



William Larry Bustin

January 16, 1948 - March 28, 2021

William Larry Bustin, 73, was born on January 16, 1948 in Laurel, MS.

He is the son of Marvin Donnel Bustin and Leatrice Tisdale Bustin.

Larry graduated from Northwest Jones High School in 1967, attended Jones County Junior College and the University of Southern Mississippi for one semester before transferring to Delta State College where he received his Bachelor of Fine Art Degree in drawing and painting.

Larry was employed with the Jones County Mapping Department for four years as a draftsman and the Department of Transportation for twenty-two and one-half years before retiring April 30, 2005. Eight months later, Larry was called back to work in 2006 by one of his former supervisors, George DeVaughn, who worked with Volkert and Associate, Inc. Larry worked until January 2007 on the Biloxi and Ocean Springs, Mississippi bridge that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

He has been a professional artist for forty-seven years. His work has been shows in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi and South Carolina. His work is in many private, corporation and University collections. His paintings have been exhibited at Terrbonne Museum in Houma, Louisiana; Meridian Museum of Art in Meridian, Mississippi; Cottonlandia Museum in

Greenwood, Mississippi and Leggler Barn Museum in Lenexa, Kansas. In 1994 Larry had two mixed mediums accepted into the Solon International Show in Jackson, Mississippi and was awarded Most Innovated piece on "Murder By One."

Larry was a member of the Mississippi Art Colony for twenty-seven years and was the Treasurer for eight years.

Larry has also compiled the history of the George Washington Bustin family. He was a member of the Shady Grove Cemetery Committee and has compiled the cemetery information on the First Baptist Church of Shady Grove in Jones County, Mississippi.

He was a member of Bethlehem Community Church where he served the Lord.

Survivors include niece Kelly Melissa Herrin (Jason) and grandniece Abby, nephew Donald Lee Bustin II "B.J." and grandnephew Hunter, in addition to aunts and many cousins who he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by Marvin Donnel Bustin, Leatrice Tisdale Bustin and Donald Lee Bustin I.

A graveside service will be Saturday, April 3, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Jamie Altman will officiate. Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel Funeral Home on Friday, April 2, 2021 from 6 until 8 p.m.

Memory Chapel of Laurel is in charge of arrangements. To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Shady Grove Cemetery

4514 Hy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39443

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

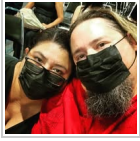
Memory Chapel Funeral Home
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P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapellaurel.com/>

Graveside Service

APR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Shady Grove Cemetery
4514 Hy 15 N
Laurel, MS 39443

Tribute Wall



“ *My gosh...I didn't realize Mr Larry had died. He sure was a great guy.
Rest in peace, brother*

Jonathan Clark - February 09 at 02:11 PM



“ *Larry was the heart of the Mississippi Art Colony. He will be so missed by all of his fellow artists. My prayers go out to his family and friends.*

Carolyn Busenlener - April 04, 2021 at 09:37 PM

GM

“ *Larry was one of those generous souls. He was always there to lend a helping hand. No matter the situation. He was my go-to man at Colony. If Larry didn't have what I needed in his paint box or tool box, it just wasn't to be had! He had an off-beat sense of humor and a friendly smile and a funny quip whenever he saw you. He was "Mr. Colony." Colony won't be the same without him. He was loved by all and will be missed.*

George Ann McCullough - April 03, 2021 at 07:06 PM

RS

“ Larry was a wonderful friend and high school classmate. We were members of the high school band at Northwest Jones and also JCJC with Larry. He played the snare drum and was always a vital part of our band. In July 1971, Larry was one of the attendants in our wedding. When we began planning our 50th Northwest Jones Class Reunion, Larry was so helpful in assisting to make our reunion a special event. He attended every planning meeting and was always willing to do his part in preparation. After our July 29, 2017 class reunion, we continued to meet every three months for food and fellowship.

Larry was a huge part of those gatherings. At this time, we are sorrowful at his passing and pray comfort for his family during this most difficult time. We will forever be grateful for having such a wonderful friend. Rita Hester and John Stumph

Rita D. Stumph - April 03, 2021 at 03:57 PM

GS

“ RIP Larry

Glenda Spradley - April 02, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ Larry was such a wonderful friend! I met Larry almost 20 years ago as we were both members of the Mississippi Art Colony. As Colony members friends quickly become “family”. Like any family reunion our time spent together was always precious and it was made even more wonderful and special by Larry and his genuine ability to encourage to help and to love those around him! ! He made our lives brighter and our time together more enjoyable by his smile, his humor, his willingness to help to share and to give of himself, his kindness and his wonderful sweet personality and spirit!! Larry’s Dedication to his art and his work ethic as an artist Was a privilege to watch and I found him always inspiring. There is so much more that I could say about our wonderful friend. He was a fine man of faith and strong character who appreciated the beautiful in the details of simple things. Rest in the peace of our Lord Larry and may your family all of those who were blessed enough to know you experience God’s comfort and peace! My prayers for all who knew and loved Larry!

Terri Cribb - April 02, 2021 at 07:11 PM



“ I have known Larry for more than 50 years. He was a wonderful friend. When he was working on the Ocean Springs bridge, he would come to my house at lunch every day. All know what a talented painter he was; every painting he did with a doily in it was represented as his mother. He spoke with me often of how much he loved and missed her. Such a dear, sweet, Christian man. We all loved him, that knew him. I will miss him so much for so many reasons. RIP now, with your mom. Much love ❤️

patt odom - April 02, 2021 at 02:18 PM

PA

Larry was the dearest person to all of us at Colony. Besides being a wonderful artist head such a servant's heart and was always available to lend a tool, electrical cord, paint or just help to any one of us. I met him at Art Colony in 2004 and always looked forward to seeing him twice a year. He was very fun loving and entertaining. Mr. Colony will be greatly missed.

