



Richard W. Larson

November 11, 1928 - September 4, 2025

Richard "Dick" W. Larson, Saline, MI, age 96, passed away on Thursday, September 4, 2025 at the Evangelical Home of Saline. He was born on November 11, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of Charles and Ethel (Monson) Larson. Richard attended high school in Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He served in the United States Army Signal Corps, and attended the University of Michigan, where he earned a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He married Neva Webb in 1958.

Dick worked for the University of Michigan in the electron physics lab and the Willow Run research lab. He was also a lecturer in electrical engineering and an instructor with the continuing education program. He retired in 2000 after working with the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan (ERIM), and he and Neva moved to Brecon Village in Saline shortly thereafter.

Dick was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, where he had many friends. He was very involved with a variety of activities including adult education, ushering, and the evangelism board. He also sang with the choir and participated on the church council, once serving as congregation president. Richard was a scoutmaster who enjoyed backpacking and being outdoors. He served on the Washtenong Council Committee for 18 years. He was a ham radio operator and held a commercial pilot's license with a flight

instructor rating. He and Neva enjoyed playing golf and traveling. They built a cabin on Beaver Island, and would fly there in their small plane. Richard was a kind, caring, and steadfast person who will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his wife Neva, his sister Arlene Caldwell, and his niece Janet Caldwell. He is survived by his son Scott, daughter-in-law Mary Anne, granddaughters Eva and Vivian, and niece Elizabeth Sarles.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. at Zion Lutheran Church, 1501 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. A celebration of his life will be held at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor James Debner officiating. Burial will take place privately at Bethlehem Cemetery, Ann Arbor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Richard's name may be made to the American Parkinson Disease Association, Zion Lutheran Church, or the Evangelical Home of Saline. To leave a memory you have, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Cemetery Details

Bethlehem Cemetery

2801 Jackson Ave.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
1501 W. Liberty
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Memorial Service

SEP 20. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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