



Larry Thomas Louviere, Jr.

October 17, 1955 - May 26, 2021

Larry Thomas Louviere, Jr., affectionately known as Tommy to his family, and as Lugnut Larry to his many friends, died peacefully at his home in Bakersfield, CA on May 26, 2021, surrounded by his family. Larry was born October 17, 1955 in Lafayette, LA, where he attended and graduated from Our Lady of Fatima School in 1973. He attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette) and was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

Lugnut was well-known and respected as the organizer of many car shows and benefits held in Bakersfield. From First Responders, to veterans, to children in need, his big heart, jovial personality and true “radio voice” reached out to many as he emceed these events. He was a member of the Bakersfield Car Club Council; he was a camera operator at New Life Church, SW; and he was a producer and radio personality at KNZR, where he had his own Cruisin to the Oldies with Lugnut Larry show. Most Thursdays you could find him at Thursday Night Cruisin at Chuy’s, on Fridays at the Firehouse car show, and on weekends, you could find him at The Crest doing what he loved.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Chewning Louviere; their daughter, Kayla Monique Louviere, and grandson, Chayton Takota Brown; his sisters Annette Bradley, Melanie Lynch and husband Steve, Avery LeBlanc and husband Jeff, and Suzanne Louviere; his sisters-in-law Kris Henley, Rebecca Spatrisano, and Donna Stokes Chewning; and his brother-in-law Danny Chewning. He was preceded in death by his parents, Larry T Louviere, Sr and Beverly Louviere Daspit; his brother-in-law Mark Chewning, and his stepson Chris Watkins.

A celebration of life was held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at Thursday Night Cruisin at Chuy’s, 8660 Rosedale Highway, Bakersfield, CA; and a second celebration was held on Friday, June 4, 2021, at the Friday Night Graffiti Car Show at Firehouse Rosedale Station, 2905 Calloway Drive in Bakersfield, CA.

The family would like to acknowledge and thank the staff at Bristol/Optimal Hospice and Guardian Care of Bakersfield, CA, for the superb care they provided.

A Lafayette celebration of life for Tommy’s family and friends will be held on Saturday, June 19 at The Room at Corner Bar, 3103 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA 70503 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. A private grave site service will be held for immediate family.

Personal condolences may be sent to the Louviere family at <http://www.delhommefuneralhome.com>.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1011 Bertrand Dr., Lafayette, LA is in charge of funeral arrangements.

Events

JUN **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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The Room at Corner Bar

3103 Johnston St, Lafayette, LA, US, 70503

Comments



“ I was a classmate of Tommy at Fatima High School before he turned into Luginut Larry in California. I remember him as a friend to everyone, not a mean or unkind word was ever heard from him. I guess his love of cars came from his father who owned the local Pontiac dealership in Lafayette. I am sorry about his passing, but I am so glad to know that he enjoyed his life here on earth and made such a great impression on the folks in Bakersfield. One of my favorite songs is Streets of Bakersfield. Had a little bit of Louisiana in it with the fiddle and accordion. Rest in peace my brother.

Al Karre - June 17 at 11:59 PM



“ I loved to listen to his voice, it was one of a kind. I was introduced to Luginut about 6 years ago. He never forgot my name and always said hi when ever we met at a car show or car event. I never heard him speak in anger towards anyone, he always had a kind word for everyone. To me he seemed like he truly enjoyed life and was at his happiest when he was on the microphone entertaining folks whether it be at a car show or event or on the radio. He was truly a one of a kind guy and his presence will definitely be missed.

Dale Frye - June 16 at 11:03 AM