Pat Abernathy - April 02, 2021 at 09:44 PM

GD

“ I met Larry when I went back to work with MDOT in 1985. With his natural love of people and outgoing manner, we immediately developed a lasting friendship. We were allowed the opportunity to work together and finish our construction careers on the Ocean Springs U.S. 90 bridge in 2007. Everyone Larry knew will miss him. I mourn his loss on this earth, but know we will meet again. George DeVaughn

George DeVaughn - April 02, 2021 at 08:28 AM

BB

“ Larry Bustin was one of the kindest and most caring people I ever knew. He was so welcoming to all of us at Mississippi Art Colony. I remember how focused he was when working on his paintings...total dedication to his craft. I will definitely miss his warmth and friendship. Billie Bourgeois from Baton Rouge

Billie Bourgeois - April 01, 2021 at 10:58 PM

CM

“ I am so sad to hear about Larry passing. I have known him since 1998 when I came from Texas to the Mississippi Art Colony. He was one of the first to come up with a smile to welcome me to Mississippi. I have been coming to colony ever since and Larry was like family to all of us there. His energy, smile, laugh and jokes as well as his help when anyone needed anything done will be with us for a long time. He will be truly missed.

Cheryl McClure

Cheryl D. McClure - April 01, 2021 at 08:38 PM

KF

“ Larry’s joyful spirit and welcoming nature form some of our best Mississippi Art Colony memories. He was an artist of great skill and meticulous practice. I once had the pleasure of awarding him a prize when I was judging an art show in Hattiesburg. Larry was always humble but also spoke his truth. He had a “servant’s heart” and always provided help or tools or whatever was needed to his fellow artists. He will be missed for as long as we share memories of the best times at MS Art Colony. Our hearts are with you, Larry’s family and friends.

Kat Fitzpatrick - April 01, 2021 at 05:21 PM

RK

“ I was so privileged to experience Larry in his element at Mississippi Art Colony. I will cherish the fun memories of him along with his humor and kindness. Prayers for his family and friends.

Rebecca Korpita - April 01, 2021 at 04:39 PM

JM

“ Remembering our ole pal Larry

Jim and Ann Matthews - April 01, 2021 at 11:37 AM

JM

“ *Jim And Ann Matthews lit a candle in memory of William Larry Bustin*



Jim and Ann Matthews - April 01, 2021 at 11:36 AM

KW

“ *My family has known Larry B for close to 50 years and will greatly miss a dear and loyal friend! When I started attending MS Art Colony I was privileged to witness the true and joyful nature of this fun-loving, talented and giving soul! He loved us all at Colony as though we were family and for that, we are honored! We at Colony will keep his memory alive and well with a "Spirit of Colony" award given in his spirit twice a year at our sessions. To you, his biological family, please know that Larry will always be alive and well in our hearts. May God grant us all the peace of knowing that truth.*

*Kim Whitt
Director, MS Art Colony*

Kim Whitt - March 31, 2021 at 07:27 PM

CF

*Larry was a kind and generous man with beautiful talent. He was also the heart of hard work and laughter at Colony. I pray his beautiful day lillies thrive. May God wrap his soul in Love and grant him peace.
Cherie Funderburk, Ms Art Colony.*

Cherie Funderburk - April 01, 2021 at 10:26 PM

BJ

“ *With deepest sympathy as we remember Larry. We are sharing you sadness. He will be missed.*

Betty Powell and Karen Powell Jones - March 31, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of William Larry Bustin.*



March 31, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William Larry Bustin.*



March 31, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *There will never be another Larry Bustin. He loved life was a great artist but most of all a true gift to all who knew him, especially members of the Ms Art Colony.*

Sandra Halat - March 31, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Prayers to all of Larry's loved ones. I met him through Mississippi Art Colony and was lucky enough to paint next to him for the last few years. He was always a fun, generous and kind person. A light went out for all of us who knew him. May God give you comfort during this sad time and know that I will treasure my memories of Larry.*

*Kathy Tosch
Ocean Springs, MS*

kathy Tosch - March 31, 2021 at 11:37 AM

BJ

“ He always had something going with us as we worked the election polls. I remember the first time I met Larry, he found out that he worked with my dad at the Hwy. Dept. He said “bless your heart “ then started talking about my dad asking him about my soon to be husband at that time. He said he told him “he had nothing to worry about, that he was a good man. Larry will be missed very much by so many people.

Becky Johnson - March 30, 2021 at 10:33 PM

SS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Larry and I worked together in the late 1980s at the MDOT office in Laurel. Larry was a great person to work with and a great artist. I still have the print of the "Trigg House" that he gave me when I left MDOT.

Sharpie Smith - March 30, 2021 at 01:40 PM

GW

“ Gail Welch lit a candle in memory of William Larry Bustin



Gail Welch - March 30, 2021 at 10:59 AM

JT

My memory of Larry is that he was a kind and funny person as well as a great artist. He will be truly missed. Rest om peace Larry.
Jo Tisdale, artist

Jo Tisdale - April 02, 2021 at 09:41 PM