



## Larry Brumley

January 23, 1946 - December 4, 2010

Funeral services for Mr. Larry Brumley, 64 of Carthage, Texas will be 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Central Baptist Church of Carthage with Rev. Steve Jackson and Dr. W. C. "Bill" Everett officiating. Burial will follow in Odd Fellows Cemetery under the direction of Hawthorn Funeral Home. Family visitation will be Monday from 6–8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Brumley passed away December 4, 2010 in Longview, Texas.

Mr. Larry Gene Brumley was born January 23, 1946 in Ada, Oklahoma. Larry was one of three children born to the marriage of Joe Bailey and Margie Maurine Taylor Brumley. Mr. Brumley met and later married Elizabeth Ann "Beth" Aldrich on December 30, 1967 and celebrated almost 43 years together. Larry received his Bachelor of Music Education degree from Texas Christian University and a Master of Fine Arts in Conducting (with distinction) from California State University at Fresno. He has forty-five years of teaching experience, is retired as the Director of Choirs at Panola College, and continued to serve as an adjunct instructor in Applied Music. Professor Brumley is listed in three editions of Who's Who Among America's Teachers and in Who's Who in America. Larry started the Panola Pipers tradition of "Christmas in Carthage" nearly two decades ago. Mr. Brumley completed twenty-five years as the founding conductor of the Shreveport Chamber Singers. He served as a church choir director for thirty-five years, and he is past Chorus-Master for the Shreveport Opera Company. Larry was the Assistant Conductor and a member of the Marshall Symphony. Mr. Brumley

served in the United States Army and was a member of the 4th Army Band. He was a member of Central Baptist Church of Carthage for many years and the Carthage Lion's Club. Mr. Brumley is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Ronald Wayne Brumley.

Mr. Brumley is survived by loving wife, Beth Brumley of Carthage; sons, Michael Brumley and wife Andrea of Nashville, TN, Gary Brumley and wife Christi of Ft. Worth, Philip Brumley and wife Angie of Greenville; sister, Brenda Tompkins and husband Tommy of Kilgore; sister-in-law, Wileen Brumley of Kinder, LA; grandchildren, Justin Brumley of Nashville, TN, Korey and Katrina; great grandchildren, Zoe and Trena; nephew, Shawn Rabon of England; niece, Angela Brumley and her daughter Sarah Ann of Lake Charles, LA; numerous other relatives and a host of friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Dennis Smith, Bill Holder, Korey Gonzales, Ralph Marshall, John Cain and Jerry Hansen. Honorary pallbearers will be the Deacons of Central Baptist Church in Carthage.

The Family requests that memorials may be made to the Marshall Symphony's Project String Power or to Mission Carthage.

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church  
220 W. Sabine  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ As we close out this last set of Symphony concert rehearsals, I am reminded of Mr. Larry and his kind words each and every time I served food there. I surely notice the void during their break time, and just wanted you to know I thought he as a fine man and remember him often. Praying that you and your family are doing well, and that your heart will continue to heal over time.  
God bless,  
Stacia Runnels and the  
Symphony Concert Rehearsal Committee##imported-begin##Stacia Runnels##imported-end##

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February 21, 2011 at 12:47 PM



“ We'll miss you, Larry.  
David and Maelinda Swanzy##imported-begin##David Swanzy##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 10:49 PM



“ To the Brumley family, his close friends and family our condolences for your loss. Larry will be missed, but his memories will be forever in the hearts of many. Class of 63' Delano, Ca.##imported-begin##Rodney & Linda Pace ##imported-end##

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December 14, 2010 at 05:12 PM



“ Of my teacher, mentor, friend, part-time daddy and full-time hero, simple words cannot aptly convey my condolences to his wonderful family nor truly express my sadness at the end of his magnificent life. I could never earn the kindness, grace and regard he gave to me. The memory of his encouragement and warmth of his love will continue to guide and inspire me. Thank you Larry Brumley. It was an honor to have known you. I love you. phil###imported-begin###Philip Sickels###imported-end##

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December 13, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ Larry was my mentor, my teacher, my most awesome friend and my brother in Christ. His words of wisdom, love and prayerful consideration for me and my family will be greatly missed. I will not ever forget the twinkle in his eyes, his kind words, the spring in his step and the love for his family and legacies he had so much passion for. When he was born, God broke the mold! May he rest in the love of the Lord until we all join him on that glorious day!###imported-begin###Sue Bartleson###imported-end##

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December 11, 2010 at 09:40 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was a truly amazing person. I am so blessed to have gotten to work under him. I was in the panola choir, shreveport chamber singers, and the panola pipers. Mr. Brumley always pushed me to be a better singer and encouraged me to go beyond my comfort zone. He was such a great support system. Anytime I had a personal problem, he was always there to listen with open arms. Mr. Brumley continued to provide support to me and my family after graduation. He attended mine and my sister's wedding with a big grin on his face and just wanted to let us know how much he loved us. Mr. Brumley will always hold a special place in my heart and I thank God that I got to know this special man.##imported-begin##Kathleen White Miller##imported-end##

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December 11, 2010 at 02:22 PM



“ My memories of Larry going back to our High School days: studious, upright, witty and a friend. The best that I remember of Larry is how strong a Christian he was. Even then he was an example to all of us. Our prayers are with the entire Brumley Family.##imported-begin##Al Zaragoza##imported-end##

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December 10, 2010 at 07:59 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was a very caring man. Though I hadn't known him long, he quickly confirmed the fact that he believed in my talent and what I have to offer this world. For that, I'll be forever grateful. He was so supportive. My prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Icy Simpson##imported-end##

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December 10, 2010 at 12:35 AM



“ *Mr. Brumley truly changed my life when he gave me a scholarship to Panola. He was an amazing man of God and a wonderful moral compass for all of us.*

*When I was a counselor at Sky Ranch, he came for a visit. When I got married, he was there running music while Mrs. Brumley played the organ. When I cheered for the Cowboys, he came to a game and cheered me on. When I had Maddox, he came and welcomed my angel into the world. He came for a visit this July...that's the last time I saw him. All of this AFTER I graduated from Panola. He has been like a Father to me and I am going to miss him so much.*

*Thanks for the laughter, leadership and guidance. You made a difference in so many lives. Well done, Mr. Brumblebutt. I love you; we'll see you in heaven.*

*Natalie###imported-begin###Natalie Woods###imported-end##*

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December 09, 2010 at 01:28 PM



“ *Thank you Mr. Brumley for your service and guidance to students as well as many others in your community who were touched by your wonderful example of Christ. I will see you again someday.###imported-begin###Kelly Jordan Fisher###imported-end##*

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December 08, 2010 at 08:24 PM



“ Larry & I became friends when, at age 45, I entered Panola College. He (a year older than I) gave me a full scholarship & I became his student & accompanist. Over the years we've kept in touch, worked many gigs together & stayed friends. We never had a cross word or a disagreement.

Beth called me to tell me of his heart attack & God made sure I was "in the neighborhood". I got to see him on Tues., Nov 30th for the last time. We talked & laughed & he got to tell me one last 'corny' joke. What a precious man & what a sweet family. We must keep the music going. My prayers are with Beth, Gary, Michael & Phil and those sweet grandbabies. May God continue to hold you all in the palm of His hand.##imported-begin##Nelda Milligan##imported-end##

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December 08, 2010 at 05:14 PM



“ Praying for you and your loss. Mr. Brumley was such a wonderful man. His smile lit up a room and brought a light to all he met.##imported-begin##Gloria, Dave & Emily Williams##imported-end##

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December 08, 2010 at 09:10 AM



“ Larry, I will miss you so very much. I have known you for all those 25 years as a charter member of the Shreveport Chamber Singers. You made music come alive for me. The wealth of knowledge you had about music was so rich and you were willing to share it so freely with all of us and so many more people. I will never forget all of the many rehearsals and performances we did together. You are the best director I have ever worked with. Beth, may God grant you and your family peace and comfort during the days ahead. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love to you. Judy Brown###imported-begin##Judy Brown###imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 11:36 PM



“ Brum was a great teacher, musician and friend. He will be missed. I can only imagine he is up organizing a concert in Heaven. Our prayers are with Beth, "the boys" and their families.###imported-begin##Sally (Pettis) Domingues###imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 09:13 PM



