

Larry Poaster

1943 - 2019



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, Larry B Poaster

-July 31, 1943 - September 11, 2019

Larry B. Poaster, 76, passed away Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at the Alexander Cohen Hospice House in Hughson California after brave a year-long battle with stomach cancer.

Born in Lakeland, Florida and raised in Hollywood, Florida, Larry was the son of Evelyn and Allen Poaster and the brother of Patricia Richter. He made his home in Modesto, California for the past 50 years.

Larry leaves behind his loving wife of 40 years, Lorna; his devoted daughters, Miche Poaster and Sarah Perez; and devoted son, Jonathan Poaster. Larry adored and was adored by his grandchildren, Demetrius, Amaya, Alexis, Nate, and Gianna.

Larry received his Ph.D in Psychology from University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1970. He was Director of Clinical Services for Stanislaus County Department of Behavioral Health Services from 1970 to 1980 and became its Director of Behavioral Health Services in 1980, serving until his retirement in 2002.

Afterward, Larry became a private consultant on health care delivery to government agencies and other public entities. He served as President of the California Mental Health Directors Association, and President of the Board of Directors of the California Institute of Mental Health. Larry then was appointed to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission by the California Governor in 2007, and served as Vice-Chairman, then Chairman in 2010.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, September 20 at 10 a.m. at Salas Brothers Funeral Chapel, 419 Scenic Drive in Modesto.

Larry, Dr. Poaster, Sweetie, Dad, Grandpa, Zeyde, Ba Ba, you will be missed. Forever in our hearts.

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September 19, 2019

Larry leaves a strong legacy of service, compassion, sense of humor and sense of perspective. In our years together working for the people of Stanislaus County he was always a bright star. I will remember him and honor his memory. Be strong Lorna and know that he loved you very much!

Phil Rosenberg

September 19, 2019

Rest in peace, and may peace and loving memories comfort your loved ones.

Colette West

September 17, 2019

Larry Poaster was a visionary working on behalf of persons with mental illness. He leaves behind a wonderful legacy for the community and his family .

Janette Jameson

September 15, 2019

May his memory be for a blessing; and I hope that Lorna and his children find the place of comfort. HaMakom Yinachem - may they be comforted along with the others mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Rabbi Shalom Bochner

September 14, 2019

I am so sorry for your loss. Please find peace and comfort in knowing God cares for you and will help you in your time of need. 1 Peter 5: 6 & 7

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