



# Dr. Lawrence F. Garrison

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## **Dr. Lawrence F. Garrison**

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**D**r. Lawrence F. Garrison, beloved husband, father, and brother passed from this life on Friday, January 3, 2014. Dr. Garrison was a well-known educator, author, and professional speaker. Over his lifetime, Dr. Garrison fulfilled his passion for teaching as a long-time band director, high school principal, school superintendent and college professor. Most recently, he served as Associate Professor and Department Chair at LSU Shreveport. In addition, Dr. Garrison served for 25 years in the Army Band of the Arkansas National Guard.

Preceding Dr. Garrison in death were his parents; L.F. and Ruth Garrison of Monticello, AR.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mary Lynn Williamson and two daughters, Heather Garrison and Tamsin Garrison Easley and husband Michael Easley. Surviving brothers and sisters include: Judy Garrison Mattox and husband Dr. Michael Mattox of Hot Springs, AR; Steven Garrison and wife Melonie Garrison of Searcy, AR; Kathryn Garrison Smith and husband Mark Smith of McRae, AR; Edward Garrison and wife Caroline Garrison of Greenbrier, AR. Dr. Garrison leaves behind a host of loving nephews and nieces.

Funeral Services will be held at Labby Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Leesville, LA on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. with Dr. Michael Mattox officiating. Burial will follow in the Castor Cemetery. Visitation will be held at Labby Memorial Funeral Home on Monday, January 6, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The family suggests that memorials may be made to The Humane Society in your given area or The American Red Cross.



## Tribute Wall

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BG

**Bud Gean** posted:

I was saddened by the passing of Larry, served with him in the 106th Army BAND

April 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Lynn, I am just now learning of Larry's death. So sorry to hear of this. You are in my prayers.  
Sincerely, Kaye Adams

January 20 at 7:00 PM

JB

**Jenna Bolin** posted:

I did not learn of Dr. Garrison's passing until this morning. He was such a kind, intelligent, and helpful educator at LSUS. I know that he will be greatly missed by all his former students in the Ed. Leadership program. He was my favorite professor because he had a heart! Last spring my mother was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and she spent over a month in the hospital dealing with a blockage caused by her tumor. Dr. Garrison was so understanding when and if I needed to miss class to be with her and my family. I'll never forget that. I wish I had known that he was struggling with cancer in that last month of classes. He is a strong man! I will be praying for his family. -Jenna Bolin (Thomas)

January 15 at 7:00 PM

JH

**John Heavner** posted:

I first met Larry in 1979 when Tim introduced me to him; he was then band director at Dollarway High School. I remembered being impressed by the depth and breadth of knowledge he had, as well as his generous spirit. Twenty years later, I joined the 106th, and over time learned that Larry would prove to be one of the smartest, funniest and most well-rounded people I've ever met. His was a life well-lived.

January 9 at 7:00 PM

CW

**Cheryl Reese Wilson** posted:

Mary Lynn. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

January 8 at 7:00 PM



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MP

**Maggie Peairs** posted:

Dr. Garrison was a very respected and knowledgeable professor, whom I will sincerely miss from the LSU-S staff. Your family will be in my prayers. Sincerely, Maggie Peairs & Christopher Bell

January 8 at 7:00 PM

JM

**Jo Mccarty** posted:

My heart is so heavy! I just found out! None of us knew that you were even sick. You hid that from us, your students, so well. Your strength is empowering! The lessons you taught us- the experience and wisdom you shared will live within all that you have taught (mentored) always. The class of 2012 sends our sincerest condolences to your family and friends and prays for their comfort! Always, Jo

January 8 at 7:00 PM

JS

**Jeff Standridge** posted:

I met Larry when I was 17 and a newly enlisted soldier in the 106th Army Band, Arkansas Army National Guard. Although a few years older, Larry and I became fast friends. Over the next 20 years, we would spend an enormous amount of time together. Effectively, Larry watched me grow up ... and had a hand in my formation. I am a different father, husband, friend and person than I would have been without Larry's influence. I owe him a lot. Rest in Peace Larry.

January 7 at 7:00 PM

BS

**Bob Sivils** posted:

Larry Garrison was the best military friend I ever had. Had the situation ever been forced upon us, I would have trusted him with my life in a combat zone and known that I was in good hands. Fortunately for us our service only consisted of playing music for others who had been in combat zones and at that he was superb!! He will be missed as a soldier, as an educator and most of all as a friend.