“ To one the NICEST BOY AND MAN I EVER MET.LARRY YOU ARE WITH OUR FATHER NOW.HE TOOK YOU HOME BECAUSE HE WANTED HIS HOUSE TO BE FULL OF BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.GOD BE WITH YOU MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.YOUR FRIEND,  
DARLENE###imported-begin##Darlene Johnson###imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 05:26 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I met Mr Brumley in the fall of 1974 at Porterville High School. I had just moved there my senior year and was very lonely. He let me audition for Concert Choir and Madrigals. I immediately had a social group, and friends thanks to his generosity. He helped to make that important senior year a little bit better for me. This world is a better place, thanks to wonderful people like him.##imported-begin##Kathleen (Pruitt) Briones Porterville High School 1975##imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 05:04 PM



“ This is my last e-mail to my friend Larry. We were friends since 6th grade. I miss knowing he is there in Carthage. I will look for him in heaven. God bless Beth and the whole family. Love,  
Karen##imported-begin##Karen (Rich) Scott##imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 04:15 PM



“ May it comfort you to know that others share in your sorrow...  
Larry was a good friend and he will be missed...  
Blessings:  
Billy Hall  
Delano High School...class of 64...##imported-begin##Billy Hall##imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 03:39 PM



“ To the Brumley family,

*Thank you for sharing your husband and father. I remember many a time that I and all the students were invited into your home. Mr. Brumley touched so many as well as myself. He will be missed and I will never forget the words of wisdom he passed on to me. May God bless you all.##imported-begin##Jon Madl##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2010 at 03:29 PM



“ As any of his students would say, Mr. Brumley was more than a teacher, but so much more. To me, he was a mentor, a father-figure, a confidant and friend. Mr. Brumley had a way of not only teaching valuable lessons in music, but in life. Mr. Brumley was my instructor for the Panola College Chorale, the Panola Pipers, music theory, voice, piano, and The Shrevport Chamber Singers. Through all of these ventures, I grew as a musician. Mr. Brumley had a way of realizing the potential in anyone and gave people a chance when no one else would. My family and I appreciate all that he did for me. He help shape and mold me and guided me when I was on a dark path, and I know that his morals and lessons played an intricate part of making me the man I am today. I wish like anything I could have been there today to join in on the celebration his life and legacy. My heart is heavy because of his passing, but I am confident I will see him again one day and will once again be able to sing with the Brum!##imported-begin##Kenny Waldrum##imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 02:46 PM



“ *Mr. Brumley was a wonderful teacher and he will be greatly missed. In his teaching you felt his passion for music. My thoughts and prayers go to his family.##imported-begin##Kay Jean Smith##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2010 at 11:34 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry I couldn't make it. I was a part of the Panola Choir and Pipers for 3 years. I am now working in ministry. I have conducted numerous choirs and taught music in places as far as the Amazon. As I teach and conduct, I find that most of what I know about how to conduct, I didn't learn in a class as a student. I learned more as a singer in Mr. Brumley's choir than as a student in any college music course. Thank You Mr. Brumley. God bless you all and my prayers are with you.*

*In Christ Love,*

*Cory Page*

*Panola Choir and Pipers 2001-2004##imported-begin##Cory Page##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2010 at 10:53 AM



“ *You will be missed my friend.##imported-begin##John Boland##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2010 at 10:34 AM



“ *Praying for you and your loss. Mr. Larry was such a wonderful man.##imported-begin##MICKIE GRADBERG##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2010 at 10:28 AM



“ Mr. Brumley,

*You were such a treasure on earth as I know you now are in heaven. The difference you made in my life during my college years was significant.*

*You were the first example I had of what a true male role model should look like. Because of that example when I left Panola to continue my journey through life, I often reflected on your example as a standard of how I should be treated. Due to the love and compassion you showed me, my self-worth was increased and I set a higher standard for myself. You also taught me about unconditional love. I went through some rough times at Panola and was not exactly where I should have been morally, but that didn't matter to you. No matter how many times I messed up or how many bad decisions I made, you were always there to show love, understanding, and compassion. I didn't realize it at the time but as I became a stronger Christian later in my life, I often reflected on the way you loved your students as a tangible example of how Jesus loved me. I am ashamed to say that I didn't do a good enough job staying in touch with you after I left Panola, and that I deeply regret. I hope you look down from heaven on me and my family and are proud of me. I hope that when you see me as a mother and a wife, you know what an impact you had in shaping the woman I am today. I wish I could have told you that before you left to be with the angels. I will forever have a place in my heart for you, Mr. Brumley. I have not met many people in my life that were as genuine as you. You will be greatly missed.*

