



Robert Leslie Larsen

January 26, 1930 - January 26, 2012

Robert "Bob" Leslie Larsen, 82, of Spread Eagle, WI and Longboat Key, FL, died Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012, at his home in Florida.

He was born September 12, 1929 in Quinnesec, MI, son of the late Arthur and Amy (Rees) Larsen. He graduated from Kingsford High School and the University of Michigan where he received an undergraduate degree with honors followed by an MBA. While at the University, he was a star pitcher for the baseball team.

Mr. Larsen served four years in the United States Navy, rising to the rank of Lieutenant. He served with Carrier Air Group 15 in the Western Pacific aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown. During his training, he established new academic achievement records at several military schools.

Following his service, he returned to Procter & Gamble where he served in areas of increasing responsibility until his retirement as an Associate Director in 1989. After retirement, he returned to the Spread Eagle area.

Robert married Sally Jane Huron in 1979 at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford. She preceded him in death on January 8, 2010, along with his parents, a sister June (Wales), and brother, David.

He is survived by three children, their spouses and grandchildren who will miss him greatly, Tom (Jo-Ann) Larsen and their daughter, Katharine, of Milford, CT; Paul (Darrell Waits) Larsen of Marietta, GA; and Laura (Ray) Gordnier of Centerville, OH and their children, Teri, Peter, Shari and Michael. He is also survived by two stepchildren and grandchildren, Shelby (Pete) Merckx of Spread Eagle and their children, Sally Ann and Nick; and John (Laura) Buford and their daughter Claire of Boone, NC.

Mr. Larsen was a member of the Chippewa Club, The Pine Grove Country Club and the First Presbyterian Church in Iron Mountain and a member of the Christ Presbyterian Church in Longboat Key, Florida. He held roles as both a member and president of the Florence County School Board, Chair of the Florence County Republican Party, member and president of the Dickinson County Memorial Hospice Board, and Board member of Khoury Inc.

An avid golfer for his entire life, Bob enjoyed his Tuesday traveling golf group, his regular Wednesday foursome and an annual miniature golf championship where he teamed with his granddaughter Katharine to routinely trounce his son and daughter in law. Bob also enjoyed playing cribbage with the boys at the 6-7-8 Club.

A memorial service will be held in June at the First Presbyterian Church in Kingsford and announced prior to that time.

Towards the end of his life, and given his time spent in service to our country, Mr. Larsen had expressed an interest in helping veterans and their families. In lieu of flowers, his family requests that memorial donations be made to Hope For The Warriors. Donations can be made online at www.hopeforthewarriors.org or by mail to: Hope For The Warriors, 5101C Backlick Road, Annandale, VA 22003

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

Condolences to Bob's family can be expressed online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Happy Birthday Pops. I miss you...*

Paul Larsen - Marietta, GA - son - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Dearest Shelby an Pete,*

*The Greatest Generations through our Parents are dwindling down the pipeline of life a lot quicker then I would ever imagine. Its like life has made a full circle of our friendships in Spread Eagle, life as we knew it. To have learned from your Folks and mine, is to have been Loved by them. Thank You Shelby, for sharing with all of us, Your Folks. May the Good Lord give you Strength to endure what you must, Lots of Love from All your Friends and Family.....but most of all, may you Remember all that Bob has taught you through his kind words, they will carry you onward into the future. Love you always,
Lori an Bob*

Lori an Bob Kitslaar - Luxemburg, WI - Neighbors across Long Lake. - May 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Dear Tom, Jo-Ann, and Katharine,*

We are sorry for your loss and will keep you in our prayers. Our condolences to the Larsen family.

*Love,
The Fuchs Family*

Deborah Daddio and Kurt Fuchs - Guilford, CT - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are sorry to learn of Bob's sudden passing. We always enjoyed the time we spent together in Connecticut. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Al and Lucille Daddio

Alphonse and Lucille Daddio - Guilford, CT - February 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss - we are thinking of you at this time

*Love from
Liam and Anne
Podge, Rodge and Belle
and all at Allowdale*

Anne & Liam - Ireland - London - Friend of Tom, Katharine, Jo-Ann - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Tom, Jo-ann & Katharine -

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

*Love,
Kathy*

Kathy Shea - East Greenwich, RI - Friend of Tom,Jo-ann & Katharine - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ We are so sorry to learn of Bob's passing. We will miss him greatly.

A memorial gift has been made in Bob's memory to the Hope For The Warriors" organization by Bob's Tuesday Golf buddies.

Our condolences to the family.

Norman Mika - Crystal Falls, MI - Friend - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ You will always be so loved and your life cherished by us. With grateful hearts, Shelby, Pete, John, Laura and your grandchildren; Sally, Nick and Claire.

Shelby - Florence, WI - step daughter - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Rest in Peace Dad.

Laura - Centerville, OH - daughter - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM