



## Larry Lodoen Paulson

June 21, 1948 - December 14, 2024

Larry Lodoen Paulson was born on the summer solstice in 1948 in Fargo, ND. He was baptized at St. Mark's English Lutheran Church. His parents, Gladys and W.J. Paulson, were what could charitably be described as "pretty hands-off" so Larry was raised primarily by his maternal grandparents and his great uncle.

Larry's childhood summers were joyfully spent at his grandparents' cabin on Little Bemidji Lake near the Tamarac Wildlife Refuge in Minnesota. There he explored the forest looking for arrowheads with his beloved golden retriever King, fished with his sister Gail, and began a lifelong obsession with immaculate landscaping under the tutelage of his Great Uncle Martin.

A talented athlete throughout his life, Larry was a goalie and founding member of the Moorhead High School Hockey Team. He was named MVP in 1964 and 1965, and was All State First Team for both those years as well. Larry went on to play hockey in Canada for the Estevan Bruins and the Brandon Wheat Kings.

Larry graduated from the University of Minnesota and then began a career in manufacturing while assisting the Minnesota North Stars as a practice goalie. He met and married Shirley (Harvego) Paulson in 1971, later welcoming the two best daughters in the world, Jenifer and Elizabeth. While living in

Cambridge, MN, Larry coached Peewee Hockey and taught Sunday School with his wife. They lived in Green Bay, Wisconsin for many years where Larry golfed with neighborhood friends and was generally beloved by all animals, children, and waitstaff.

In 1999 Larry married Kay (Greeney) Paulson. They split their time between the Twin Cities and their lake houses, where Larry was always most at home. They traveled throughout North America and Europe. In recent years, they loved spending winters in Phoenix where they enjoyed shopping for antiques, going out to eat (particularly the Scottsdale Ruth's Chris), and driving through the desert and mountains.

Larry was consistently the funniest person anyone knew. His sense of humor made everything better and life much more bearable. He taught us nothing was the worst as long as we could say, "This is the worst," that you don't need a reason to order that third cheese plate, and that you only go around once, so why not go first class.

Larry died the morning of December 14th, 2024. He is survived by his wife Kay, stepsons Mike and Jeff McMains, and his daughters Jenifer and Elizabeth and his grandson Rory.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 1st, 1025 at 10 AM at Prairie Lutheran Church in Eden Prairie, Minnesota.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Moorhead High School Hockey.

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# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Lutheran Church  
11000 Blossom Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55437

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Larry Lodoen Paulson.*



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January 30, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Larry Lodoen Paulson.

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January 30, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ *So many memories of life with Larry. All of the many freezing cold nights playing hockey outside at Lamb Park. Playing together on those first Moorhead Spud teams. All of the great days spent duck hunting at his cabin on Little Bemidji lake. I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend, but I am so happy that we were able to spend an evening together in late October, sharing stories and memories. Rest in peace my friend  
Wayne Christianson*

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**Wayne Christianson** - December 22, 2024 at 11:32 PM



*Thanks for your kind words. Larry really enjoyed seeing you again and spoke so often about Moorhead hockey.*

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**Kay Paulson** - January 04, 2025 at 07:44 PM

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“ Uncle Larry truly was...bigger than life. He was only 7 years older than me which made him a pretty "cool" Uncle back in the 70's - a star hockey player who drove a corvette and had more personality than you can even imagine. He defined fun loving and witty. But he couldn't hide his sensitive side and he teared up easily and often. Deep down, he had the heart of a servant. Kay, Beth and Jen, know that my heart hurts for your hearts. He will be missed.

Debbie Singh - December 22, 2024 at 12:49 PM



Bruce Hilde played hockey with Larry and will always remember his outward attitude at coach Watson's MHS Hall of Fame award 2 years ago.

Bruce Hilde - January 01, 2025 at 07:29 AM

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Larry played a huge role in making the first season of Spud hockey (1964-65) a wonderful time to remember. In addition to being a gifted hockey player, he was a superb teammate and motivator. He made everyone around him a better player and a better person. My sympathies to Larry's family and friends.

Mark Kolstad - Fargo, ND - January 04, 2025 at 01:16 PM

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So nice to read such wonderful comments about Larry. He enjoyed time with family and friends and missed the old days.

Kay Paulson - January 04, 2025 at 07:46 PM