*With Love,*

*Jenny Notter Alanis##imported-begin##Jenny Alanis##imported-end##*

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December 07, 2010 at 09:46 AM



“ Beth, Lawanda and I were so sorry to hear of Larry's death. Both of you were dear to our family. Lawanda and Kendra remember Larry fondly. I enjoyed working with Larry at Panola and certainly remember wonderful times in church choir with both of you. May God grant you peace and abide with you in the days ahead.  
Barbara Smith Gilbert###imported-begin##Barbara Smith Gilbert###imported-end##

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December 07, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ So sad to have such a talented musician not with us, but what Beautifully Music is being made right now! Beth, we will, I will miss him!###imported-begin##Eric Lawrence###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 11:47 PM



“ I am saddened by your family's tragic loss. Carthage is a much richer place for having had such a man in the fiber of its community. He will be greatly missed.  
My prayers are with all of you.###imported-begin##Cheryl Foster###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 10:30 PM



“ Larry was a consummate musician, and a tremendous music educator. He was also a friend. We had several conversations about "retirement", and realized that we were busier than ever! I will miss him, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Enjoy the Heavenly Choir, my friend!###imported-begin##Patty Highfill McKinney###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 09:21 PM



“ Dear Brumely family: Our thoughts are with you at this time. We loved Larry and appreciated his music as Louise plays at the Liberace Museum off and on. May his music be remembered by all who loved him . Again, we are very sorry in the passing of Larry. Ken & Louise Saylor r Class of "64"###imported-begin###Ken & Louise Saylor###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 08:14 PM



“ I met Mr. Brumley when I was a Junior in high school. He was my judge in solo and ensemble and offered me a scholarship on the spot and I was able to attend Panola from 98-00. While I was there, Mr. Brumley was more than a teacher. He was a friend, mentor, and shoulder. He had a passion for music and life that carried over into all aspects of his and his student's lives. I will miss you dearly and know that you are in heaven singing with the angels. Thank you for all that you have done.###imported-begin###Mary McGill Kimbell###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 08:01 PM



“ Larry was a wise and wonderful man--a great teacher and a loyal friend. I will miss him.###imported-begin###Mike Beasley###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 07:14 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was such a wonderful man and teacher. I looked forward to every class. I know he will be missed by so many because he was so special to everyone he encountered.##imported-begin##Jamee Chandler##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 06:20 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was an absolutely amazing Instructor. He has touched the lives of many. He will be greatly missed....##imported-begin##Crystal Earl##imported-end##

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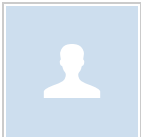
December 06, 2010 at 04:57 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was greatly loved by many. He has been a great encourager, instructor, and friend for many years. He will greatly be missed! Laura Jones aka: K.B.##imported-begin##Laura Talbot Jones##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 04:14 PM



“ You touched many lives over the years. You will be remembered for your love of music.##imported-begin##Shelisa McRee Williams##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 02:05 PM



“ Thanks Brum for take me under and caring about me. If it were not for your encouragement and mentoring, my life would not be the same. The lessons I learned from you and Jan Bruening have made me a better person. You kept me going in the right direction, no matter how hard the road might be. My love and faith in CHRIST today can be a direct influence from you, you kept me in church and helped me understand that we all have a responsibility to help others, to live each and every day through CHRIST. Well played in the game of life.  
Sincerely Randy Lance  
Class of 88 -90 Panola Pipers##imported-begin##Randy Lance 88-90 Pipers##imported-end##

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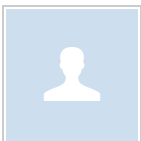
December 06, 2010 at 02:04 PM



“ To the Brumley Family,you all have my deepest sympathy. Mr Brumley was a very nice and kind man and I enjoyed being in the choir at Panola with him. Mr Brumley didn't just teach me music,but the lesson on life and I am really grateful for all the lessons he taught me. He wa a true blessing for me during my time at Panola. He will be greatly missed by you his family and all the students he blessed at Panola and many friends he made.##imported-begin##doris fulghum##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 01:00 PM



“ We are deeply saddened and our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Wanda and Jerry Hanszen##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 12:50 PM



“ Larry Brumley set the bar high for all of us. He exemplified a Christlike attitude. He was my Barnabas, an encourager. He delighted in doing what was right. What was not to love about Larry? His heart for others was so apparent.

