



## **Larry Burruss**

**1939 - 2018**

Larry Frank Burruss of San Marcos, Texas, passed away on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the age of 78. He was born in Joplin, Missouri on November 16, 1939, to Joe Robinson and Margaret (Annin) Burruss.

Larry graduated from high school in Taylor, Texas in 1958. He attended Southwest Texas State College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commercial Art. He was a member of the Alpha Psi Lambda fraternity, now called Kappa Sigma, serving as an officer. He was also a member of the Wrangler Club and the Rodeo Club.

He worked for the Hays County Central Appraisal District, as a Chief Appraiser and a field appraiser, and retired in 2011. Larry enjoyed Chilympiad and was instrumental in the 1970 start-up at Aquarena Springs. He was a member of Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) and served as both President and Executive Director from 1986-1988. In 2012, he was honored with the CASI Pioneer Award.

In 2009, Larry organized the Chilympiad – Buda’s iteration of the famous chili cook off, where roughly 100 people stirred their chili pots to compete in Chilympiad.

His hobbies included fishing, barbequing, chili cooking, playing 42, woodworking and leather crafting.

His parents and his sister, Jo Ann Rydell preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife Janie (Osborn) Burruss; daughter, Kathy Wallace and husband, Troy of San Marcos and their children, Austin Wallace and Tanner Wallace; daughter, Shelly Nemec and husband, Antone of Bryan and their children, Ellen Martinez (Michael) and Aaron Nemec, and great-grandson, Aaron Martinez; brother, Van Burruss, Sr. and wife, Jima of Dennison and their children, Van Burruss, Jr. (Aimee) and Matt Burruss (Amy). He is also survived by nieces, Jaymie

Scroggins (Brandon) and Jennifer Linnard, and numerous great-nieces and nephews.

## **Current and Previous Executive Directors Attending 2004 Great Pepper's Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland**



**From left to right: Alan Dean, Johnye Harrinan, Hut Brown, Pat King, Larry Burruss and Ray King**