



Richard Arlen Laxton

April 27, 1936 - June 16, 2018

Richard Arlen Laxton, known as “Dick”, 82, of Rosenberg, Texas passed away on June 16, 2018 at his residence after a lengthy illness. He was born on April 27, 1936 in Leslie, Michigan to the late Charles and Glennis (Hendricks) Laxton. He honorably served our country for 9 years in the U.S. Air Force. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, camping and playing cards. He was an avid photographer. Dick also had a keen interest in keeping 36 Purple Martin Bird Houses thriving and kept a butterfly garden. He loved to take pictures of the birds and butterflies. This loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend will be missed.

Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Gladys Laxton; children, Laura Downey and Lisa Laxton (Marion DeGhetto) of Virginia; stepchildren, Dawn Palacios (Alfred) and Robert Meynier, Jr; sister, Millie Crothers of Michigan; grandchildren, Randy Downey, Jr. (Jaime) of Virginia, Eric Palacios, Tiffany Palacios (Bryce McGuffin), Kayla Palacios, and Justin Meynier; great grandchildren, Sean and Isabella Downey of Virginia and Briya Neal; the mother of his children, Georgia Laxton of Virginia; along with extended family and friends.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until service time at 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 22, 2018 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Burial with military honors will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park

in Rosenberg.

Pallbearers will include Randy Downey, Jr., Alfred Palacios, Eric Palacios, Kenny Prihoda, Tyler Prihoda, Kevin Wolff, James Ezell and Lowry Johnston.

Honorary Pallbearers include Hal Hunt, Mike Storey and all of his friends in the engineering industry.

In lieu of flowers, for those wishing, please consider making a donation to the Fort Bend County Animal Shelter or to the Fort Bend County Meals on Wheels Program.

Tributes and words of condolences may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77471, Phone: 281-341-8800.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 22. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries
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Service

JUN 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Arlen Laxton*

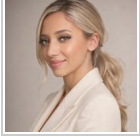


Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - June 21, 2018 at 04:32 PM

MF

“ *Dick,
You were always a wonderful energy on the Purple Martin forum.
You shared great ideas and were a superb Martin landlord.
You and I joked a couple of times on the forum about you getting
something from Arby's, and watching the Martins while you ate.
Thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Matt F.*

Matt Fendley - June 24, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ Hey PawPaw,
Im missing you so much today. I was thinking about memories we’ve shared with you and most recently how happy I was to have brought you and nana lunch a couple weeks ago. At that time I remember thinking “I need to do more of this”. I was also thinking about how thankful I am that Briya got to spend time with you and nana for several days while I worked recently. That time she spent with you is what I wanted you and her to have. She’s “Pawpaws Girl” and I know how much you enjoyed having Briya over. She loves you so much. I really wanted to move back down to Rosenberg to be able to see you and nana more and so Briya could see you guys more as well. Family is so important to me and I know it is for you, too. This happened a lot sooner than I or anyone expected and I do still plan to get back down there to be closer to everyone. Although I miss you greatly, I know that you’re no longer in pain and it brings me comfort that you’re in a much better place. I just wish I could have gotten more time with you. You always had the answers to everything. I always trusted your judgement. I look back at messages you’ve sent me on Facebook making sure I have all my bases covered in life. You always made sure I had things in line so I wouldn’t regret it later. I will be sure to carry out what you’ve suggested to me to make sure we’re ok. I appreciate you looking out for us. I love you so very much. I hope you know how grateful I am to have had you as my PawPaw. I will see you again some day, until then I will hold on to the memories and keep you close in my heart. It won’t be the same at Nanas without you. Who else is going to get on me about things? Haha. I guess Nana can try ;)

Love,

Tiffany

Tiffany Palacios - June 23, 2018 at 09:11 PM



“ Marion and I won't be able to travel to the service since I am not well but we will be there in spirit and hopefully virtually. I wanted to share a story that is one of my favorite memories ;)

My grandfather had given me a "deckboat" which is full of flotation in the hull. Ads claimed you could cut the boat in half and they would float. Of course, Daddy loved to fish so when I had the boat all cleaned up with a new anchor, a Texas depth finder (10 ft pole), and new transom straps in place, we loaded the coolers and tackle then headed to Galveston Bay to catch some fish near the reefs. The place they chose was a known spot with a single boat ramp and a bait shop. (People line up to launch in the early mornings.)

When it was our turn, even though I was already experienced launching this boat, Daddy had me back away so he and JR could do all the work. Well you all know what comes next ;)

Daddy got in the boat and released the winch while JR backed the trailer down the ramp "with a shove". But the boat would not disengage from the trailer. I stood aside watching and giggling as they both tried to find out what the issue was. They didn't realize they forgot to release the transom straps and the trailer (still connected to the truck) was floating with the boat. (I guess that the ads were correct!) Ha!

Of course the line was growing so Daddy asked me quietly where my Rambo knife was then retrieved it while promising to buy me new straps. As he reached into the water with the knife and cut the straps (probably thinking no one would notice), the trailer falls away causing a big wave at the boat launch that I am sure everyone waiting in line noticed! I couldn't hold the giggles in anymore as I saw the ripped transom straps hanging off the back of the trailer as JR drove forward to park. You can imagine his embarrassment but he laughed it off with me then we all set out to fish. But that was not quite the end of the memory...

After sounding the reef, Daddy and JR proceeded to throw dual anchors (bow and stern because the bay waters will keep the boat spinning if you don't). We had a good laugh once again after realizing someone forgot to tie the anchor rope to the boat before throwing it in the bay. LOL

We stayed out there for hours determined to catch some fish but went home with a dry cooler. I remember Daddy joking maybe we needed to stop at the fish market and get some fish to show for our day ;)

It was a good memory. I know how much Daddy loved to fish but catching the fish was not near as important as just spending happy times together. We miss you but I am happy you are no longer having to deal with pain and difficulty breathing. Now you can fish free while enjoying the butterflies and purple martins nearby no matter where you are.

Love to everyone from Marion and I both. Sending our hugs to the family through my sister Laura and my nephew Randy who will both be at the service.

signed,

"L'il Snake" Lisa

Lisa Laxton - June 21, 2018 at 12:02 PM

LD

“Daddy, I miss you already and hope you are somewhere enjoying yourself or telling a story to someone. I'm sure there is lots of beautiful nature surrounding you including birds and butterflies, and that all your pets are with you too! Now you can be with your parents and the friends you have lost. You were there so many different times in my life to offer guidance, comfort and support. You taught me so much and I like to think I got the best of you in being a people person, helping others, helping animals and much more. I will miss your smile and the twinkle in your eye, your sense of humor, your BBQ :-), and how much you loved your family. Be well Daddy, be happy. I love you.

Laura

Laura Laxton Downey - June 21, 2018 at 09:16 AM

SF

“Gladys, I'm so sorry about your husband. A big hug from me to you.

Sherry Fisk

Sherry Fisk - June 21, 2018 at 08:12 AM

DV

“ I came to know Dick from a wood working forum. Back then Dick was an avid wood worker and often came to the forum to share his experience and knowledge. When Dick no longer could do woodwork due to his health, I got his dust collector from him. I remember coming to Dick's house to get the dust collector. We had a wonderful visit and shared many memories of our lives with one another. Even though Dick stopped doing woodwork, he often came to our forum to share his pictures of the purple martins, his favorite birds.



Rest In Peace Dick. You were a wonderful person. I'm glad I had a chance to know you.

DucHien Vu - June 20, 2018 at 11:58 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Arlen Laxton.*



June 19, 2018 at 07:25 AM