



## Earl Henry Larsen

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Earl Henry Larsen, age 93, of Eden Prairie, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2025. Born in Hinckley, Minnesota, Earl lived most of his life in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park before moving to Eden Prairie in his later years.

Earl was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Gladys; his parents, Sam and Clara Larsen; his brothers, Melvin and Howard; and his sister, Grace.

He is survived by his brothers, Theodore and Richard; his sister, Donna; his children, Rick (Cindy), Craig (Ann), and Heidi (Rick) Lyle; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Earl graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in education. He met his wife, Gladys, during his college years, and they were married on May 29, 1954. Earl and Gladys were active members of the Brooklyn United Methodist Church, where they diligently worked at the annual Rummage Sale. Earl was also an active member of the Men's Group.

A committed educator, coach, and athletic director at Minneapolis Edison High

School, Earl instilled a love of learning and sports in countless students. After retiring from teaching, he continued to share his passion for athletics by working at Holiday Sports and Gander Mountain.

Earl was a dedicated community member, serving as Treasurer of the Osseo Area Retired Educators (OARE) and as an Election Judge for many years. He also generously volunteered his time with the Brooklyn Center Little League when his children were young.

Earl found joy in tending his vibrant flower and vegetable gardens, challenging himself with intricate puzzles, and enjoying the camaraderie of bingo games. He was a devoted supporter of his children and grandchildren, attending their sporting events and other activities with enthusiasm.

A Celebration of Life for Earl will be held on Saturday, March 29th, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Washburn-McReavy Glen Haven Chapel.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be directed to them for a cause to be determined at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

MAR **29**. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rick, Craig, Heidi,  
Sorry I couldn't make it to the Celebration of Life for your dad on Saturday.  
Earl has always been a sincere, thoughtful, disciplined and respected man. I have very positive memories of him. He and Gladys raised a great family, and I know they were always very proud of their kids. Your parents will live on through all of you! Brother Matt sent a photo of the Larsen brothers from the celebration. You guys haven't changed much from the days in the old neighborhood.  
Hope all is well with all of you and your families.  
Best wishes!  
Take care,  
Scott Parsons

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**Scott Parsons** - March 31, 2025 at 04:45 PM

VG

“ I had Earl as a teacher at Edison for history and economics, he made my school years tolerable and also gave me a job selling tickets for the athletic activities at school. He was always so proud of his family and talking about his kids. I am sure he went to heaven, he was a great person and a good teacher.

*Teresa and Vince Griffith*

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**Vincent and Teresa Griffith** - March 20, 2025 at 12:01 AM

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“ sorry to hear uncle earl passing and aunt gladys as well nancy gladys larsen

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**Nancy G Larsen** - January 26, 2025 at 11:34 PM