



Larry Edward Latham

November 6, 2014

Larry Edward Latham, 61, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma died on November 2, 2014 after a brief but valiant battle with cancer. Larry was the son of the late Fred and Julia Latham and loving husband of Kelly Lynn Reynolds. He is survived by wife Kelly, as well as sister Susan Pollock and husband Alan of Edmond, Oklahoma, and uncle A.J. Telowicz and wife Tomiko of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. Larry enjoyed a lengthy, wide and varied career in animation, film, TV, theater and teaching. He was only in junior high when he was one of the founding members of the Oklahoma Alliance of Fandom (O.A.F.), one of the earliest comics clubs in the nation which just held its 47th anniversary convention which Larry attended. Moving to California in his early 20's after completing a degree in Motion Picture Production at the University of Oklahoma, he worked his way from low-budget movies (The Worm Eaters) until landing an internship and eventual job at Hanna-Barbera Studios in the storyboard department. He worked on many animated shows and graduated to directing and producing as well as continuing storyboarding at several major studios, including Universal, Walt Disney, Scholastic, and Berlin Film Company. He won an Emmy for TaleSpin in 1991. After moving back to Oklahoma in 2001, he designed sets for theaters and worked as a freelance storyboard artist and illustrator until discovering yet another passion—teaching--when he was hired as an instructor in 3D Modeling and Animation in the Visual Communications program at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology in Okmulgee,

Oklahoma. Larry thrived on sharing his knowledge and experience with his students and inspiring a new generation of artists and animators and felt he had finally found his calling in teaching.

He created the popular webcomic LOVECRAFT IS MISSING in 2009 and attracted many devoted followers. As Larry said, "I enjoy putting my own unadulterated work out there for people to respond to. If it's good, then it's because of what I've done, and if it's bad, then I'm ready to take my lumps. But there's no wondering how it might have worked if only I could have done what I wanted, rather than what I was told to do." He was a consummate storyteller and wrote several works of fiction and non-fiction, obtaining a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing degree from National University in San Diego in 2012.

A celebration of his life will be held on November 21, 11:00 a.m. at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa. Larry requested that friends consider donations in lieu of flowers to one or more of the many causes he supported: Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Humane Society of Tulsa, The Ned Hockman Filmmaking Award Fund at Oklahoma University, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Make-a-Wish Foundation, or any of the mission projects of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church. The family wishes to thank dear friends Patricia and Jorge Rodriguez for generously opening their home to Larry, family and friends, allowing Larry to spend his final hours on this earth peacefully in a familiar cherished setting filled with love.

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Larry Thank-you for your Hard work.

You will are missed.

Kelly and Susan I hope you are managing, well in these hard times.

Kelly, please reach out to the fandom If you need help finishing Larrys final work.

*I know he always wanted it finished and in print.
I'm positive there are literally hundreds of artists that would gladly contribute a page to his memory.*

There are many fans and creators that are experienced on fund-raising platforms the "Patreon" and "kickstarter" that can help you do this.

You are not alone.

We can help you make Larrys final wish come true in memory of him.

-----Adam

Adam Black - July 09, 2015 at 01:45 PM

ES

“ Thank you, Larry. You will be missed.

Erin Skinner - January 21, 2015 at 06:44 PM

JE

“ **chokes* Oh... elder gods... no... And here I was wondering, like a selfish idiot when the comic would update!*
**sniffs* My heart goes out to his wife...*

Jet_Black_Heartbreak - January 19, 2015 at 01:59 PM

ME

“ *I found Lovecraft is Missing a few years back when I was still getting the hang of college, needing something to destress while juggling work and friends and responsibilities. It was through the comic and the author's blog posts that got me through the stressful times, enjoyable as my education was then and still it, and I always looked forward to every update and word he put up so I could read it and enjoy the experience.*

Unfortunately, I haven't checked up on the webcomic since October 2013 because I was waiting for the pages to 'stack up' as it were so I can read them all at one go. Now I regret it. Checking today, I've learnt of the news that this amazing man has left us and has been gone for some time. Through his work and words, Larry showed himself to be a talented and funny and thoughtful man willing to speak to others and now he's just gone.

