



## Lawrence "Larry" F. Lamie

June 26, 1949 - February 6, 2021

Lawrence Francis Lamie, 76, of Saginaw, MI celebrated life from June 26, 1944 to February 6, 2021. He was a beloved and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, born in Muskegon, MI to the late Meda and Gertrude (Popa) Lamie of Traverse City. He believed the greatest gift his parents gave him was his faith.

He lived most of his life in the Saginaw area and retired from GM after 31 years. Larry was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church. He also devoted many hours at Maple Hill and Swan Creek Golf Clubs and always said that "He excelled at being a very good hacker!" There wasn't a day, weather permitting, that Larry wasn't on the golf course. One year he played 160 rounds and kept track of every one!

Larry married his wife of 25 years, Michele (McDonnell) Thompson, on February 2, 1996 who survives him. He said to her many times that "She was his guiding light, shining star and hope of the future." Also surviving are his son, Steven (Stacey) Lamie of Traverse City, Jennifer (Terry) O'Donnell of Durham, NC, stepsons Bryan (Chelsea) Thompson of Calumet, Mark Thompson of Kalamazoo, 7 Grandchildren, Dexter Lamie, Riley (Merissa) Lamie, Elliott Lamie, Annie Lamie, Kaitlyn O'Donnell, Abby O'Donnell, and Axel Thompson. He also leaves a brother, Robert (Sharon) Lamie and two sisters, Carol (Roger) Rose and Judy (Jim) Niemuth and also many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his niece, Jackie Niemuth. Larry would like all to know that he hasn't met one father, mother, son, daughter, nephew, niece, aunt, uncle or cousin that he did not love. "Thanks for being part of my family!"

If you want to honor Larry's memory: Take a walk outside, preferably on a green, enjoy the view on Wayne Hill in Traverse City or go for a ride listening to Elvis Presley and never pass up an opportunity for an ice cream cone!

A Mass will be celebrated in his honor at 11am on Monday June 28, 2021 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

The family has asked that memorial contributions be made to Juvenile Diabetes Association of America. Due to COVID 19 a celebration of life will occur in the summer of 2021 in Traverse City, MI. As Larry would say “Rock, Roll and Remember!”

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Larry’s family at his tribute page at [www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com](http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com).

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

# Cemetery Details

## Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens

3575 Veterans Drive  
Traverse City, MI 49684

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN **28**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
308 Cedar Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
<https://immaculatetc.org/>

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Just now saw news of Larry’s passing. He was a schoolmate of mine during St Francis days in Traverse City. I remember him as being once of the nicest guys I knew during that time. Also, one of our best high school athletes. RIP larry, you were one good guy.

*Bob McKinley  
Class of “63”*

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**bob mckinley** - March 05, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JN

“ I have a lot of Special Memories of talking with my brother Larry. We both were happy to lean on each other with the "Faith" that we were given by our parents. We felt Blessed to have each other. He was my rock and protector many times, especially when times were tough!

*He had a caring Spirit with a big heart and a gentle Soul. He had a zest for Living, and never gave up on anyone that knew him. What a Guy!!!*

*Then there was GOLF! Jim and I would play with him as much as we could. Fortunately we got together with Larry and Michele for his 76th. Birthday at there place in Saginaw to help celebrate, and to have a very great time. We played GOLF with him the very next day. What a great Golfing experience!*

*He was always smiling and didn't let little things get him down. He lived Life to his fullest. We were Irish twins (the same age for 2 months) and I always thought that we were joined at the hip!*

*I Loved being with him and to talk to him. My life will be changed, but I know he is in Heaven and finally at Peace.*

*He Loved all people and was fabulous with "Little ones", Eli and Emmet had a great time with him. He was Blessed and fortunate to marry a nurse, Michele, and we were happy that she could be there for him.*

*He will be Loved forever and never forgotten, as my husband would say " I Love Ya Man".*

*God Bless Larry and everyone that knew him. Sister, Judy Niemuth*

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**Judith NIEMUTH** - February 22, 2021 at 11:55 AM

“ I would like to preface what I am about to write about Mr. Larry Lamie with a very brief introduction of my background. I was born and raised in a very small country called Sierra Leone, situated on the West Coast of Africa which is nearly 7 thousand miles away from Michigan. I have lived in the United States of America for 31 years now. I have a wonderful wife and two lovely children.

