



Larry Drinkwitz

June 26, 1966 - May 11, 2026

Larry Francis Drinkwitz was born to Betty and Edmund Drinkwitz on June 26, 1956 in Hibbing, Minnesota.

Larry died on May 11, 2026 at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota. Larry was the fourth sibling to join Ann Beth, Dan Carl, and Mary Susan Drinkwitz.

The family lived in Hibbing, Minnesota until their father, Edmund Carl Drinkwitz died in 1968; the family then moved to Bemidji and, later, Long Prairie, where Larry graduated from high school. After a couple of years at Bemidji State College, Larry moved to the Twin Cities and, later, Shakopee, where he dealt black jack for the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC) at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel and Little Six Casino in Prior Lake, Minnesota.

Larry was active in the Masonic Lodge, both Templar Lodge and Acacia Eastern Star, St. Louis Park, MN; earned Worshipful Master, received the Scotty Award, the Minnesota State Hiram Award, and was a member of the Grand Family. He was known for his memorization and service above and beyond.

Larry met his fiancé Sarah Drude, through Eastern Star. Sarah and Larry

shared interest in the Masonic Temple and in travel. During Larry's several years of illness, Sarah lovingly cared for him, for which his siblings are eternally grateful.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Betty Blake Drinkwitz Blake-Smith and Edmund C. Drinkwitz, and infant sister Terry Jeanne.

Larry is survived by his fiancé, Sarah Drude, siblings Ann Blake, Dan Drinkwitz, Mary Susan Johns (Dennis), nephew and niece Ryan and Julia Katzenmaier, and many Miettunen and Drinkwitz cousins.

The family requests remembrances donated to the Templar Lodge, St. Louis Park in Larry's name. Paul Revere Masonic Center, 6509 Walker Street, St. Louis Park, MN 55426.

Please join us at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel at 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55433, for a visitation beginning at 2:00 pm and a service at 3:00 pm.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

MAY 15. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jay and Audra purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Larry Drinkwitz.



Jay and Audra - May 15 at 07:09 AM

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“ Jay and Audra planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Drinkwitz.

Jay and Audra - May 15 at 07:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Larry Drinkwitz.



May 13 at 10:49 PM

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“ Larry you will be missed for your warmth, dedication, humor, smiles, and most of all - just for being YOU. My heartfelt sympathy for Larry's family and close friends. My prayer is for peace for Larry, and a comfort for all who knew him. His memory lives in our hearts always. Loretta Smith

Loretta Smith - May 13 at 07:56 AM



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May 13 at 01:15 AM



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“ Sarah, I'm so sorry for your loss honey 😞, please give my condolences to Larry's siblings and the boys, may he rest in heavenly peace 🙏, Love Patti & Charles Bobbitt



Patti & Charles Bobbitt - May 12 at 11:15 PM



“ Your 2019-2020/21 Grand Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Larry Drinkwitz.



Your 2019-2020/21 Grand Family - May 12 at 08:16 PM