



Larry C. Largin

August 27, 1954 - October 8, 2012

Largin, Larry Chester
Saline, Michigan

Age 58, Larry passed away on Monday, October 8, 2012, at home, in his sleep with his wife Karen at his side. Larry was born on August 27, 1954, in Ypsilanti, Michigan, the son of Henry and Frances Largin and brother to Henry "Scoot" Largin who passed away on September 2, 2008. Larry was married to Karen Riddle on October 15, 1976. He was a graduate of Washtenaw Community College and enjoyed a rewarding career as an electrical CAD designer in the automotive industry. He taught electrical design at Washtenaw Community College and consulted with NASA and the University of Michigan Aerospace Lab for the U.S. satellite program. Larry wanted to have his daughters baptized and chose to be baptized himself at the same time to join in their faith journey. He was a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ. After the love of his wife, daughters and grandchildren, there was nothing Larry loved more than his music. He played in at least a dozen bands in his 58 years and his family will forever enjoy the smiling image of Larry playing an unplugged guitar in the living room, whether surrounded by family or alone in the dark. All those that knew him, loved Larry's witty, wry sense of humor and even those that did not have the pleasure of knowing him well knew the joy of his big, bountiful laugh. His stories of family and days growing upon the farm regularly filled the house. He is survived by his loving wife Karen and his three daughters Melisa (Peter Ellis) Largin, Karie (Bradley) French and Kelly Largin. Larry was the proud grandfather ("papa") to Dylan Miller and Charlotte French. He is also survived by his father Henry "Hank" Largin Sr., Linda St. Onge and his half-sister Judy Largin. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, October 12, 2012, at 4:00 P.M. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Saline, Michigan, with Rev. Dr. Patricia Kenney, officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Saline Area Social Services and envelopes will be available at the church where friends may begin calling from 3:00 P.M. until the time of service at 4:00 P.M. Flowers and sentiments can be sent directly to the church. To leave a memory, for more information or for directions please visit <http://www.rbfhsaline.com>.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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St. Paul United Church of Christ Saline
122 W. Michigan Ave., Saline, MI, US

OCT **Service** 04:00PM - 05:00PM

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Comments



“ The world has lost a truly special person. This man taught me how to play bass guitar, and I thank him for it every day. My heart goes out to Karen and daughters.

Chris Goerke - October 14, 2012 at 03:12 PM



“ Just noticed the obit from Thursday's paper. My condolences to Karen & family. I played, as did many people, in a band with Larry many years ago, we rehearsed regularly at their basement in Saline. Wonderful, positive people! I had just recently reconnected w/ Larry via facebook, and enjoyed lots of musical banter with him the last several months.
God bless,
Rick Humesky

Rick Humesky - October 14, 2012 at 08:57 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Loose Shoes / Freefall



Les Bloom - October 12, 2012 at 11:46 AM



“ Larry and I were classmates at Saline Schools. I have many fond memories of Larry from middle and high school -- mostly from his antics in the band room or band camp! He was always able to make us laugh and smile. A great guy; a great loss for our world. My deepest sympathy to Karen and family. ~Linda Livingstone

Linda Livingstone - October 11, 2012 at 08:45 PM



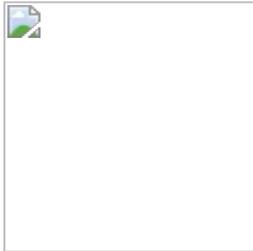
“ Andrew and Carrie Enck purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry C. Largin.



Andrew and Carrie Enck - October 11, 2012 at 03:26 PM



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Les Bloom - October 11, 2012 at 01:19 PM



“ Awesome!

Mark - October 11, 2012 at 09:20 PM



“ Thanks for posting this Les...I had to smile watching Larry doing something he loved so much and was so good at. It brings back so many fond memories. Kathy Riddle Craig

Kathy Riddle Craig - October 12, 2012 at 04:28 PM



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October 10, 2012 at 10:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Largin family and especially my Uncle Hank. I will always remember my Yankee cousins coming to visit us in Alabama. Pete will be missed by all of us here in South Carolina, but most especially by me. Love from,
Bill, Betsy, Jake, and Luke Largin

William Largin - October 10, 2012 at 05:26 PM



“ Tammy Talvitie is following this tribute.

Tammy Talvitie - October 10, 2012 at 01:09 PM



“ Karen, Kelly, Melisa, and Karie, we are so sorry for your loss. Your home was always Caitlin's second home. She loved spending time with your family. Larry was a very good man and he will be greatly missed.

Kathy Valley

Kathy Valley - October 10, 2012 at 10:50 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Larry C. Largin.



October 10, 2012 at 10:47 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Tribute Wall



Gerald Nicks - October 10, 2012 at 08:12 AM



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Gerald Nicks - October 10, 2012 at 07:53 AM



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Gerald Nicks - October 10, 2012 at 07:51 AM



“ Larry was one of the most important male role models in my life. He and Karen were like a second set of parents to my sister Amy and me when we were very young; Melisa, Karie and Kelly each became like little sisters to us as they were born. Larry and Karen took us into their home, and cared for us as their own children while our single Mom worked crazy hours; we often came “home” to their house after school, slept overnight in the cozy room they set up just for us, and walked to school the next morning, several days each week, for many of our most formative years.

Larry was a living example of what a man could and should be... loving, patient, funny, smart, and so much more. Although my sister and I each grew up to marry very different men, I see strong threads of Larry in both of them. Every time I saw Larry, even as an adult (when I didn't see him nearly often enough), he greeted me with wide open arms, then enveloped me in a giant hug, like only he could give, and made me feel totally and completely loved and accepted.

It had never occurred to me before the day of his death, but I realize now that Larry and Karen are almost certainly the reason I am a Foster Parent today. They taught me that family is more than just blood, and that even “temporary” parents can make a permanent and profound impact on the life of a child. Without even connecting the lesson to them, I have for my entire adult life wanted to be that kind of parent to a child who needed one. If I can make the kind of difference in the life of my little Foster children, as Larry and Karen have made in mine, then my life will have been worth living.

October 10, 2012 at 07:47 AM



“ You will be missed Larry, you were not only my cousin but my friend. To Karen, Melisa, Karie, and Kelly and your families - not only was Larry well loved, you are too. Your family and friends are here for you. We love you!

Terri Kalmbach - October 10, 2012 at 12:01 AM



“ Larry and I attended SHS together and both played in the drumline. My fondest remembrance of that time was a post game show the band performed at UM Stadium. Larry was the section leader and I marched right beside him. As we were doing fast cadence entrance to the field at the beginning of the show I heard Larry yell "I forgot my F***ing spats!!" I looked down and sure enough Larry didn't have his spats on. In all of the many photos of the band that were taken that day you could always tell which one was Larry... the one without the spats.

My sympathy to the entire family on the loss a a great guy and terrific musician.

Kurt Schmerberg

Kurt Schmerberg - October 10, 2012 at 12:18 PM