



Allan Leroy Lawson

March 27, 1935 - December 27, 2015

Allan Lawson, 80, of Huntsville, Texas, passed away December 27, 2015. Al was born March 27, 1935, in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Helen and Alexander Lawson, the oldest of three children. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and was stationed in Germany. After leaving the Air Force, Al eventually settled in New Mexico, where he met and married Loretta King. Always ready for a new adventure, they moved to Louisiana before settling in Covina, California. Al worked for Xerox Corporation while completing an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. He and Loretta loved the outdoors, and spent many weekends camping, fishing and exploring California with their young daughters, Kyla and Kari.

Never content behind a desk, Al and Loretta moved to Texas in 1977 where he took a job as a drilling fluids, or "mud", engineer. He worked on oil rigs on shore and off shore, and his job took him from Texas and the Gulf of Mexico to several countries in the Middle East. Other than a brief move to the United Arab Emirates and The Woodlands, Al and his family resided in Huntsville. Al was working on an oil rig in Kuwait in 1990 when Iraq invaded Kuwait and captured him and other American oil workers. After four months as a hostage during Operation Desert Shield, Al was released thanks to negotiations by former Texas Governor Jim Connolly and Texas businessman Oscar Wyatt. After the end of the Gulf War, he continued working in various locations in the Middle East and in Texas, retiring from the oil field in 2003.

Despite some challenges with his health, he continued to nurture his sense of adventure and his love of fishing in retirement, exploring trout streams in Montana, the lakes of Minnesota, the glaciers of Alaska, and any location where he could see his grandchildren.

Al was known for his kindness and selflessness. He had a huge heart, and went out of his way to help others. He is survived by his wife of 51 years Loretta Lawson, and daughters, Kyla Lawson Hastie and husband, Keith, of Shutesbury, Massachusetts; and Kari Lawson Delaney and husband Patrick, of Houston. He is also survived by his grandchildren Emma Hastie, Sara Hastie, Ryan Delaney, and Kate Delaney who will greatly miss their Paw Paw. Al is also survived by brother Harlow Lawson, sister Eleanor Jelacic, and brother-in-law Steven Jelacic of Fountain Hills, Arizona, and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Saturday, January 2 at 11:00 a.m. at First Christian Church, 1800 Avenue R, Huntsville, TX. He will be interred at Houston National Cemetery in February.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rita B. Huff Humane Society of Walker County or to a charity of your choice.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church of Huntsville
Huntsville, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Allan Leroy Lawson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *What wonderful childhood memories I have and cherish of your wonderful family . Sad to lose Allen Bless you all --Love his photo been so many many years since I have seen him --same handsome face--Susan McDonald*

susan mcdonald - January 10, 2016 at 02:14 PM



What a joy to hear about the good old days. Bless you for the lovely memory. His photo is was taken in 2015. He was handsome to the end.

Eleanor Jelacic - January 22, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *We are so deeply saddened to hear of Allan's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this heartbreaking time.*

Ralph & Sandra Blair

Sandra Blair - January 03, 2016 at 01:37 PM

YS

“ *Your neices Dawn, Kelly & nephew Stephen purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Allan Leroy Lawson.*



Your neices Dawn, Kelly & nephew Stephen - December 31, 2015 at 06:32 PM



“ *Thoughts, prayers, and strength are being sent to the family at this sad time. Beautiful memories will take the place of sadness in the time to come. God Bless.*

Sincerely, Kathy King

Kathy King - December 30, 2015 at 07:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Allan Leroy Lawson.*



December 29, 2015 at 07:32 PM

RG

“ *Roy Gilmore lit a candle in memory of Allan Leroy Lawson*



Roy Gilmore - December 29, 2015 at 11:42 AM

SD

“ *Steve Disharoon lit a candle in memory of Allan Leroy Lawson*



Steve Disharoon - December 29, 2015 at 11:14 AM

RS

“ *Rick Stearns lit a candle in memory of Allan Leroy Lawson*



Rick Stearns - December 28, 2015 at 09:50 PM

WR

“ *WALTER ROBINSON lit a candle in memory of Allan Leroy Lawson*



WALTER ROBINSON - December 28, 2015 at 07:41 PM