



Larry William O'Mara

May 23, 1942 - September 14, 2020

Larry William O'Mara, 78, of Traverse City, passed away peacefully at his home, with his fiancé, Janice, by his side, on Monday, September 14th, 2020.

He was born on May 23, 1942 to Helen (Sarrach) and William O'Mara, in Detroit. He grew up in Royal Oak and graduated from Dondero high school in 1960.

Larry remained in the Royal Oak/Troy area where he was a self-employed carpenter, granite installer and marble finisher. Before returning to Clinton Township, he was also a volunteer firefighter for the city of Troy.

Larry was very proud of his sobriety of 43 years and became a mentor and wonderful role model to many. He believed in the Second Amendment, enjoying his gun collection. He also loved riding and taking trips on his Harley Davidson.

In 2016, he moved to Cedar to be with his elementary school "first love", Janice. He became a member of West side community Church and loved the beauty of Leelanau County and surrounding areas.

He was a little rough around the edges at times but had a beautiful heart and a strong moral compass. Larry's unwavering faith was by far his biggest accomplishment and helped keep him grounded, especially through his illness.

Larry is survived by his Fiancé, Janice McCormack ; sisters, Karen Ledford of Hernondo, Florida and Judy (Mike Sauer) Rawski of Harsens Island; brother, Mike (Debbie) O'Mara of Scottsdale, Arizona; daughter, Kimberlee McCarrick of Grand Blanc; stepson, Steve (Bonnie) Berg of Erie, Colorado; grandchildren, Jerry (Chrissy) Gignac, Rikki (Amanda) Gignac, Crystal (Derrick) Fiorini and Ron Berg; great grandchildren, Thomas, Dakota, Aurora, Jazmyn and Scarlett, along with many friends, especially Matt and Judy.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wives Judy and Diane, and his granddaughter, Meghan.

A service to celebrate Larry's life will be held at a later date, due to Covid restrictions, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Macomb Michigan. His family has asked that he be remembered through donations to Cowell Cancer Center, 217 S. Madison Street, Traverse City, MI 49684 or St. Jude's.

Comments



“ The best memory I have is today that I had found my dad. Ended up going to Oakleaf County and getting a piece of paper finding his address calling his neighbor and then talking to my dad finally met my dad in 2007 2008 we went to the Big Boy Restaurant up in Great Lakes in Auburn Hills and we sent there for five six hours and just talked I was very shy very scared very intimidated I didn't know what to think I think I love that day very much today that I always treasure unfortunately I can't remember the date I know it was a big thing in my life but I don't remember the date and that is I think I love that day very much today that I always treasure As we sat there talking I would like I said didn't really say much I had to do a lot of talking never got mad that he wasn't in my life just I'm circumstances that happened to happen can't regret our past only had a beautiful future hey how I remember the waitress coming over to the table asking if we wanted anything to drink to let this time I was drinking sweet tea and I told the girl I said just the upper half of the glass and the great dad looked at me and he said really he said I've been saying it like a glass half-full by either one of the upper half or the lower half of the glass Fields dad was saying he had said that for years I might not be saying phrase right but I think y'all get what I'm saying tell me the Apple didn't fall far from the tree how many do my best carry on my dad's name I love you dad I will miss you come say hi to me sometime I love you

Kimberlee McCarrick - September 18, 2020 at 08:55 PM



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Carolyn Swartz Jeffery - September 17, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ Lots of Taco Tuesdays, laughs and fun.

Carolyn - September 17, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ This is a great photo of you two.

William - September 28, 2020 at 01:54 PM



“ Thank you, Larry, for nearly 40 years of friendship but....for so much more than that. You passed on your knowledge about how to slay demons and, more importantly, how to keep those that won't die at bay. You reminded me that we mustn't blink or flinch during the challenges that life inevitably brings us all else we miss something our Creator needs for us to see/know/experience. You confirmed the notion that we must accept life on life's terms....but....we don't have to like it. God knows what he's doing and we're just along for the ride. Though our ride for know is over, I know that you will remain constant in the words you've spoken and the lessons learned by so many you've touched. In that sense, we never truly leave. Thank you, Larry!

Stephen Strawsburg - September 17, 2020 at 01:49 PM



“ I met Larry 30 years ago. He had a profound effect on my life. I still have and use some of the things I learned from him. Rest in peace my friend.

Chris - September 18, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ I will miss your jokes and your smile. You were one in a million. We shared our love for downstate. I gave you your first chemo, and it was a blast. I loved you being a little rough around the edges, it made you who you were. I will miss that. Be good up there. Love, Denie (I will forever be your first).

Denie Barron - September 23, 2020 at 04:23 PM