



## Larry Shannon Hargrove

December 5, 1950 - June 6, 2021

<https://livestream.com/accounts/7325565/larryhargrove>

<https://www.flipsnack.com/alcbf/hargrove.html>

Larry Shannon Darnell Hargrove, a native of Manor, Texas, was born on December 5, 1950 to Louise and Nelson Hargrove, Sr. who both preceded him in death. Larry attended public schools within the Manor Public School System. He accepted Christ at an early age and had a special love for God and people with a great compassion to touch lives. He developed his passion for singing in the church and by his father who was an exceptional vocalist and guitar player.

Larry was a great and talented singer, actor, songwriter with roles in the films, "Led Batter" and "Label". In the 1970's, he wrote the song, "How can you win" which was featured on the Billboard Charts nationwide. His Las Vegas Broadway styled big band and light show with his rhinestone studded suits was his signature flair that dazzled the crowds. He was manager of "The Fabulous Mark III Show Band", "The Techniques", and "The Funky Music Machine Band".

Opening shows and working with acts such as Tyrone Davis, Bobby Womack, Betty Wright, The Chi-Lites, Barbara Acklin, Bo-Bo Mr. Soul, James Brown, Keith Sweat, Lenny Williams, The Brothers Johnson, Con Funk Shun, Midnight Starr, Staple Singers, The Emotions, Archie Bell & The Drells, and many more. He has written songs for major acts such as Joe Lagon of The

Mighty Clouds of Joy and Bo Williams.

As a determined entrepreneur, he became the first black man to own a limousine company in Austin, Texas and was part owner of the Soul Factory, which was the place to go in the 70's. With his positive attitude and ability to identify with others, he also became the owner of the Garden Club, a great performance arena for bands. He also owned and operated a general contracting company and had client accounts all over the city because of his unparalleled ability to establish and maintain professional relationships. Larry was active in almost every aspect of the music industry with experience in artist development, concert promotion, and club management. In Los Angeles, California, he recorded his rendition of, "The Wind Beneath My Wings" from one of his greatest albums, "Own my Own-Larry". Some of his major recording albums included "Deep Out of the Heart of Texas (Austin, Texas is My Home)", "Soundtracks of my Life", "The Gospel Project" and the nationally acclaimed, "Leave Bill Clinton Alone". In addition to being played all over the country, Leave Bill Clinton Alone was also inducted into the Smithsonian Museum of American History. Former President Bill Clinton even personally told Larry that he loved the song and played it throughout the White House and on Air Force One. As a singer/songwriter, his music was played all around the world and featured on radio shows such as Howard Stern and Rush Limbaugh-just to name a few. It was also featured on all of the National and International news networks, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, CNN, and many more.

He was honored for his community contributions by the former Austin Mayor, Bruce Todd, and the City of Austin. In 1999, Mayor Kirk Watson (Austin) proclaimed January 7, 1999 as Larry Shannon Hargrove Day in Austin, Texas. In addition, the National Forum for Black Public Administrators also honored him for his innovative work in the school district. One reporter even described him as, "A Cross Between A Country Preacher and a City Lawyer". His smooth and silky vocal style and colorful personality earned him the trade name, "The Texas Songbird" and "The Crown Prince of Southern Soul". Of all

of his marvelous accomplishments, Larry took the most pride in being a devoted husband to his wife Margie, a father to his children, and grandfather to his grandchildren. He took the time to teach them the value of a strong work ethic and earning an honest living, while also encouraging them to be active contributing members of society. He left an indelible mark on the Austin Community and the state of Texas. He will be missed by many, but his legacy will live on through generations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louise (Zachary) and Nelson Hargrove, Sr.; Sister Velma Hunter; Brother Arthur Hargrove, and Daughter Karen Hargrove. Larry shall forever be loved and missed dearly by his loving wife, Marjorie Hargrove, of 42 years of Austin, Texas; Children: Angela Jackson of Houston, Texas; James Webb of Round Rock, Texas; Shon Hargrove of College Station, Texas; Dr. Courtney Roberson (Trent) of Columbus, Georgia; Corey Hargrove of Austin, Texas; Terrence "Max" Hargrove (Samara) of Austin, Texas; Juston "O'Bryan" Hargrove of Austin, Texas; Sisters and Brothers: Joe Hargrove (Carrie-deceased), Alonzo Hargrove (Esther Jo), Lillie Richardson (Thomas), Nelson Hargrove (Shirley), Jerry Hargrove (Jean), LeRoy Hargrove, Floyd Hargrove, Roy Hargrove, and Anita Showels (Ray); 14 Grandchildren; 9 Great Grandchildren along with a host of beloved nieces and nephews.