*In June of 2018, my family and I relocated to Larry and Michelle's neighborhood. Our newer home is next to their home in Saginaw, MI. So, on behalf of my family, I would like to share the following memories about Larry. I have to admit though that our hearts are still heavy with sadness! But we are so glad that we got the chance to meet and know Larry! In life, there are a few people you meet that you will never forget ... Larry, without a doubt, is one of those few people!!!*

*It was during the same summer of 2018 when Larry saw me in our new yard which is adjacent to his home. I do not even quite remember why I was out there but what I vividly remember is Larry walking through the woods to come and say hello to me with the most genuine smile that I have ever seen and he welcomed us to the neighborhood, talked about our families, and a history of our new neighborhood! I was so impressed with this man and was deeply touched by his actions and kind words. He had a way of making you feel special just being around him, so I felt an instant connection with him and so did the rest of my family!*

*Approximately one hour later into our meeting, he said two things to me ... two things that I will never forget! He said to me that this is the perfect place to raise the kids and you guys going to love it! Next, he told me that before I go to a hardware store to buy any tools, I must check-in with him first because he has collected quite a few tools over the years! Well, fast forward a bit, I needed some screws one day to put a plate on my trailer, so I went to him. He always has a way of giving you this undivided attention and affection, so he stopped what he was doing and took me into his garage. Bins after bins, there were thousands of screws and I am thinking to myself, wow he has more in stock than Home Depot! His heart was golden, his thoughts were faithful, and his smile made you feel happy!*

*My wife and kids suddenly grew closer and closer to him and his lovely wife, Michelle! We developed great friendship! They gave us full permission to use their paddle boat and dock. We had some lovely evenings together at their home ... sometimes around the fire in the backyard or just sitting on the deck or swing. Our now 7-year old son always looked to see if Larry was out in the yard. I did not always succeed trying to tell my son that Larry was busy. Somehow, my son found his way to Larry with his football in his arm. They are both Detroit Lions faithful fans! Before we knew it, Larry was out there with our son throwing football in the sand back and forth and teaching him how to run routes. What a beautiful sight! He made time for everyone ... that's just who he was! He was also very funny. He would often say to me how much he loved watching our son as he runs*

*like a deer! Larry and Michelle even enjoyed the noise that the kids would make swimming in the lake, flying a kite or kids just being kids!*

*In closing, we are so glad that Larry came into our lives! He had shown us what America can be - what for years we stressed in liberty – it's love, faith, kindness and compassion for all whether near or far! We want him and all his family to know that the lessons of life that Larry taught us will always be remembered and we will never forget! He was the true definition of a family man and a terrific human being! While it hurts that he is gone but we are comforted knowing that he is in heaven shining many lights! Just wish we had his cellphone number in heaven because we miss him!*

*Eternally grateful,*

*The Sorie Family.*

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**Mikailu M. Sorie** - February 15, 2021 at 12:47 PM

ML

*Thank you for your beautiful words Mikailu. We were blessed the day you became our neighbors and now our family. Larry is smiling.*

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**michele lamie** - February 15, 2021 at 10:04 PM

MR

*You all are beautiful people that have touched so many hearts including my family and myself. My favorite poem is by LINDA Henry. Butterflies In Heaven*

*When we lose our loved one's they never die  
For I know once Heaven takes their souls  
The Dear Lord leaves a little of them here  
To turn into beautiful butterflies  
So they can be near our hearts*

*Blessed are those who can see the beauty  
Of the life which has gone to what is "God's Art"  
When we look for the angels  
They will send us Jesus' love  
I saw a butterfly today, my last prayer I gave away*