January 6 at 7:00 PM



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**Cherie Felcher** posted:

I met Larry in the 106th Army Band in 1977. We became good friends, our kids are the same age and we shared lots of stories about raising them. He was a good man, a wonderful father, a talented musician and teacher and a great friend. I will miss him and keep his family in my thoughts and prayers.

January 6 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I had the privilege of working closely with Larry at LSUS. He was a knowledgeable and kind man and a trusted friend. His interests were varied; he was deeply involved in many aspects of our campus. He served on the Faculty Senate, worked tirelessly to help create the Ed.D. Program, was always willing to serve on committees (from curriculum and course redesign, to technology, to community involvement, etc.). He was active in his field beyond the Shreveport area. He held several offices in the Louisiana Council of Professors of Educational Administrators and served as president for the past two years. He was the backbone of the Ed Leadership department at LSUS and worked with the Louisiana Fellows Program and the Louisiana School Turnaround Program. I always felt that Larry was happiest when working with aspiring and practicing school leaders. He was a man of deep faith and unconditional love for his family. Mary Lynn, Heather, and Tamsin- I pray you will find comfort in your many memories. He positively impacted so many lives. God bless. Julie Bergeron

January 6 at 7:00 PM



**Len Cagle** posted:

I was very sorry to hear of Dr. Garrison's passing. He was my high school band director at Morrilton Senior High School in Arkansas, and although I had not spoken with him in almost thirty years, I recall well his kindness toward me and his words of advice and wisdom. He performed minor repairs on my horn when I could not afford to send it to the shop, found me a good inexpensive mouthpiece, and helped me work through difficult passages I was learning for solo and ensemble competitions and regional band tryouts. I had no idea that he had built such an impressive career in higher education and wish that I had kept up with him. My sincere condolences, I know that he will be missed.

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**Anonymous** posted:

We had the honor of adding Larry and M.L. to our family through our son's marriage to Tamsin. We could see that he was a loving father to Tamsin and Heather. We know that Larry's spirit will still be present in all that they accomplish in life. Our prayers to you all for strength and direction...Marc & Charla Easley

January 6 at 7:00 PM



**Jane Dunn** posted:

Mary Lynn and Judy, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. There is nothing that prepares us to lose the ones we love, but knowing that there are people who care about our hurt does help. Know that you are in my prayers as you head into this new phase of life. Mary Lynn, Charlie was so proud of you and was so thrilled when you found your real love. Jane Dunn

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**Paul Sisson** posted:

As we celebrate the life of a most valued colleague and educator, our thoughts and condolences are with the Garrison family.

January 5 at 7:00 PM



**Matyas Buzgo** posted:

I am sad to hear Dr. Garrison's sudden passing. I will carry fond memories of his good work for LSUS. My sincere sympathy for his family.

January 5 at 7:00 PM



**Tulin Melancon** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Garrison family. I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Garrison at LSUS. He will be missed by the LSUS family and his students. May God give you peace and comfort.

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**Tabitha Trudnak** posted:

I am so very saddened to hear about Dr. Garrison. He was an amazing professor at LSUS. He was one of my favorites that was full of knowledge, compassion, and loved what he did. He was a wonderful role model and will be greatly missed.

January 5 at 7:00 PM



**Steve & Diane Rogers** posted:

Praying for all of your family!...Chaplain Steve Rogers, Little Rock AFB, AR

January 5 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Praying for you during this difficult time. Faye Lampkin LSU-S Admissions & Records Office

January 5 at 7:00 PM



**Amy Erickson** posted:

To the Garrison family - I am so sorry for your loss. Dr. Garrison will be missed deeply at LSUS. It was an honor and pleasure to work with him. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

January 5 at 7:00 PM



**Chad Mcdowell** posted:

Please accept our condolences for your loss. I had the wonderful privilege to see Dr. Garrison in more than one way. He was a great colleague, professor, and most importantly a friend. He was always a pleasure to talk with and was extremely kind and encouraging to me through my dad's trial just over a year ago. I will always recall him telling me to "take care of your dad first." I am forever grateful for his understanding during that time. He also taught me a lot through his classes and all of his experiences in education and life. He will be dearly missed here on earth. My family will be praying for you Ms. Mary Lynn and all of Dr. Garrison's family during this time. May each one you ask God to provide you with peace and comfort like only HE can do.

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SB

**Stephanie & Bill Guy** posted:

Dear Garrison Family, We are so sorry and shocked to hear of the passing of Larry. He was always a good and kind man who dearly loved family. When Heather and Tamsin were young he made it a point to always allow me to be a part of their lives. This was so important to me. He has positively touched so many lives. And, he will be sadly missed. Due to his positive and caring nature he will live on in others who knew him. Your burden is a heavy one. Please know that our thoughts and our prayers are with you at this very sad time.