*I cannot imagine the depths of his family's grief. I am so sorry for your loss. I pray that you can hold to the hope that we have in Christ, and be comforted knowing that we will only be separated for a little while.*

*I was so blessed to have known Larry all these years through the Marshall Symphony, and thankful for his friendship. I miss you dear friend.##imported-begin##Michelle Permenter##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 12:28 PM



“ Larry,

*I only met you twice. I never knew you well, but I know two of your sons. You have left quite a legacy in your children. Thank you for the deposit you put in them. You can see our Lord face to face now, as we still see through a mirror dimly. I pray comfort for your family and friends as they have lost you, and that you are continually overwhelmed by the great joy of standing in His presence.##imported-begin##Laura Maxwell##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 12:15 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was the nicest man. I have great memories of being a member of his choir and of Pipers (like the time his nose started bleeding during rehearsal, and he just stuck a Kleenex in his nostril and kept right on teaching. Now that's dedication!) He was the ultimate teacher - sharing his knowledge and a vast amount of patience. He touched and blessed many lives.##imported-begin##Shirley Luna##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 12:12 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Brumley's family! He was a true inspiration to everyone!##imported-begin##Kristen Innerarity##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 11:32 AM



“ My condolences for Mr. Brumley's family. He was a great man who loved music and people. He will be missed not only in his community but all over the world from students who still think of him.##imported-begin##Adam Page##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 11:23 AM



“ I respected Larry and valued him as an artist and a friend. His talent help make our recent production of "South Pacific" the success that it was. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Clay Grizzle##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 11:08 AM



“ Mrs. Brumely,

*We were so saddened to hear of Mr. Brumley's passing. Erin and Robin loved him dearly and he was such a blessing to them. Last week Brent got to visit with him when he was in the hospital and Brent said he knew why Erin and Robin loved him so. May God be with and your family during this time.*

*Gary and Connie Hetherington##imported-begin##Connie Hetherington##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 10:43 AM



“ My prayers and condolences go out to Mr. Brumley's family..

*As I stated on a friend's facebook page... I know I am not the only student who's life was enlightened and bolstered by Mr. Brumley (affectionally called "the Brum" by his students, or as he called us, his kids). I will share one particular memory that may be unique to me, as I don't know of too many other Choir members or Pipers who got married and then pregnant during their first two years of school. Understandably so, Mr. Brumley was supportive but worried for us. We were both on scholarship but still having tough times financially. There were more than a few times that he and Mrs. Brum invited us over to eat. He also gave us both an extra 'job' by singing with his Shreveport Church chorale during the holidays....we may not have been able to afford a tree that year otherwise.*

*And of course, he was always there to offer encouragement and advice when we needed it. I kept in touch throughout the years and went back to see him shortly after our divorce. Again, he was there to offer support. He asked about my education, which I was ashamed to say I had halted after Panola. He asked me why, and I explained it was impossible being a single mom and full time worker-bee. He told me, "Nothing is impossible unless you think it is." I'll never forget it. After getting back home I made arrangements with childcare and work to enroll in school part time the next Fall. Two bachelor's degrees and a Master's later, I truly feel I have him to thank. I may have gotten back to school eventually but, in typical Brum style, he nudged me to finish what I started. He was BIG on that. I have so much to thank him for. I hope he knows the impact he has had on so many of us! He didn't just lead the choir at Panola, he created a family.*

*It hit me thre other day as I was talking to my now 14 year old about her future. I had always discussed Panola College with her. I always felt comfortable encouraging her to auditon there as I knew even though Mr. Brumley was no longer director of choirs, I felt like he would always be a part of the music program. It won't be the same*

*without him.##imported-begin##Christine O'Hagan##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 10:30 AM



*“ Dearest Beth, I am praying for you and your family. Mr. Brumley was a dear friend for many years and he will be greatly missed.  
With love,*

*Kelsey##imported-begin##Kelsey Goughnour##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 10:29 AM



