



Larry Gene Seward

December 17, 1945 - June 27, 2017

Larry Gene Seward, 71 year old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, passed away June 27, 2017 in Springdale, Arkansas. Born December 17, 1945 in Tuckerman, Arkansas, he was the son of David Seward and Pearl Holt Seward. Larry married Mary Rebecca (Reba) McConnell on June 10, 1967 in Mount Ida, Arkansas. He was a three year letterman in basketball at then Arkansas College (now Lyon College) in Batesville, Arkansas graduating with a degree in Biology in 1967. Larry was a professor of biology at John Brown University for 37 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs for 43 years.

Dr. Seward taught Biology at Lakeside High School in Hot Springs before going on to earned an MS in Biology and an Ed.D. in Higher Education with an emphasis in Natural Sciences from Oklahoma State University in 1979. He joined the faculty at JBU in 1970 in the Division of Natural Science. His commitment to teaching and to the field of natural sciences was recognized as he was named a Fellow of the American Scientific Affiliation in 2005. During his 37 year tenure at JBU, Dr. Seward served the university and his community in multiple ways outside his teaching commitment. He served in multiple capacities that married his love of nature and the courses he taught in the Natural Sciences Division including JBU Grounds Manager, JBU Arbor Society founder, the Planning and Zoning Commission of Siloam Springs and Chair of Sager Creek Commission. His other passion was the support of

student athletes. He served JBU as Faculty Athletic Representative for 25 years and Chair of the Faculty Athletic Committee for 27 years, retiring from both roles in 2007. Dr. Seward was also summer camp and program coordinator for JBU for 9 years that served to develop and grow the multiple sports camps that exist at JBU today.

Dr. Seward spent his career helping students in the classroom, in the laboratory and on the sports fields of John Brown University. He loved spending time with his family, playing golf with friends, and keeping his beautiful gardens.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David Seward and Pearl Seward.

He was survived by his wife of 50 years, Reba Seward of the home; two daughters, Sarah Krivy and husband David of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Julie Nagel and husband Aaron of Lawrence, Kansas; five grandchildren, Caroline, Olivia, Bennett, Jackson, and Mary Kate; two brothers, David Seward, Jr. and wife Mattie of Searcy, Arkansas, and Bill Seward and wife Carol of Glendora, California; and two sisters, Betty Millsap of Hot Springs, Arkansas, and Peggy Rainwater of Sheridan, Arkansas.

Memorial services will be held 2:00 p.m., Friday, June 30, 2017 at First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, with Rev. Dr. David Bush and Rev. Clark Atkins officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Twin Springs, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
325 E Twin Springs St
Siloam Springs, AR 72761
(479) 524-6111

Tribute Wall

DS

“ My condolences to the family. Larry was a really great guy. I remember Larry from high school and playing basketball. He was liked by everyone that knew him and boy Larry and his brothers could play some seriously good ball!! My prayers go out to the family. Rest In Peace Larry, you will be missed by your friends and family.

Dudley Skyrme

Dudley Skyrme - July 02, 2017 at 09:22 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Seward.



July 01, 2017 at 11:57 AM

WW

“ Several members of our 1963 Tuckerman High School Class have expressed their memories and sympathy to Larry's family on my Facebook page today. Larry was a great class mate and athlete in school and we all have very fond memories of those days growing up. Sincere Symphy, Wanda Williams Wells

Wanda Williams Wells - June 30, 2017 at 05:14 PM

VT

“ To many to count. May Reba find peace and be surrounded by love and comfort in family and friends.

Vickie Thomas - June 30, 2017 at 01:46 PM

KM

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. It brings memories of an earlier time when we lived just a quarter mile from one another and rode the same bus to school. Condolences to the family, David and Bill. Larry and Kathy (Pennington) Moody

Kathy Moody - June 30, 2017 at 12:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Gene Seward.



June 29, 2017 at 05:06 PM

KL

“ KU Research-Jim, Joe, Rodolfo, Gina, Alicia, Linda purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Larry Gene Seward.



KU Research-Jim, Joe, Rodolfo, Gina, Alicia, Linda - June 29, 2017 at 01:02 PM

YB

“ Your Friends and Colleagues from BTBC purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Larry Gene Seward.



Your Friends and Colleagues from BTBC - June 29, 2017 at 10:14 AM

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“ *Bob and I have Reba, Sarah and Julie and the girls' families in our thoughts and prayers. What precious memories Larry left us all. Wherever he was, an interesting conversation was afoot. Always upbeat, always kind, sprinkled with both wisdom and humor. Larry was the guiding light of campus landscaping for years. He not only made it beautiful, but he made it an outdoor laboratory for generations of botany students with the wonderful varieties of trees that he chose. He will be missed and lovingly remembered.*

Bob and Pat Gustavson

Pat Gustavson - June 29, 2017 at 09:56 AM