# Cemetery Details

## Cook-Walden Capital Parks

14501 IH 35  
Pflugerville, TX 78660

# Previous Events

## PUBLIC VIEWING FOLLOWING CDC GUIDELINES

JUN **13.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

St. James Baptist Church  
3417 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
Austin, TX 78721

## Celebration Service

JUN **14.** 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Larry Shannon Hargrove*

October 06, 2023 at 07:08 AM



“ *Oh NO! I had no idea that Larry has passed. Met him on Facebook, Still play his music on my radio shows. Met his wife Margie too. Both very sweet folks. I am so sad and sorry to hear this. He was such a kind, mannerly Southern Gentleman. His talent his passed down to his son Justin. Larry's Family, please accept my apologies for my late expression of sympathies. I am just stunned, had no idea. I know he is missed, A Kind and Lovely soul he was. I'm glad i had the pleasure to know him.*

*Sending Much Love and Hugs. Cassie J. Fox*

Cassie Fox - October 07, 2021 at 05:39 PM



“ *Our brother, Dennis James grew up as musicians with Larry, back in the day when we were neighbors to his brother Joe. They enjoyed long musical collaborations- playing different kinds of songs!!! WHAT A JOYOUS MEMORY!!!*

*FAMILY, KEEP THE FAITH, PRAYERFULLY, YOU WILL MEET LARRY ON THE OTHER SIDE. 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Casey Calhoun - June 20, 2021 at 12:03 PM



PW

“ Courtney my prayers are with you and the family during this time. I remember from middle school on how much your dad kept instilling words of focus into us...lol...we weren't getting by with anything. Much love, comfort, and peace to all of you.

With love,  
Paula Whitebear-Burton

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**Paula Whitebear-Burton** - June 18, 2021 at 07:51 PM



“ Ella White lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove



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**Ella White** - June 14, 2021 at 04:13 PM

CC

“ Our love and condolences for the entire Hargrove family. Love you Max, Samara and the boys. Please let us know if there's anything y'all need or if y'all need for us to do anything. Ronans 8:28 🙏🙏🙏

Sis. Cynthia Charles and Family  
Central church of Christ  
Pflugerville, TX

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**Cynthia Charles** - June 14, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Shannon Hargrove.*



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June 13, 2021 at 01:33 PM



“ *God 's Continued Blessings on The Hargrove Family... I did not know The Illustrious Extent of His Talented Contribution to Austin, Texas, America, and The World... God BLESSED Him as A Great Instrumental Servant... Yes, Legacy WILL Live On... The Strength in Christ Jesus, CARRY The Hargrove Family... ON... Reverend Ira L Lewis, Austin, Texas...*

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**Reverend Ira L Lewis** - June 13, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ *Betty Bedford lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Betty Bedford** - June 13, 2021 at 07:46 AM



“ *Margie Green lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**margie green** - June 11, 2021 at 07:24 PM

SM

“ *Stevie Monroe-Davis lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Stevie Monroe-Davis** - June 11, 2021 at 07:15 PM

SM

“ *Stevie Monroe-Davis lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Stevie Monroe-Davis** - June 11, 2021 at 07:13 PM

WB

“ *William Binion lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**William Binion** - June 11, 2021 at 07:09 PM

LS

“ *Lani Slaughter lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Lani Slaughter** - June 11, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Shannon Hargrove.*



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June 11, 2021 at 02:30 PM



“ *I have known the Hargroves since 2000 when I met Courtney Roberson where we worked at the same school. We became instant friends and I was blessed to meet her family. Larry was always one to give me advice about my son and about things I was going through in life. I will always cherish those memories with Larry and I pray that he is now at peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*  
*Lily Shawhan*

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**Lily Shawhan** - June 11, 2021 at 11:14 AM



“ *It was such a pleasure to know Mr. Hargrove and the entire family when Courtney was in my class at Hope Lutheran School. And I concur with Sylvia Kokel's post about his generosity and kindness. May the love of Jesus and our hope of eternal life in heaven because of what Jesus did on the cross and His rising from the dead give you much comfort at this time and in the days ahead.*  
*Deborah Henry*

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**Deborah Henry** - June 11, 2021 at 10:52 AM

SK

“ *Mr. Larry Shannon Hargrove was a great father who shared his resources whenever he could. When his children were enrolled in school at Hope Lutheran he was always so generous with his limo to take his children's classmates on field trips. What a treat to ride in a limo on a field trip. My love and sympathy to the family of a man who was given so many talents and used them!*

*Sylvia Kokel*

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**Sylvia Kokel** - June 10, 2021 at 10:06 PM

CC

“ *I remember a school talent show and Mr. Hargrove helped Corey dress up as James Brown. I also remember coming over for family events. I've known and been apart of the Hargrove family since Blanton Elementary. Sending hugs and prayers.*

*Clarice Black- Cross*



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**Clarice Cross** - June 10, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Shannon Hargrove.*



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June 10, 2021 at 09:39 PM

BH

“ I will never forget Larry's kindness. May God give him eternal rest and his family the peace that you seek. A good heart has stopped beating, a good soul ascended to heaven. May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. My most sincere condolences.



*With deepest sympathy~*

*Minister Brenda Humphries-Howard*

*Account Executive*

*Radio Station KFIT Gospel 1060 am & 103.9 fm*

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**Brenda Humphries Howard** - June 10, 2021 at 01:41 PM

CH

“ My condolences to Roy Hargrove and family.

