things in which he became a master of both; Farming and Sporting Clays. He grew up in Nash County farming, which started on his family farm with his father but devoted many years growing his home and dreams at Rose Hill Farm. Rose Hill is where he started his second love of Sporting Clays. Larry was not just a farm boy from Nash County, he was a two time world champion, two time national champion, three time state champion along many other accolades in Sporting Clays. He was a long time member of Team USA where he and Elaine were able to travel the world while he competed representing USA. His most proud achievement was being inducted into the North Carolina Sporting Clays Hall of Fame in 2015. Larry did not only shoot Sporting Clays in Champion style, he loved teaching and coaching the sport. He taught the techniques of shooting, the value of the sport and many life lessons along the way. He instilled his love for Sporting Clays in his children, grandchildren and many others.

Larry is survived by his wife of 53 years, Elaine Corbett; son, Thomas Stephen Corbett and wife Misty; daughter, Laurie Corbett Oliver and husband Mike. He had four grandchildren that he dearly loved and gave him great joy to talk about every day: Braxton Oliver and friend Emma Champion, Bowie Oliver, Katie Oliver and Thomas Greyson Corbett. He is also survived by a sister, Clara Powell.

Larry was predeceased by his sister, Judith Corbett Stone and brother-in-law, Elmo Powell.

A funeral service will be held Friday, September 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Cornerstone Funeral Home with Rev. Ricky Evans officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00 – 6:00 PM prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Larry's memory to Sporting Clays Association of North Carolina to be used for youth shooting benefits. Contributions can be mailed to SCANC at 459 Charlie Norman Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

Events

SEP **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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Cornerstone Funeral Home

1052 S First Street, Nashville, NC, US, 27856

SEP **Funeral Service** 06:00PM - 07:00PM

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Comments



“ Elaine & family,
We were saddened to hear of Mr. Larry's passing. We wish to extend to each of you our deepest and most sincere sympathies. It was always a pleasure to see him on the Sporting Clays course and he always had encouraging words to our son and the other youth we had brought with us to the shoot. He mentored to many and will not be forgotten by anyone whose life he touched. It was always a joy to see the delight in his eyes and yours also Elaine when we shot with Braxton. He was a proud grandpa, no doubt.
At times of great loss, God gives us great peace, love and mercy. May your faith in him bring you peace and may your precious memories comfort you in the days ahead.
Please know we will continue to lift each of you up in our thoughts and prayers.
"The Hinton Family"
Bo, Kathy & Clint

KATHY HINTON - October 01 at 09:34 AM



“ It was so special of Larry to take time with the young people at sporting clay shoots. Our grandson participated several years and was complimented by Larry when he became very good with hitting the clay. Larry will be really missed. His shoes will be hard to fill.

Macon and Elaine Robertson - September 25 at 05:14 PM



“ Tori Arrington and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



Tori Arrington and Family - September 25 at 01:08 PM



“ I find myself at a loss for words to express the loss of a good friend, a man of amazing talent and strength. Larry fought the good fight but like so many in my own family could not beat an adversary that is even more determined to win. He showed amazing strength during his fight and we were all hopefully he would win. I will miss seeing him at Rose Hill Farm for a very, very long time. Thoughts and prayers to the family and friends he leaves behind.



Steven Conklin - September 25 at 09:45 AM



“ When I went to work at Rose Hill (right out of high school), I met a man that became a second father to me. Of course, that man was Larry Corbett. While working with Larry, I learned more than just farming and shooting sporting clays. I learned a lot of values that would help shape who I would become as a person. There were so many times that he would push me past my comfort zone. In the beginning, I hated it. However, I began to realize that he was only helping provide me with the necessary strength and confidence to face many of life's challenges. All and all, there aren't enough words to describe the profound impact that Larry had on my life. There isn't a day that goes by that there isn't a part of him living through me. I thank God for putting such a special person in my life.

Seth Baines - September 24 at 10:42 PM



“ Larry Corbett My Friend

Larry was a very special friend. We traveled together to sporting clay shoots from Texas to Minnesota, to Kansas, to New Jersey, and points in between. Through Larry, I learned many things and met fellow shooters from the United States and from some foreign countries. His family essentially became my family in many ways. I share the values he had for introducing sporting clays to a younger generation and I hope to be able to continue this in the future. I am sharing the same fight as he did and through his example I hope to win.

Elaine and family, I love you all in different ways. I hope that you all understand why I will not be able to attend services for Larry.

- Howard Singletary

Howard Singletary - September 24 at 09:18 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Katelyn Alligood - September 24 at 08:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and wish we could be, too. We have so many wonderful shooting and traveling memories of Larry. All our love, Bob and Judi



Mrs. Robert Davis - September 24 at 07:22 PM



“ To Larry's family,
I am so sorry to hear about Larry. We grew up as neighbors and friends. I have many happy memories of Larry, Judy, and Clara. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Patricia Gardner Martin

Patricia Martin - September 24 at 04:58 PM



“ Elaine, I was so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I know he had struggled recently, but that is over now. You and your family will be in my prayers. Love Jane Hedgepeth



Jane Hedgepeth - September 24 at 04:44 PM



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Howard Singletary - September 24 at 03:38 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



September 24 at 03:16 PM



“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home - September 24 at 12:20 PM



“ Robby, Linda, Will and Chris griffin purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



Robby, Linda, Will and Chris griffin - September 24 at 09:06 AM



“ Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



September 23 at 09:51 PM



“ Kay Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Larry" Corbett



Kay Dorsey - September 23 at 09:19 PM



“ Kathy Taylor lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Larry" Corbett



Kathy Taylor - September 23 at 07:43 PM



“ Elaine Hand lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Larry" Corbett



Elaine Hand - September 23 at 07:37 PM



“ I remember Mrs. Elaine Corbett from Bus 137 at Nashville Elementary, and I remember Stephen and Laurie from the school bus as well. My husband David remembers Laurie from work. We are so sorry for your loss. We pray that God will comfort you and hold you close.

Anica Weeks - September 23 at 07:30 PM



“ Laurie and Katie, and family...
We are sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you are in our prayers.
Bonnie and Leah Wright
(cabin mates at Mundo Vista)

Bonnie Wright - September 23 at 07:01 PM



“ He spent so much time with me and my family preparing us the shoot. He taught Lisa a lot. You could tell he truly loved what he did!

Johnny Barnes - September 23 at 05:42 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Larry. He was a great Nashville High School friend of my sister Lola Bunn Vaughan n James Vaughan. I am the sister(Teresa Jo) of Lola n I remember all the fun crazy times Lola use to talk about with Larry n Judy n Marie Langley n Dennis Bell when they all would be hanging out n riding around together. . Larry's mother Cleo Bunn Corbett was part of our Bunn family. She use to have the Bunn family tree painted on her wall. I sure wish I had gotten my daddy to take a picture of it. I never got to see it. Your family will be in ny thoughts n prayers during this heartbreaking time. Much sympathy. Teresa Jo Bunn Edwards

Teresa Jo Bunn Edwards - September 23 at 05:36 PM



“ Chris, Karyn, Harley, David, Nana & Grandbob purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



Chris, Karyn, Harley, David, Nana & Grandbob - September 23 at 05:32 PM



“ Elaine and Christine I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for all of you.



Kim Long Whitley - September 23 at 05:21 PM



“ Debbye and Rick Stapleton purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



Debbye and Rick Stapleton - September 23 at 04:38 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



September 23 at 04:20 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Thomas "Larry" Corbett.



September 23 at 03:46 PM



“ Kathy And Donnie Deans lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Larry" Corbett



Kathy and Donnie Deans - September 23 at 03:10 PM