



Lynn Howard Larson

December 10, 1937 - September 30, 2011

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Lynn (Lars) Howard Larson, born on December 10, 1937 in Halstad, Minnesota, to Victor and Hazel Larson, Lynn joined his parents and sister, Carol, on September 30, 2011 to be in God's care. He leaves his loving wife, Karen (Walch), children: Craig, Kim Wells, Kristin Hatfield, and Kevin (Tracy). He was blessed to be "grandpa" to Tyler Wells (Kimber), Brianne Wells, Dallas and Austin Hatfield and Kali Larson. They, along with his sister, Sharon Ringenbach, will miss him immensely. Lynn attended Madison Elementary, Gray Jr. High, and Lincoln, graduating in 1956. During those years, he became the ultimate athlete. Chosen by faculty and awarded by the South End Kiwanis Club, he received The Sportsmanship Award in his 9th grade year. Not only did he show excellence in performance, but won and lost with "class." At Lincoln, he lettered in golf, basketball and baseball. College followed a year's work at Boeing. For a year each, he attended PLU, UPS, transferring to WSU to complete his degree in Civil Engineering in 1962. While at WSU he was selected for Tau Beta Phi, an honorary for Engineering scholastics. After short stints with Boeing and Bremerton Naval Ship Yard, he landed the job he wanted with Tacoma City Light. During that time, he designed the upper structure to the 11th St. Bridge to carry power lines to the Port of Tacoma. He retired from Engineering in 1995. Upon retiring, Lynn gave his efforts to sports: badminton, slow pitch, volleyball and golf. He and his teammates hold national championships in the first three. One year he qualified to play in the national SR. Men's Golf Championship in Florida. He deferred to his slow pitch team and helped them take the championship. He also qualified and invited to play in The World Sr. Olympics in Australia for golf and badminton. Lynn's endeavors in sports allowed him and Karen to travel and see much of the U.S. A yearly trip to Hawaii to play golf with his sons was a high priority. After fighting cancer for many months, Lynn is now pain free and being welcomed to play on God's team. Rest in peace my husband, my love, best friend, soul mate and father of our children. Donations strongly suggested to Partners for Youth, Tacoma/Pierce County YMCA by contacting Sarah Holman at the Y. (253-534-7804). A celebration of Lynn's life will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 11 AM in the Valley Chapel, Mountain View Memorial Park in Lakewood. Arrangements by Mountain View Funeral

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Comments



“ I was sad to hear that Lynn had passed away, Lynn came to work in a small town called Dargaville in New Zealand in the early 1970's. He was my music teacher and I thought the world of him. He was cool and took no nonsense from the kids. If you didn't want to learn in his class- get out. Simple as that. He talked of grit iron football and bands we had never heard of, but of course, now, after being introduced to sounds we were unfamiliar with, my brother and I gained a broad appreciation of music genre and still remember Lynne's favorites like Mike Oldfield and Tangerine Dream. Lynn had seen Led Zeppelin in live concert.... to us there was no man so cool... To Lynn's family, I send my condolences. If Lynn ever wondered if he had left a lasting impression on anyone over here in the little town of Dargaville, he did. Lynn was also the music teacher of my sister-in-law Linda who was born in Washington State and still lives there. Small world. That's how I got to hear of his passing. God bless you Lynn , love from Janine Hansen (nee Halliday)

Janine Hansen - March 14, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ I was surprised to see Lynn's obit notice in the monthly TPU mailer, it seemed like just yesterday I saw him at the Y. Lynn and my dad, Ed Kilga, worked together at TPU for many years and Lynn always spoke fondly of their time there. I would bump into Lynn at the Y all the time.....he never seemed to age. I lost my dad just 6 months ago to cancer as well. Even though it is always too soon, it sure sounds like he made the most of his time here spending time with family and staying active with the things he loved. As you would always say to me Lynn, "say hi to Ed for me."

Peter Kilga - November 10, 2011 at 08:33 PM



“ thoughts and prayers are with all of you

maria and conrad - October 05, 2011 at 11:53 AM