



Sgt Jerry A 'Lurch' Larson

February 27, 2018

Larson, Sgt. Jerry A. "Lurch" Age 69 formerly of NE Mpls. Preceded in death by parents Allen and Frances Larson; wife Joanna & uncle Gordo; survived by daughters Jennifer Taylor, Jessica Kotchen (Tom), Jaime Conway (Jamie); beloved grandchildren Nikole Novak (Doug), Joey Novak (Felicia), Kylie Drabczak, Kaitlyn Drabczak, Corey Taylor, Madi Kotchen; sister Kathlyn Robinson; nieces Jennifer Johnson & Judy Moudry; and many other brothers and sisters in blue. Sarge began his career with the Mpls Police Department Jan. 13, 1969. During his 30 years of service he spent many years as a street cop and Sergeant in the 4th Precinct. Through his dedication and "Badassery" he made a difference each and every day he was on the street. He had the respect and appreciation of his brothers and sisters in blue but also the citizens. Sarge taught skills training at LETC for many years and impacted numerous police officers as a leader and mentor. Sarge spent many years as the liaison officer for Edison High School. During that time he impacted positively the "youth of America". He enjoyed coaching many youth on the football field. He also will be remembered as a man many young men and women could depend on for support. After retirement, Sarge found many kindred souls who he enjoyed spending time with at local VFW's. Before Sarge left for his next great adventure in Heaven, he was able to reminisce with his partner and friend Sir Francis. We are grateful for all you and Sharona have done. When Sarge passed peacefully he was surrounded by his daughters, grandkids, sister and nieces. While he left on this journey alone, it

was not without the love and admiration of many. Squad 404, Sergeant 4012
End of Watch We will take it from here. Funeral service Saturday March 3rd,
3:30pm with visitation Friday March 2nd 2pm-8pm at Washburn-McReavy.com
Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999 2610 19th Ave. N.E., Mpls

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hillside Chapel
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Service

MAR 3. 3:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

TL

“ Hey Sarge, I just found out that you have traded life here with eternal life walking a beat in Heaven. I happened to go to visit the 2nd Pct and found that you left us. I will tell you and your family that you were one hell of a leader, although you scared the heck out of us young guys. You don't need me to tell you that you made a big difference. Just sorry I missed the celebration of your life.

Timothy Lauridsen - October 13, 2019 at 07:49 PM

JR

“ Jerry was a commanding presence and wore the uniform of the MPD with pride. He was well-known and admired by many officers, myself included. I'm sorry I won't be back in town in time for the funeral, but I'm sure Minneapolis' Finest will do him proud!

Rest in Peace,

Sgt. John Rouner, retired

John Rouner - March 02, 2018 at 06:53 PM

JE

Thank you John.

Jessica - March 05, 2018 at 01:45 PM

AH

“ I have many memories of Jerry, but the one that comes to mind is when we were partners on the North Side power shift, our nicknames were "Ratman & Bobbin." Your three girls were like daughters to me, and you were like a brother. Rest in peace, partner, you will be missed.

Al Hancock

Al Hancock - March 02, 2018 at 12:01 AM

JE

Thank you Alleycat!

Jessica - March 05, 2018 at 01:46 PM

AN

“ Al Hancock & Claire Nybro purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sgt Jerry A 'Lurch' Larson.



Al Hancock & Claire Nybro - March 01, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sgt Jerry A 'Lurch' Larson.



March 01, 2018 at 05:17 PM

BA

“ Bergstrom Infiniti of Appleton purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sgt Jerry A 'Lurch' Larson.



Bergstrom Infiniti of Appleton - March 01, 2018 at 10:53 AM

BJ

“ Hi Jerry....my Sarge for many years at the 4th Pct...you are going to be remembered as an Icon, legend and friend to many many people of which are members of the blue brethren. Whenever I was on a call where we needed Sarge he would emerge from the squad, his uniform impeccable, his hat perfectly on his head.....his appearance immediately demanded respect from his officers and public...

One night my partner (can't remember his name) got into a domestic in the squad. So I told my partner I was going home....he followed me into Sarges office. Sarge, as usual, would have his size 16 boots on his desk with his hat slightly pulled down a tad lower than usual. I told him I wanted to leave early because my partner pissed me off....

As only Sarge would say, matter of factly, DENIED.....so I stayed....I will miss him, his loving family will definitely miss him, and the brothers and sisters in blue will miss him and all of the citizens he served in his 30 plus years will miss him.....RIP Jerry...God Bless you.

Bruce Johnson

Bruce Johnson - March 01, 2018 at 08:56 AM

JE

Thank you for sharing that great memory Bruce.

Jessica - March 05, 2018 at 01:47 PM

LM

To the family of "Lurch" Larson:

Please accept my belated condolences for your loss. I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of my memories of this legend that we affectionately called Lurch.

I first crossed paths with Lurch when he was my Platoon Sergeant in the 1st Platoon of the 257th MP Company back in 1980 ("Where it's the worst, you'll find the First!"). There are a lot of legendary Lurch stories from that era, but one that really sticks in my mind was from a training scenario at Camp Ripley. Somehow, as a 5'7" female soldier I was chosen as his RTO to carry a heavy PRC-77 radio on my back for his radio contact in the field. I was to stay as close as possible to what I perceived as his ten foot tall, bulletproof frame. As we got off the chopper to secure a landing zone/perimeter, he said something like "Stick with me, kid!" as he took off running. I had to run like hell trying to keep up with him and his long, fast strides. When all was said and done, I'll never forget his compliment to me that really made my day: "You did okay, kid!". The mutual respect he had for all that did their best for him was something that I won't ever forget!

Eventually I joined the MPD and was fortunate enough to see him as a Shift Sergeant when I started out on the Northside. He was truly a respected leader everywhere on the MPD and I was proud to have worked for him back then.

After his retirement, I'd occasionally cross paths again with him at the Richfield American Legion. "Sarge" could usually be found at his perch near a pillar at the bar where he could keep an eye on anyone coming into the place. He had a habit of buying me a beer and sending it over to my table if I failed to notice him in his hiding place at the bar. I'll always cherish our friendly conversations while enjoying a beverage with him reminiscing about the old days. Rest in peace, Lurch! You will not be forgotten!

*Sincerely,
Retired Sgt. Lynn Meuwissen Brainerd, MN
SP4 Lynn Meuwissen 257th MP Co.*

Lynn Meuwissen - March 08, 2018 at 01:37 PM

JK

Thank you for sharing Lynn! What a great memory!

Jess (Larson) Kotchen - March 08, 2018 at 03:49 PM