*Heaven is more than souls of our loved ones  
When a father, mother, a brother, sister or child dies  
Their hearts live in those who loved them  
Ever grain of sand, every sunrise and sunset  
All the good things we know and love  
They all go to Jesus for Him to protect*

*As a gift, The Lord, lets us have a glimpse of those we love  
For a brief moment in time, for a short while  
A butterfly is seen at our window, sent from Heaven  
Then we know, all is well with those we love.*

*Linda Ann Henry  
Do you remember me*

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**Marcia Rae** - March 13, 2021 at 02:24 PM

BW

“ So much to say, where do i begin. I guess i will start by when we first met Larry at a support group. He should of been the head person leading it because he always had so many comforting words & great life advice, and a smile that would light up your day & warm your heart. We then would go on to be good friends & getting together often. I sure miss those days. He was a great welcome to any of the trips we took, like the whitewater rafting one in Pennsylvania, or some of the shorter trips here in Michigan.

Later whenever we would see him at Meijers or other places, he never missed one time to set aside his schedule to talk with us & not be in any hurry. This includes on the phone, as Larry often volunteered his number for any who needed someone to listen, or give some advice. Anyone who knew Larry, knew he could talk or listen for hours!

He was such a genuine person and he had so many rare qualities you dont find in a lot of people these days. His smile, energetic cheery personality, humor & kindness will always stand out when i think of him. He will be dearly missed, & we send our deepest sympathy to Michele & all of his family & friends...

I am thinking that hes playing a lot of rounds of golf up there, & looking upon all his loved ones with that beautiful smile...

Sincerely,

Brenda & Chuck Warner

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**brenda Warner** - February 14, 2021 at 02:30 PM

TR

“ I played golf with Larry for many years at Maple Hill. Great competitor and great friend! Always enjoyed our time on the course together! I know that he enjoyed a life well lived!

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**Tim Royle** - February 14, 2021 at 01:33 PM

MR

“ Uncle Larry always had a smile on his face and was such a positive influence on my life. We was so very loved. I wish I could go back and take a ride with him in his Corvette. He will be deeply missed.

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**Michael Rose** - February 13, 2021 at 06:19 PM

PM

“ Larry was a customer of mine for almost twenty years. He was energetic, kind, and had a great sense of humor. I visited him at least once a month at GM Bay City. Always, one of my favorites. My deepest sympathy to his family.

Paul Markey  
Bay City MI

Paul Markey - February 13, 2021 at 04:43 PM

CD

“ I have you in my thoughts and prayers.

colleen deshone - February 12, 2021 at 09:18 PM

JB

“ Our first pet cat, Candycane Francesca, we named her middle name after my Uncle Larry's middle name bc we fell in love with one of the kittens a stray cat delivered in his window well. I believe we were celebrating my cousin Jenny's graduation. I was the youngest of all the cousins and Uncle Larry was my Godfather. He never hesitated to reach out to me during a few particularly rough moments in my life. Always had great advice about never having any regrets or holding grudges. Both him and my Aunt Michele believed in moving on and always putting your best foot forward. He always supported the proverbial “underdog” and gave confidence using affirming words, always. Bc of how strong and positive he was I am a better person for having his influence in my life. I miss him so much and everything feels surreal bc of Covid, but one thing I don't have with my Uncle is any regrets bc time spent with him was always special and genuine. My Uncle Larry was a blessed man with the gift of making others feel special and loved and every passing moment he lived life to its fullest. And for that he lived his purpose and didn't waste any time. Thankful to have him in my life as an amazing role model. I thank him for the way I can reflect and know what he might say to lift my spirits bc he was just that kind of loving man. So much love!!!

Jamie Becker - February 12, 2021 at 08:41 PM

ML

This was beautiful Jamie. Thank you. Your Godfather is smiling down from heaven at you. He is our angel now.

michele lamie - February 14, 2021 at 11:49 AM