*“ On behalf of the many students at Conroe High School and McCullough High School that benefited from your kindness and support, I thank God for Larry. The lives of these students were changed and Larry will live on in these students who are teaching now. with deepest sympathy Mike Ware##imported-begin##Mike Ware##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 10:10 AM



*“ Mr. Brumley was my choral instructor back in the eighties. My husband and I met during a production of "Paint Your Wagon" so I have really fond memories of my time at Panola, and Mr. Brumley was always supportive of us, helping us to develop our love for music. With so many years of service to Panola College and the Carthage community, he will certainly be missed. Our prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Susan Duncan##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 09:56 AM



“ Larry's passing is a great loss to the family and community. He was a wonderful person willing to share his talents.##imported-begin##Milly Spencer##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ Mr.Brumley was a very nice man. I enjoyed the musical performances throughout my attendance at Panola College.

*My Prayers are with you at this time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tina L. Ray##imported-begin##Tina Ray##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 09:37 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.  
My prayers go out to the entire family.  
Mr. Brumley was a great man and he will truly be missed.  
Every now and then I would see him somewhere and we'd talk. I'll miss that.  
May God bless and keep you all.##imported-begin##Vanessa Walls##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 09:35 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Mr. Brumley touched the lives of many through his music and will be forever remembered.##imported-begin##Randy, D'Leisa and Sydney Graves##imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 09:34 AM



“ Mr. Brumley was a great teacher. He gave me hope to go to college when no one else did. I will always remember what he did for me and many others. He will be missed. I am praying for you in you time of loss.###imported-begin###Dolores Moehl (Dee Smith)###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ Mr. Brumley was a man who made a huge impact on my life. There are not words to express all I am feeling. He was not only a great teacher of music, but a teacher of life.###imported-begin###Cindy Freeman Lindsey###imported-end##

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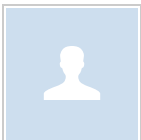
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“ I will truly miss Mr. Brumley ,he was a true friend to me. David Godwin###imported-begin###David W Godwin###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 08:58 AM



“ My heart is so heavy I can not truly express myself. I loved Larry and Beth like family and will find a deep void in my life with him not there. He was an important part of my life since I began to sing in the Chamber Singers and I have many very fond memories to cherish with the choir, our trips, and just being a friend with and to Larry. God now has a great director for his Heavenly Choir. Love from Ann###imported-begin###Ann Graham###imported-end##

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December 06, 2010 at 08:53 AM



“ If you wanted to sum up Larry Brumley in a single sentence, it would be this: He had an uncanny ability to bring out the best in his students. I've known him for 20 years, starting in 1990 when I walked into his office for the very first time. I was just going to be in Band in college, and hadn't really wanted to be in choir. I was, however, going to have to sit in his Theory class. He encouraged me to be in choir as well, and that started what became a very good thing for me, as I ended up moving on to another school later on the maximum scholarship I could get, and it was because of him. While I didn't go on to a career in music, had it not been for that day, I'd probably be working in retail stocking shelves. I would never have had the opportunities I've gotten.

Through the years, he would do this for many dozens of his students. There were always countless pictures on his walls of the students of the past, and their successes, their children, and whatever else it could be. That was just his way. He was one of the few college professors who was genuinely concerned with the progress of his students. Of course, his office was also always littered with stacks upon stacks of papers, most of which I'm pretty sure he never went through. His desk was his trademark, having cleaned it off only once (well, he didn't, I did, on his birthday) in his time at Panola. His walls were also covered with his favorite sayings that he had heard over the years. I still remember the very first one I ever read: It is best to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.

Always, he made sure everyone who he conducted, whether it was adults, college students, or whoever, benefited from his wit as well. Choir was sometimes serious, but if he saw that things were getting too serious, the jokes and the laughter began flying. We came to expect it.

