



Lawrence C Mayer

February 12, 1936 - April 3, 2024

Dr. Lawrence C. Mayer, 88, of Lubbock, Texas passed away April 3, 2024. Lawrence was born February 12, 1936 in Chicago, IL to Arthur Mayer and Mildred Frances Mayer. He graduated from Parkside High School in 1954, received his bachelor's from the University of Florida, master's from the University of California-Berkeley and doctorate from University of Texas-Austin. He welcomed his first son, Maurice, with his first wife, Marilyn B. Lange. Lawrence married Etta R. Greenfield on August 24, 1980, and they were blessed with four more children: Gabrielle Nanette Adams, Arthur Leonard Mayer, Scott Nathan Mayer, and Joshua Spencer Mayer. He was a Professor of Political Science at Texas Tech University. Lawrence was the author of twelve published books and numerous articles.

He is survived by his loving wife, Etta Mayer, and his five children and six grandchildren. Lawrence leaves behind a rich legacy of wisdom, kindness, and compassion that will forever be cherished by his family and those who had the privilege of learning from him.

The funeral service to celebrate Lawrence's life will be held at Sanders Memorial Chapel on April 5, 2024, at 10:00 am. Graveside services will be at the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Lawrence's impact as an educator and a devoted family man will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him. May he rest in peace, remembered for his dedication to his students and the love he shared with his family.

Cemetery Details

City of Lubbock Cemetery

2011 E 31st Street
Lubbock, TX 79404

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel
1420 Main Street
Lubbock, TX 79401

Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Lawrence C Mayer



Sanders Funeral Home - April 05, 2024 at 09:57 AM

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“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Dr. Mayer's passing. Although he encouraged me to call him "Larry" I could never get myself to refer to him by first name. I always remained deferential. Ultimately, I left Lubbock after receiving my PhD, but he stayed. Ideas would excite him, and his face would light up with enthusiasm. His expertise in comparative politics always made us imagine a global context that seemed so far away from the Llano Estacado. I am grateful for the interactions we had.

I fondly remember our conversations about Chicago, his hometown, and our shared love for the Bulls. I even had the privilege of babysitting for his then-young family. I vividly recall his convertible car and golf bags. Some of the grad students would join him on the links, though I never played golf myself—still haven't. Not playing golf is not a regret, but not saying goodbye to Dr. Mayer is. It was an honor to know him, and I regret not keeping in touch. May he rest in peace.

Erol Kaymak - May 30, 2024 at 03:11 AM

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Thank you for your lovely tribute to Larry, Erol. I remember you were among his finest students. Your remarks are much appreciated. -- Etta M.

Etta Mayer - May 30, 2024 at 11:45 AM