



Claude Ely "Dinks" Lawrence III

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Funeral services for Claude "Dinks" Ely Lawrence, of Leesville, will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, April 2, 2021 in the Labby Memorial Funeral Home of Leesville.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 1, 2021 from 5:00 P.M– 8:00 P.M in the funeral home.

On Sunday, March 28, 2021, Claude "Dinks" Ely Lawrence III, loving husband, D.O.D and Grumps passed away at the age of 69.

He was born February 29, 1952 at Camp Polk, LA, to Claude Ely Lawrence Jr. and Patsy Simmons Lawrence.

Dinks grew up in Leesville, LA, where he graduated from Leesville High School in 1970. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Northwestern State University in 1975, where he was an active member of the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. On July 22, 1983, he married the love of his life, Jenny Cedars Lawrence. They raised two children, Carolyn and Ely.

He worked for Tanner Heavy Equipment for 22 years as a Site Safety Officer a Chief Quality Control Manager.

Dinks had a passion for riding, starting with motorcycles but extending to lawn mowers and tractors later in life. He loved to be outside, whether he was working or piddling. Any given weekend, you would either catch him on his lawnmower while wearing his favorite pattern, tie-dye or watching a good western or Bond movie on TV. He could fix almost any problem that you brought to him, no matter how big or small. He was known for his quick wit, his compassion to his friends, and his amazing smile.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 45 years; Jenny Lawrence of Leesville, LA., children; Carolyn Mawae (Mark) , Ely Lawrence (Brooklynn Roberts) both of Leesville, LA., brother;



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Stephen Lawrence of Ft. Worth, TX., grandchildren; Finley Marie Lawrence, Corrie Mawae.

Words of comfort may be expressed to the Lawrence Family at www.labbymemorial.com



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EG

Everett Gibson posted:

Jenny and Family...I am truly sorry for your loss, and about the passing of my friend and classmate. I know he is missed in your lives and already I feel a void in mine.

April 5 at 7:00 PM

GS

George Sceets posted:

I will always remember each 10 year LHS SR70 class reunion, and how Dinks was the "go to guy" in providing the truck and trailer for our hayride parade on 3rd Street through Leesville. He and Jenny were always ready to help us however they could to put together fun reunions. Just a few months ago we made our 50th class reunion with a hard core group of alums from Leesville and places farther away despite the Covid restrictions. Dinks was involved with the parade driving as usual. Great memories, great guy. Sorry for your family's loss Jenny.

April 4 at 7:00 PM

CB

Cotton Bryant posted:

I have only worked with Mr. Dinks for a few months... I did not realize just how much impact he had on my daily life. I will not forget my colleague and friend. My work days will never be the same. My family are sending all the prayers and love we can to you, his family.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

TR

Teresa Rushing posted:

So sorry for your loss! I am praying for you and your family

March 30 at 7:00 PM

TB

Tabby Benson posted:

Dinks was such a character. He was so funny and quick witted. He always made me laugh no matter what; I could always count on him putting me in a good mood or cracking me up. He never missed the opportunity to pick fun on me that is for sure. I truly loved being around him; he just had that kind of energy.

March 30 at 7:00 PM



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SD

Sherry Daniel posted:

Evert and I are very sorry for your loss. The family is in our prayers. With all our sympathy, Evert Sherry and Laurie.

March 30 at 7:00 PM

JB

Judy, Jeffrey, & Carly Blanchard posted:

Our condolences on the loss of your brother. May the happy memories you have of times past comfort you during this sad time.....

March 30 at 7:00 PM

EL

Emily Lopes posted:

I am so sorry for your loss, Jenny. Focus on and treasure all the wonderful memories you two made together. Prayers for you all.

March 29 at 7:00 PM

SH

Sharollette Jett-Henson posted:

Jenny I am so sorry to hear about Dinks. My heart goes out to you and your family for your loss. Thoughts n prayers are with you in the days ahead. Sharollette Jett-Henson

March 29 at 7:00 PM

TE

Tina Elliott posted:

So sorry for your loss. What a wonderful life you two had! Prayers for the family!

March 29 at 7:00 PM

CT

Carolyn Todd posted:

Rest now you have run the race and you have finished the course.

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DR

Donna Roberts posted:

Corrie and Finley are going to miss their Grumps. He will truly be missed by all who knew and loved him.

March 29 at 7:00 PM

RF

Ron Fertitta posted:

May God be with you in this time of need. Jenny, Steven, Carolyn, Ely, Finley Corrine, sorry for your loss, Long time friend Dinks was.

March 29 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Claude by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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