Beth, while you and your sons are missing him here on Earth, heaven has gained him, and I'm sure you'll all see him again. He's probably already setting up the concert for when you all arrive. And

*trying to find someone with a truck to set the risers and the sound system up in the auditorium. (I always said I majored first in furniture moving, and second in music.)*

*Literally thousands of students benefited from his guidance over his 45 year teaching career. None will ever forget him.##imported-begin##Scott Greer##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 07:23 AM



*“ We have only known Mr. Brumley since July of this year. He was teaching basic guitar to my son, Daren Allen. He was more than a guitar teacher. He was also good at teaching life lessons and building self-esteem. We always got to hear a story from his past, too. We may find another person to teach guitar, but we will never find another Mr. Brumley. Thank you for sharing him with us. He will truly be missed. Love in Christ, Lori Allen##imported-begin##Lori Allen##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 07:00 AM



*“ He was such a wonderful man and he will definitely be missed. Love you Mr. Brumley!!!##imported-begin##Pamela Slough##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 01:38 AM



*“ Larry was the whirlwind that directed choir at Porterville High School while I was in school at Monache under the direction of David Rasmussen. The family is in our prayers here in California.##imported-begin##Bill Piotter##imported-end##*

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December 06, 2010 at 12:12 AM



“ *Mr. Brumley was such an inspiration to me and to so many people. His ready smile and infectious laugh made him a joy to be around: he always made everyone feel better about themselves! His love for music was palpable and contagious: what a joy it was to be in his choir and to learn from such a fine teacher and musician! He will be greatly missed, but I know the angels' choirs are glad to have him in their ranks.##imported-begin##Shellie O'Neal##imported-end##*

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December 05, 2010 at 11:57 PM



“ I am so saddened by the loss of Mr. Brumley. He was such a kind man. I received guitar lessons from him a few years ago, and even after I graduated he always kept in touch. Whenever he would see me he always offered a friendly hug and smile that always made me feel welcomed.

My hometown in Oklahoma is close to Ada and he always liked that because it allowed him to tell stories about his memories there. He especially liked to tell the stories of when his children were little and he was able to share his gift of music with them. I always thought that his children were pretty lucky to have a talented dad like him. He was so proud of them and I'm sure they felt the same way about him too.

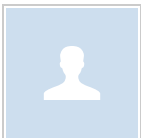
Mr. Brumley had a special gift of music and touching peoples lives. I know he touched mine. The year I made Allstate choir was made possible because he believed in me. He came to the campus and worked with me for hours on my audition piece until it was nearly perfect. There aren't many people who would do that for someone, but thats just another example of who he was. A selfless, kind and caring person. I know I speak for past and current students when I say that he will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sincerely,

Nikki Causey##imported-begin##Nikki Causey##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 10:11 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed##imported-begin##Amber York Jordan##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 10:08 PM



“ He was so dearly loved by so many of my friends. I just wanted you to know that I'm sending my heartfelt condolences for your loss. You will be in my prayers. Know we in Porterville are thinking of you. Always, Leah##imported-begin##Leah Empleo##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 10:00 PM



“ Mike, I am sorry for the loss of your Father. I am praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Renea Elliott##imported-end##

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“ Gary, we are praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Marc & Widad Kinard##imported-end##

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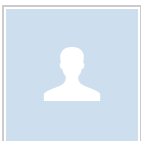
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“ Beth and Boys, so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Every time I saw Larry he always had a smile on his face. He will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Pam Williamson##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 08:43 PM



“ Mr. Brumbley, you were an inspiration for me to become a teacher and a role model for me. Thank you for your investment in so many lives. You will be missed and not forgotten. Heaven's choir has a wonderful addition. 1984-86 Pipers, chamber choir, barber shop quartet. Great times, great friends, great memories.##imported-begin##Charles Walker##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 07:32 PM



“ Gary & Christi  
We read of your dad's death in the paper and want you to know that  
you and your family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Bill &  
Bonita Presson##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 07:28 PM



“ Beth & Boys, my heart breaks for you!!!!  
I loved Larry dearly and miss him already!!!! You are in my prayers.  
Beth, I am here for you anytime you need me!!!!##imported-  
begin##Doris Smith##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 06:08 PM



“ I know you are singing alongside other loved ones and angels praising God in heaven but oh how I am going to miss you.