*Charles Hamlin*

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**Charles Hamlin** - June 10, 2021 at 01:07 PM

TD

“ Tina W Dellasandro lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove



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**Tina W Dellasandro** - June 09, 2021 at 08:53 PM

EM

*So sorry for your loss.*

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**Emma Mackey** - June 10, 2021 at 10:24 AM

WW

“ *My condolence to the Hargrove family! I still remember when he got me on stage and sung Happy Birthday to me at my birthday party! The One and Only Texas Songbird!*



**Wanda Walker** - June 09, 2021 at 04:36 PM

KH

“ *Kenneth Haywood lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



**kenneth Haywood** - June 09, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**A Life Celebration by Franklin** - June 09, 2021 at 12:34 PM

BR

*Hung out with him back in the 70s, real cool guy*

**Bruno** - June 12, 2021 at 04:25 AM

DB

“ *Derrick Bedford lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Derrick Bedford** - June 09, 2021 at 10:31 AM

GS

“ *Gloria Stewart lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Gloria Stewart** - June 09, 2021 at 06:56 AM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of my friend Larry Hargrove , The Texas Songbird. On behalf of myself and husband Frank Washington we send our deepest sympathy and prayers are being lifted for the entire family members for strength, comfort and healing during the days ahead.*



*Juliet Washington  
Office Manager  
KAZI 88.7 FM*

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**Juliet Washington** - June 09, 2021 at 04:53 AM

SE

“ *Sammie Eppright lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Sammie Eppright** - June 08, 2021 at 07:46 PM

MD

“ *Mary Diggs lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Mary Diggs** - June 08, 2021 at 05:54 PM

RB

“ *Larry was with us (Techniques IV) from the beginning. His determination to be the best he could be was infectious. I've lost a dear and old friend. May he RIP. See you soon my friend.*

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**Roy Bright** - June 08, 2021 at 05:39 PM

SB

“ *To the family of Larry Hargrove  
Margie we are so sorry for your loss, we are keeping you in prayer  
through this time of sorrow, Grateful to have known the Texas  
Songbird.*

*Benford family*

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**Sandra Benford** - June 08, 2021 at 03:52 PM

MA

“ Condolence to the "Hargrove" Family, Friends & Fans. RIP

Mary - June 08, 2021 at 02:49 PM

AR

“ HE IS "GONE ON" TO SOUL HEAVEN, CONDOLENCES TO ALL! I AM ARKANSAS RED!

ARKANSAS RED - June 08, 2021 at 01:19 PM

EP

“ With Deepest Sympathy to the Hargrove family

*May God's peace be with you may His never failing love sustain you and His promises comfort you at this time of sorrow.*

*Eddie Powell*

Eddie D. Powell - June 08, 2021 at 11:28 AM

JH

*My deepest sympathy to the Hargrove's Family in the Loss of your Love one a great loss to the the ATX Community. A dear friend he was and very sadden to see his name here Lord have mercy sing 🎵 on Texas Song Bird 🎵 in God's Heavenly Choir Bang Bang and we know the rest...Precious Memories no worries you will not be forgotten Rest in Heavenly Peace 🌺🎵🎵*

Jackie Harris-Crayton - June 08, 2021 at 04:59 PM

SB

“ *Mr. Hargrove was always smiling and making those around him laugh. I loved the story he told about how he and his wife met at a club he was singing at.*  
*We are keeping you all in our prayers.*

*Shaun'te Branch*

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**Shaun'te Branch** - June 08, 2021 at 10:49 AM

JM

“ *Please receive my condolences and know that you and your family are in our thought and prayers.*  
*Respectfully,*  
*Jassie Morales*

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**Jassie Morales** - June 08, 2021 at 10:13 AM

HR

“ *Heather Ryan lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



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**Heather Ryan** - June 08, 2021 at 09:37 AM

AH

“ *We send our deepest condolences, and pray God provides comfort to the family during this time.*

*Humbly,*  
*The Humber's*

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**A Humber** - June 08, 2021 at 09:26 AM

NE

“ *Nola Earthman lit a candle in memory of Larry Shannon Hargrove*



Nola Earthman - June 08, 2021 at 12:34 AM

JL

“ *To the Hargrove Family, we want u all to know that we love Larry he was one of a kind and he knew how to light a room up with his voice.*

*Rest on Larry until meet again from the Gospel Starz*

James Lott - June 07, 2021 at 11:52 PM

MS

*To Be absent from this body is to be present with Our God May God Bless The Family In JESUS Name He Was My In Deed God Bless*

Minister Elisha Nelson Sr - June 08, 2021 at 11:42 AM

MS

*He was my friend indeed God bless*

Minister Elisha Nelson Sr - June 08, 2021 at 11:49 AM

ST

*We send our prayers and ask God to give the family strength to endure . Shafeeqah Thomas and family.*

Shafeeqah Thomas - June 09, 2021 at 10:39 AM

JJ

*Margie, so sorry for your loss. Praying for you and your family.*

Juanita Jones - June 09, 2021 at 02:57 PM