



## Larry G. Boardman

May 22, 1943 - September 27, 2025

Larry G. Boardman- Age 82, of West Nashville, passed from this life unexpectedly on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at St. Thomas West Hospital. He was preceded in death by his parents, George L. and Treva Boardman; and his grandson, Brandon Boardman.

Larry was lovingly survived by his wife, Linda Tarkington Boardman; his children, Debra Boardman Parker (Michael); Tracy Wallace (Sharon), Dr. Timothy Wallace (Renee), and Carla Neese (Robert); grandchildren, Blake Wallace, Rylan Boardman, Emily Horn, Anthony Parker, Jackson Neese, and Ella Neese; great grandchildren, Milo Boardman, Sophia Boardman, Riley Wright, and River Boardman; and a host of extended family members.

Larry was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he lived with his mother and Boardman grandparents while his father served in WWII. Tragically, his father was killed in action on August 7, 1944, in Mortain, France. Larry was thirteen months old.

Following this loss, Larry and his mother moved to Hanging Limb, Tennessee, to be near her family, sharing a lively home with his aunt, uncle, and three cousins who were more like siblings.

At an early age, Larry discovered his love for the piano, nurtured by his mother and beloved piano teacher, Fleda Eldridge, whose lessons left a lasting impression. In Monterey, Tennessee, Larry's mother-who never remarried after losing her "prince," – taught him from God's word mixed with lots of love. Graduating from Monterey High's Class of 1962, Larry's youth

wasn't without incident: while gathered to watch the Ralph Emery Show with his cousins, a mishap with a loaded rifle left him shot in the thigh. Though doctors said he would never walk again, Larry's determination proved otherwise and the incident led him to become strong advocate for gun safety. His sharp eye for marksmanship—once used to ping pennies held by brave Cousin Charlie—was matched by his natural eye for color in the body shop trade.

From early jobs to opening Boardman's Body Shop in Monterey, Larry's skill stood out. A visit from a paint representative and his boss revealed Larry knew their products better than they did, launching a thirty-plus year career with Martin Senour Paints. His success came not only from expertise, but from his gift for friendship and laughter – Larry never met a stranger.

In 1991, he married Linda and moved to Nashville. At home Larry was famous for his Boardman Breakfasts complete with homemade biscuits, grits, gravy and fried potatoes. He loved making homemade pizzas for Pizza Night, chocolate chip cookies and made-from scratch yeast bread. A "cook-out" was always in the making with family and friends gathered in the back yard.

One of his greatest pleasures was spending time with his family, especially trying to wrangle four great-grand kids under the age of six when he visited his childhood home in Monterey, TN.

You could find him on the golf course several days a week where he celebrated two "Holes In One" and many friends. His love for the game led to unforgettable experiences when playing the Mauna Lani Golf Course in Hawaii in 2002, Pebble Beach in 2018, and most notably, the historic Saint Andrews Golf Course, Scotland, in 2022.

As the years went on, Larry's faith deepened, and he grew closer to the Lord. He provided an example of what it meant to be a worker in the Kingdom of God. His generosity, faithful worship, Bible study and willingness to help anyone he could was an inspiration to all who met him.

Larry will be remembered with love and admiration as a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his

family, friends and all who were blessed to know him.

The funeral service to honor and celebrate Larry's life was held on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 1PM, at River Road Church of Christ, located at 7407 Old Charlotte Pike, with Paul Darety and Josh Barnett officiating. Interment followed at Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials were encouraged to the Parkinson's Foundation [www.parkinson.org](http://www.parkinson.org) or Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Fund (General 6 — Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.) William Barker, Jim Orman, Ken Caldwell, Joey Eades, Rylan Boardman, and Blake Wallace served as the active pallbearers. Paul Wright, Ken Smith, Toby Kinnebrew, John Moore, JC Carlton, Michael Parker, Elders and Deacons of River Road Church of Christ served as honorary pallbearers. Visitation with the Boardman family was on Monday, October 6th from 11:00am until the service time at 1:00pm, at River Road Church of Christ. Following the burial, the family extended a welcome to those who were able to join them for a catered reception at the Pavilion of Harpeth Hills.

# Tribute Wall

BJ

“ Oh I am so sorry. I am in the process of getting our class reunion again. Larry was such a nice man. I also took lessons with Mrs Fleda Eldridge but Larry was so much better than me. He got his start/training in the body shop in Battle Creek Michigan that my brother Jim owned.. My brother always bragged on how good Larry was in the business. My prayers and love go out to the family.  
Bobby Johnson.

**BOBBY JOHNSON** - December 02, 2025 at 01:19 PM

DP

*Thank you so much for your kind words Bobby! I know Daddy sure loved your family.*

**Debra Parker** - December 05, 2025 at 10:29 AM

WT

“ Debbie I am so sorry you lost your daddyPete sends his condolences too.He knew and liked your dad.If you need anything I am here Prayers for you and your family.



**wilma templeton** - October 10, 2025 at 01:00 PM

DP

*Thank you so much I love you both*

**Debra Parker** - October 22, 2025 at 03:03 PM

SC

“ *Susan Clark lit a candle in memory of Larry G. Boardman*



Susan Clark - October 07, 2025 at 05:37 PM

SC

*Debbie, I'm so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers*

Susan Clark - October 07, 2025 at 05:39 PM

DP

*Thank you so much Susan. Love you.*

Debra Parker - October 22, 2025 at 03:05 PM

TA

“ *Tammy Reed Abston lit a candle in memory of Larry G. Boardman*



Tammy Reed Abston - October 06, 2025 at 02:56 PM

DP

*Love you Tam*

Debra Parker - October 22, 2025 at 03:07 PM