

Larry Dean Bentley

April 6, 1943 ~ November 9, 2009

Larry was born in Waterloo Iowa, the first of four children, on April 6, 1943 to Loren and Velma (Mackie) Bentley. In 1948 the family moved to California. After living in several areas they finally settled in Torrance where he graduated from North Torrance High school. After two years at National Technical Schools in Los Angeles where he took broadcasting classes, he moved to Phoenix Arizona and started his life long career in broadcasting at KPHO.

After a four month engagement Larry married his sweetheart Sherry Quiring on April 25, 1964. They have four children, Walter Frank, Charlotte Ann, Ethan Jon (born with 4p- syndrome) and Erin Lenore.

During the 1960's at KQED- TV in San Francisco Larry participated in the first live interconnection of Public Television Stations via cross country microwave. In the early 1970's at KCET- TV in Los Angeles, Larry worked on the Hollywood Television Theatre drama series. He received an Emmy Award for electronic camera work on "The Andersonville Trial," directed by George C. Scott.

During this time, he was honored by listing in three editions of "Who's Who in America". While at Versatile Video Inc. in 1980, Larry served as technical manager for the first Goodwill Games, held in Santa Clara, California. This production earned a nomination for a regional Emmy. In 1985, Larry designed and constructed WETO-TV, a commercial

television station in Greeneville, Tennessee where he also operated as Chief Engineer. In 1988 Larry was project manager for the technical facility installation of the Macadam Ave. studio for Oregon Public Broadcasting. He was then hired by OPB. While there he was the Technical Manager for several major productions including the September 11th Memorial Concert and Defiant Requiem by the Portland Symphony.

Through out his career Larry has worked in major sports productions including several World Series and PGA Championships as a technical manager and video engineer. Larry was with the crew that televised the first shuttle landings at Edwards Air Base in California. He worked as a video engineer for the Portland Trail Blazers for many years. Larry started working at Western Oregon University in May 2005 as a Broadcast Engineer.

Larry has also worked for many years with the 4p- Support Group for parents of children born with an extremely rare birth defect (occurs in 1 in 50,000 births). He helped establish presences on the Internet, establish a listserv for parents and other professionals, and worked with other national support groups that now serve about 2,000 children world wide.

Larry has followed Christ for over fifty years becoming a Christian at a young age at Hume Lake Bible camp. From 1959 thru 1963 Larry was the recording engineer for Radio Kids Bible Club, a thirty minute children's radio program with music and Susie and Johnny stories written by Dr. Cliff Brumfield. Larry worked in the audio department of most every Church he attended. We have been members of Greater Gresham Baptist Church for sixteen years and you would find him in the back of the church or audio/video room faithfully recording the service. He was able to complete the installation of the tricaster to make it possible to take the presentation of the gospel to a new level.

During this past summer Larry had some aches and pains that were thought to be arthritis. On August 28 an MRI revealed wide spread cancer of the bone, liver and lymph system. After two weeks in the hospital he had 15 days of radiation the goal being comfort and pain reduction. As hundreds of family and friends prayed and trusted God for a complete healing Larry prayed for a miracle as he thanked God for the cancer and asked that it would bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior.

It's party time in Heaven as Larry has his miracle and is reunited with our boys Frank (1966-1993) and Ethan (1976-2003), Mom and Dad, family and friends that went before. We will have our party at Greater Gresham Baptist Church on Saturday January 23 at 10:30 am as we celebrate his life knowing that someday we will join him.

Larry requested that his whole body be donated to cancer research and his corneas to the Oregon eye bank. His eyes will also be used for diabetic research.

Do you suppose he'll have cables to plug in and cameras that need balanced, or maybe the Heavenly Choir needs an audio engineer to do a little mixing? If so, I'm sure that's where he'll be.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Video Production Ministries of Greater Gresham Baptist Church 3848 NE Division St. Gresham, OR 97030

Thank you to those that checked in on the Caring Bridge site your prayers and notes are still giving us encouragement.

*Larry's family,
Sherry Bentley, Charlotte, Jerry and Elizabeth Turner, Erin, Robert and Joiya Brown,
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