

Larry Ford is a Grammy award winning tenor, originally from Lubbock, TX. Larry's music career began when he climbed up on a chair at five years old at his home church in Levelland, Texas. Accompanied by his mother on the piano, he sang his first solo, *How Great Thou Art*.

Fifty years later, Larry still sings, *How Great Thou Art*. He has sung it in English, Spanish, Swedish, Russian, Italian and Norwegian. Larry's music ministry has taken him to 49 states of the United States and to more than thirty foreign countries.

Larry's training is in classical music, having studied privately as a teenager with an Italian vocal coach. He attended Eastern New Mexico University on a music scholarship. After working for two years as a pilot, Larry returned to gospel music, full time.

Larry and his wife, Sherryl, have been married for 45 years. They served as pastors at churches in Texas and Florida for ten years before Larry returned to full time music ministry. Larry and Sherryl have five sons, Matthew, Mark (and wife, Daisy), Luke (and wife, Amber), Jon, Seth (and wife, Jennifer). They have a daughter and son in law, Amanda and Darius; and nine grandchildren.

Larry's brother, Bruce, is an internationally renowned operatic tenor and vocal coach. Bruce has been described as "the leading Rossini tenor of this generation".

Larry's traveling schedule includes over 100 concerts a year. In spite of his rigorous schedule, Larry's priorities are as a proud husband, father, and grandfather. First Assembly of God is the Fords' church home. Dan and Darlene Betzer are their pastors and friends.

Larry has been a professional pilot and a pastor. All of his life, he's been a singer. Often when people hear Larry sing for the first time, they are overwhelmed by the power of his voice. Those who know him best know it is not only powerful, but he describes it as a gift he's been given.

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