

LARRY ROARK

May 15, 1955 – March 6, 2001



Lawrence Glenn “Larry” Roark was born May 15, 1955, in Wichita Falls, TX. He was killed by a drunk driver in an automobile accident on March 6, 2001.

Larry, a life-long musician, founded the “Music of the Spheres”™ in 1989, which produces “the Stradivarius of Wind Chimes” in Austin, TX. He also produced highly-regarded art photography. Larry had a passion for beauty and spirituality, which he expressed through music as well as his images of the natural world. He displayed his work at such events as the Armadillo Christmas Bazaar in Austin and the Texas Renaissance Festival near Houston.

Larry graduated from Reagan High School in 1973 and attended North Texas State University, from which he graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Music Theory in 1978. He also performed graduate work. After college, he served on the staff of Texas Women’s University in Denton and played euphonium with the Clyde Beatty-Cole Brothers Circus Band for several seasons before returning to Austin. In Austin, he played with many groups, including the Austin Symphony, The Creative Opportunity Orchestra, The Austin Klezmerim, The Vacillating Discombobulators, and The First Baptist Church Voice and Handbell Choirs. Larry also served as host of KUT Radio’s overnight show for several years and continued thereafter to guest host.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 11 years, Sara Neal Eskew; his 23-year-old calico cat, Alpha; parents Dr. Glenn and Dorotha Roark of Austin; sister Carol Roark and husband Lon Burnam of Forth Worth; sister Linda Roark and husband Ford Turner of Austin; father- and mother-in-law Doren and Tommie Eskew; sister-in-law Noel Eskew; brother-in-law Dr. James R. Eskew and wife Lynn Langley of Austin; brother-in-law Blake Eskew and wife Martha of Houston; nieces and nephews Lindsey and Jancy Langley and David Eskew of Austin; Monroe, Jonathan and Thomas Eskew of Houston; aunts, uncles, cousins and many great friends. We loved him so.



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