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SM

**Sanjay Menon** posted:

I had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Garrison on a number of projects. He was a wonderful colleague and a great human being! He will be truly missed. My condolences to the Garrison family.

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KS

**Kaci Sparks** posted:

I was very saddened to hear of Dr. Garrison's passing. He was a wonderful professor and advisor. I enjoyed taking his classes and learned a great deal from him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

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RS

**Rebecca Spurgeon** posted:

Mary Lynn, We are so sorry for your loss! We are praying for you and your family!

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**Anonymous** posted:

Mary Lynn, Very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Karen McFerrin

January 4 at 7:00 PM

SB

**Sherri Bohannon** posted:

My deepest sympathies.

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CB

**Carrie Brock** posted:

Dr. Garrison was an excellent professor and advisor. He always went out of his way to help his students. He will be truly missed! Praying for peace and comfort for the family during this time.

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LT

**Linda Easley Tidwell** posted:

Mary Lynn and family, I was both shocked and deeply saddened upon hearing of Larry's passing. He was a treasured friend and colleague, loved by all at LSUS. I will really miss him.

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LH

**L. Hampton** posted:

Dr. Garrison was an awesome educator! He will be truly missed! My prayers are with his family! He has impacted many lives including mine!

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SP

**Sandra Pena** posted:

I was so shocked to open the paper this morning and see where Dr. Garrison has passed away. I was one of his graduate students at LSUS and totally loved every class he taught. He was a very kind, caring and extremely knowledgeable teacher. My prayer are with his family at this time.

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SK

**Spencer Kiper** posted:

Dr. Garrison was always so supportive of new and innovative ideas. A true legacy will be left in his wake as his students and pupils utilize the gifts he bestowed upon them to make the world a better place.

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TB

**Tracey Burrell** posted:

I will certainly miss my professor and colleague, Dr. Garrison. He along with several others made my MEDL experience a remarkable one. I'll never forget his statement to me while standing in the halls of LSUS shortly after I finished the program: "I look forward to following your career". Neither of us knew at the time that the career he mentioned would involve us working together at LSUS. I have prayed throughout this journey and will continue to petition prayers on behalf of the Garrison family.

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DH

**Deborrah Hebert** posted:

So sorry to hear of Larry's illness & death. Prayers to the family, May he rest n peace.

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DJ

**David Johnson** posted:

Larry and I were close friends for many years. It is very sad that he has gone. God bless.David Johnson

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JG

**Jane Green** posted:

Dr. Garrison was one of my professors for the Louisiana Leadership Fellows program at LSUS. He was my internship evaluator, and he offered me extremely valuable, honest advice. I will always remember what he said. May his family rest in peace knowing his work on Earth is done.

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MC

**Mary Alice Chambers** posted:

Mary Lynn and family :I served with Larry in the 106th Army Band for several years. I pray God carries you through this time of healing. God bless you all.

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DG

**Dave Gustavson** posted:

Mary Lynn, Please accept my most sincere condolences. Larry was a wonderful teacher--my two brothers-in-law as well as Coach McDowell sang his praises long and loud--and an even better friend. Travelling back and forth to Baton Rouge with Larry gave us a chance to get to know each other. I treasured him as a colleague and a friend.

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RV

**Ray Vardaman** posted:

Prayers for the family

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JP

**Jay Parker** posted:

So sorry to hear about Larry. He was a good man and a gentleman. He will be missed.

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DT

**D. Tracy** posted:

Prayers for Dr. Garrison and family. God Bless

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SB

**Susan(Scotty) Bean** posted:

Mary Lynn So sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around you & His peace / comfort be yours. Praying for you and your family

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GB

**G. Bozeman** posted:

My prayers and condolences are with the Garrison family during this difficult time. Dr. Garrison was an esteemed professor who always valued his students' academic success. He was a constant encouragement as he advised so many students. He will be missed.

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JB

**Jennifer Burris** posted:

I am very saddened by the news of the passing of Dr. Garrison. He was one of my favorite professors of all time. He will be truly missed by so many!

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BG

**Becky Garrison** posted:

Mary Lynn, Heather and Tamsin, Please know how very sorry I am for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Larry was a wonderful person and will be missed!

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MH

**Mary (Merky) (Brown) Heath** posted:

I am so sorry for your loss. Larry and I were classmates in undergraduate school at UCA. He was such a kind person, taken way too early. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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# Memories only last if you share them

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