



Larry Henderson Stotts

August 17, 1935 - June 10, 2025

Stotts, Larry Henderson

Larry was born on August 17, 1935 in Minneapolis, MN and passed away June 10, 2025, at his home in Edina. He graduated from Minneapolis Southwest HS and Macalester College where he met the love of his life, Patricia. Larry and Pat started long teaching careers in Kerkhoven, MN, North St. Paul and eventually Edina, where Larry was inducted as a hall of fame teacher. Larry taught English, Humanities, Acting and Stagecraft, directed plays and coached soccer. He was influential in the lives of so many students and attended many of their HS reunions over the years. Larry also enjoyed working at Braemar Golf Course, modeling, acting, and keeping a yard that was the envy of many, all after his retirement.

Larry and Pat were married 63 years and were parents to Lori, Jim and Andy. People will remember Larry for his care and compassion in teaching. He was the teacher kids wanted to have. He had that "it" factor. The annual lip syncs that his students put on for the school were always a highlight of the school year. Larry and Pat enjoyed winters in Port Aransas, TX and summers at Quadna resort in Northern MN.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife Pat, daughter Lori, parents West and Florence and brother David. Larry, aka Gumpy and Hendu is survived by son Jim and his family - wife Crystal and daughters Katie and Molly; son Andy and

his family - wife Linda and daughters Margaret, Meredith, Dorothy, and Harriet; grandchildren Joe Elton; Katie Hauptert and family - husband Travis and great grandchildren Mason and Madalyn.

A memorial service will be held on August 8 at Vista Lutheran Church - 4003 Wooddale Ave. St. Louis Park, MN. Visitation will begin at 10 AM - Memorial at 11 AM with a lunch immediately following at the church. Memorials preferred to Edina High School Theater Program

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Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Vista Lutheran Church
4003 Wooddale Avenue South
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Memorial Service

AUG 8. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Tribute Wall

ML

“ My first teaching job was teaching English 11 (American Literature) at Edina High School, 1967. I remember meeting Larry at a workshop day before the beginning of that school year. Larry's friendly, encouraging welcome for me helped to calm the jitters I felt. We were departmental colleagues for over 30 years. He never stopped being the kind friend I met that first day. Thanks, Larry!
Marty Batchelor Leistikow

Martha Leistikow - July 13, 2025 at 10:29 PM

TG

“ I was a new kid at Edina Morningside in 1965. I had a few good teachers and one great one. Mr. Stotts was my English teacher junior year. He enlisted me into the theater productions and gave my high school years some fun and some friendships. I remember him mostly for the theater directions, but also a little bit for English. He taught us that literature could be good or bad, and that we could like it or not like it: quality and likeability were two distinct characteristics. I carry that lesson with me to this day. And he was not fond of the word “very”. He said it was a weak word and if we felt compelled to use it, we should substitute the word “damn” instead. Decades after high school I refused to let my writing team use the word “very”. Mr. Stotts was a treasure. He was my favorite teacher. He was inspiring and...damn good at what he did.

Thom Gunderson

Thomas Gunderson - July 03, 2025 at 01:13 AM

AB

“ Not only was Mr. Stotts my Acting and Stagecraft teacher at Edina West in 1977, almost 2 decades later, I substitute taught with him as team teachers after he retired. Of all the substitute teaching gigs I had, that day was a complete riot! I can still hear him laughing - what a gift!

Ann Beeson - July 01, 2025 at 04:51 PM

JL

“ Mr. Stotts and I last summer taking a stroll near his house after lunch at Bunny's. It is said that there are a few people in your life that make a difference in who you are and.....Larry was one of those people. The man was truly a blessing in my life as I was going through those tough times of being a teenager. He was truly an inspiration to me and someone who showed compassion and concern for me as I was at Edina. Larry, you will be missed and thank you for showing that young teenager love. Lutz



joel lutz - June 30, 2025 at 01:30 PM

PM

“ Mr. Stotts was one of my most favorite teachers. I have thought of him often since my 1967 graduation! He gave me confidence in my writing. As I think back and look at his age, he was so very young when he was my teacher. So very wise. RIP, Mr. Stotts. Peg Murphy (and a former Morningside resident!)

Peg Murphy - June 30, 2025 at 12:57 PM

JW

“ Amazing teacher. I saw Mr. Scott's about 22 years ago (23 years after graduating) He looked amazing, took a second and said "why hello Jan....no, no, forgive me, Jana, yes that's right, Jana" After how many hundreds of students? A wonderful man💜

Jana Winsor - June 29, 2025 at 06:41 PM

JW

Mr. Stotts - darn spell check☐

Jana Winsor - June 29, 2025 at 06:43 PM