*Mr. Brumley (The Brumster) you gave me a college scholarship that brought me to panola and it forever changed my life. I came to Panola in fall of 1996 as a shy girl who didn't believe in herself and was truly searching for happiness. You believed in me and pushed me out of my comfort zone into the person I am today.*

*Towards the end of my first year I came to know Christ and that emptiness in my life was filled. I can still remember the day I shared my good news with you and how you jumped out of your chair and just grabbed and hugged me....*

*Still even to this day so many years later you have been there all along still pushing and encouraging me through the good and bad times as an adult.*

*Your love for your family, music, your students, church, and of course the republican party will always and forever inspire me. You definitely lived by example and touched so many lives. See you in Heaven my friend, Mr. B :)*

*My prayers and thoughts go out to the Brumley family and although I can't be there on Tuesday know that I will be grieving with you all in spirit.##imported-begin##Nicole Alexander##imported-end##*

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December 05, 2010 at 06:02 PM



“ Beth, I am sorry for your loss but we know Larry is happy where he is now. What memories you must have. God be with you and your family.

*Selma##imported-begin##Selma McFadden##imported-end##*

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“ Thank you, sir, for passing your knowledge of music on to me.##imported-begin##Kanen Smith - Student @ Panola College##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 04:52 PM



“ Mr. Brumley was an amazing teacher, a wonderful mentor and a dear friend. I am really going to miss him.##imported-begin##Patrick Newcomb##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 04:17 PM



“ Mrs. Beth, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Angela Weaver##imported-end##

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“ love and will miss brumblebee##imported-begin##jeff griffin##imported-end##

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“ Beth, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers. May God provide you with peace and comfort.##imported-begin##Katy Julian##imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 12:51 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Brumley family for the loss of a husband, father, brother, and grandfather. Larry will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

Love,  
Bill&Debbie###imported-begin##Bill & Debbie Young###imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 12:39 PM



“ So sorry to read of Larry's death..Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers as you walk thru this VALLEY OF GRIEF..Beth Lynn and I were your neighbors for many years @1126 Oakwood..Lynn retired in 1991 and we moved back to Louisiana..YOUR MEMORIES WILL BE YOUR STRENGTH AND THE LOVE THAT YOU SHARE FOR HIM WILL BE YOUR BOND. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.###imported-begin##JOY LEE###imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 05:49 AM



“ Larry Brumley brought music to life for young people, church members and friends. He spent his life sharing his talent and the joy of music with others. Whenever we ran into each other, Larry nearly always had a new little joke to share...he left us smiling. We will miss him as a colleague and a friend.###imported-begin##Teresa Beasley###imported-end##

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December 05, 2010 at 12:43 AM



“ My dear Mr. Brumley in so many ways you were the father I always wanted and needed and some how you knew that and stood in the gap.

*From the day I met you, you believed in me and pushed me to do and be better. You had a joy and a smile that was warming. I can't think of you without smiling.*

*I will always remember the day you looked me in the eye when I was struggling along and said, "Eric, my job is not simply to teach you music, but to teach you to be a man and make a difference." Well Larry you made a difference.*

*His passion's were: family, students, music, republican party, and most of all Jesus.*

*Well done, good and faithful servant.##imported-begin##Eric Couch##imported-end##*

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December 04, 2010 at 10:59 PM



“ Brumblebee was a wonderful teacher, director and friend. I am so thankful for his friendship. The impact he has had on my life is so powerful. My life has been blessed by him. The Brumley family is in my thoughts and prayers. I know there are joyful sounds coming from Heaven today. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Amy Abernathy Drillette##imported-end##

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December 04, 2010 at 05:17 PM



“ Larry was a dear friend and it was because of him that I came to Panola College in 1987. I will forever hold the wonderful memories of my friendship with Larry close to my heart. My wife and I want to extend our deepest sympathy to Beth and the entire family.##imported-begin##Rodney Stoner##imported-end##

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December 04, 2010 at 04:48 PM



“ We are praying for the Brumley family and although we cannot be there in person, we are grieving with you. We pray especially for God's peace and that this would be a time of drawing nearer to the Lord.  
Psalm 91:4 " He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."##imported-begin##Mike Lee Family ##imported-end##

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December 04, 2010 at 04:43 PM



“ Gary and Christi,  
So very sorry about your Dad. When I read his obituary I thought, he really accomplished a lot in his short years on earth. Not many people can say as much. I know you have many memories to cherish. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Love,  
Aunt Mary Ann##imported-begin##Mary Ann Burbidge##imported-end##

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December 04, 2010 at 04:24 PM



“ *Mr. Brumley was a wonderful man, musician and friend. He was loved by many. I am blessed to have him as a part of my life.##imported-begin##Gary Bazer##imported-end##*

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