He will be remembered by not only his family and friends but also the people he gave a bit of joy and excitement with his wonderfully intriguing and macabre talent that is Lovecraft is Missing. He will be missed and I am sorry for his wife, Kelly, and his sister Susan and everyone else who knew this man since he was a boy. They have my condolences and my well wishes to them in their time of need and recovery. Please stay strong!

Melly - January 07, 2015 at 08:35 AM

DA

“ *This is so sad.*

daniel - January 04, 2015 at 05:40 PM

AR

“ *Sometimes I find things which are astonishing. What makes them astonishing -- apart from their beauty, their intricacy, their intelligence, their sheer embodiment of Craft -- is often the strange places you find them. "Lovecraft is Missing" is an amazing work of weird fiction that was both a pean to past authors and artists, but it also is a sublime work in it's own right. It chills, it intrigues, and it usually does so with a dry grin.*

And it was a webcomic. A medium that's only come about in, what, the past 10 years? Perhaps less?

Larry showed us what we could do with this medium. He wrote the best damn comic that's ever graced the web, one that I read greedily. It was stunning how he took this young medium, married it to greats like Herge and Machen, then made it something distinctly, excellently his.

Bon voyage, Larry. You astonished me.

Arthur - December 06, 2014 at 08:09 AM

PA

“ *I am a fan of LIM. I'm sorry for your loss.*

Paul - December 04, 2014 at 08:04 PM

JR

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Larry's family this Holiday season; today is Thanksgiving.*

I was only just beginning to know Larry these past few years. I especially enjoyed his many displays of, and knowledge about, the dime novels and story papers which I also collect.

There are not all that many people who appreciate the early dime novels as he obviously did. He recently wrote a wonderful article for Blood 'nThunder magazine which I really enjoyed. Just sorry I was not able to tell him so....again, I wish his family peace as no doubt they have very many fond memories...

Joe Rainone - November 27, 2014 at 06:57 PM

LU

“ *I just wanted to offer my deepest condolences....I'm very saddened. I'm just now starting to read Lovecraft is Missing and I'm looking forward to it! Godbless you and stay strong! Much love, light, blessings and best wishes from San Diego.*

Sincerely,

Luke

Luke - November 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM

CW

“ *I have loved Larry's work "Lovecraft is missing" from the very beginning. He will be sorely missed. His work is inspiring and wonderful, his courage remarkable. He will live on in our hearts.*

Clint Warlick - November 25, 2014 at 12:14 PM

JL

“ I only knew Mr. Latham through his *_Lovecraft is Missing_* webcomic.

My belated condolences to all of his family and friends. He was a very talented artist and writer, and will be missed.

Janet Lowther - November 21, 2014 at 09:04 PM

DF

“ Larry was a good friend of mine in high school and early college, and after decades, we reconnected when I moved back to Oklahoma after three decades. My wife and I drove to Tulsa for the wonderful 60th birthday celebration that Kelly put together. Larry will be greatly, greatly missed. He was larger than life in many ways - irrepressibly funny, someone who relished being around friends and people in general, very talented in acting, art, and directing, sentimental in a good way, he loved to laugh (and rail at times, which often ended up making you laugh), and unflinchingly honest, including about himself. You lived a full life, Larry, you counted, as a friend to many, a husband, a creative artist, a storyteller, much more.

David Fritze - November 15, 2014 at 08:11 PM

JW

“ I never met the man, but would have loved to have shared a beer with him. He was a very talented writer and artist and I enjoyed reading his webcomic as well as his reviews of horror movies and games that he was playing. I can only hope that in twenty years I can be half as cool as he was.

Thanks Larry.

jwrightbrain - November 15, 2014 at 04:48 PM

TH

“ My sister works with his wife. I never met him...but after reading this, I wish I had. Sounds like quite a man.

Tammy Hatfield - November 12, 2014 at 02:09 PM

JG

“ I began to know Larry through his “Lovecraft Is Missing” work and then by reading his blog. It was always a great pleasure to read his articles and I enjoy a lot his webcomic as so many other people. Even if that was only online we were numerous by his side while he fought the beast and many are saddened by his departure.

Jean-Denis Gorin - November 12, 2014 at 11:21 AM

AS

“ I did not know Larry, but I was one of the many, many people who enjoyed "Lovecraft Is Missing" and looked forward to every update. He was a very talented man and will not be forgotten by his readers. I hope his website is maintained for new fans to discover his work.

Alec Semicognito - November 07, 2014 at 11:41 PM