



R. Peary Lomax

September 11, 1947 - May 9, 2011

Rhea Peary Lomax, Jr. died May 9, 2011, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He was born on September 11, 1947, in Laurel, Mississippi, the son of the late Rhea Peary Lomax, Sr. and Lois Martin Lomax. Peary attended Laurel public schools and graduated from R.H. Watkins High School. He was a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in political science and completed academic studies for a master's degree, also in political science. He married Brenda Shoemake of Petal in 1970 and entered business life in Laurel at Lomax Printers and Stationers. He became president and CEO of the company on the death of his parents in 1993. He received numerous Awards of Merit from the Printing Association of the South. He was named Outstanding Young Man of Jones County by the Laurel Jaycees and has been listed in Outstanding Young Men in America. He was past president of the Sertoma Club, past president of the Downtown Merchants Association, and a member of the Laurel Kiwanis Club. He was a master Mason and past master of Lodge # 503. He was Phi Kappa chapter Dad for several years and also worked with the high school DECA program. He had an extreme interest in helping young people. A lifetime love of music and the outdoors defined him, and he added cooking to that repertory as he grew older. Peary was an original member – the trumpet player – of the Crackerjacks, a rock band in the 1960s that rocked throughout the Southeast. He loved the out of doors – canoeing, climbing, camping, exploring – and learned the history and legends of the wilderness areas in the

deep South. A man who never met a stranger, Peary will be remembered for his sense of humor, his story telling and his caring and kindness toward others. He was a Christian, who had a close relationship with his God. He leaves his former wife, Brenda; two sisters, Mimi Lomax Cox of Jonesboro, Arkansas and Becky Lomax Weicks of Chiang Mai, Thailand; a host of nieces and nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins; and friends too numerous to count. Memorial Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, at Memory Chapel in Laurel. Visitation with Peary's family will take place from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, lasting memorials may be made in Peary's name to the Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, P.O. Box 19010, Hattiesburg, MS 39404 or to a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *R. Peary Lomax*

Bobby & Joan Green - May 21, 2011 at 11:50 AM

JB

“ *I am sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you.
Class of 65 Judith Bush*

Judith Bush - May 20, 2011 at 04:53 PM

DT

“ *My sympathy, thoughts and prayers to Peary's family and Brenda.
Love, Dru Thomas*

Dru Thomas - May 20, 2011 at 11:22 AM

LS

“ *Sorry I was out of town & unable to attend Peary's memorial, but I
will be thinking of you Peary & your family today. I will miss your
sense of humor & quick wit. You were one of a kind & a genuine
friend.*

Leonard Scaturro - May 20, 2011 at 08:14 AM

BH

“ *You will always be in my thoughts and prayers. RIP... Mr. Peary
Lomax, you will be missed by many but never forgotten.*

Brandon Herrington - May 19, 2011 at 10:24 PM

TW

“ My deepest sympathies to the Lomax family. Although I have never met his two sisters or nieces and nephews, Peary talked a great deal about his family. He was very proud of the accomplishment in their lives and enjoyed sharing that with others.

Tina Williams - May 19, 2011 at 04:01 PM

NM

“ Not only was he my cousin but I always looked at him as more of a big brother. Love you Peary.

Neil Martin - May 19, 2011 at 02:00 PM

BS

“ My prayers and sympathies to the family and friends of Peary.

billy shows - May 13, 2011 at 11:57 AM

CR

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Perry. He was truly a very nice person. Me, my kids and my employees will miss his sweet smile. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Rainer - May 12, 2011 at 04:49 PM

TB

“ Words never seem enough. RIP Doc.

Ted Byers - May 11, 2011 at 11:28 AM

AO

“ Deepest sympathy to Brenda, family and friends. Peary and I were friends a long time ago, but his memory remains vivid.

Alan Oubre - May 10, 2011 at 04:00 PM

TW

“ *My deepest sympathy. He will be sorely missed by all.*

Toby West - May 09, 2011 at 07:27 PM