

## Barlow, Larry, Rev. | 1942-2017

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Larry Barlow

The Rev. Larry Barlow, 75, of Bowie, died Monday, June 26, 2017.

Memorial service is 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the First Baptist Church in Bowie with the Rev. Mike Henson officiating. Graveside service is 10:15 a.m. Friday, June 30, at DFW National Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Merritt officiating.

Hawkins Funeral Home in Decatur is handling arrangements.

Larry was born Jan. 18, 1942, in Fitchburg, Mass., to Lee Adrian and Grace Smith Barlow. The family moved to Texas in 1954. He graduated from Wayland Baptist College with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1968, and in 1973, Larry received his master's of divinity from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He later went on to earn his doctorate of theology from California Graduate School in 1984 and a master of arts in education from New Mexico State University in 1997.

As a Southern Baptist preacher, Larry was the pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico for 40 years. He taught special education in Anthony, N.M., for several years. In 2008, he retired from the pastorate and moved to Bowie to be near his sister, Pamela Barlow, DVM.

Larry was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Bowie where he led the singing for his Sunday school class and also sang in the choir. He and his wife, Janet, were involved in many of the activities with the senior adult group. Larry was also active with the Senior Citizens Center, Friends of the Library and the Hospice Store in Bowie. He was a big science fiction fan and loved to garden. He and his wife loved to go on family cruises.

Larry is survived by his wife of 55 years; daughter Karyn Barlow of Rio Rancho, N.M.; granddaughter Kaitlyn Barlow of Albuquerque, N.M.; sisters Sandy Rewis and her husband, Earl, of Richmond Hills, Ga., Pamela Barlow of Bowie and Vanessa Akin and her husband, Pogo, of Stafford, Va.; sister-in-law Judy Hughes and husband, Hal; niece Kathy Hughes of Austin; and nephew Clint Hughes and wife, Jessica, of Oakdale, Minn.

Memorial donations may be made to the Building Fund of the First Baptist Church or to the American Cancer Society.