



## LaVerne Barbara Larson

August 5, 1935 - April 30, 2025

LaVerne Barbara Larson (Stich), age 89, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 30th, 2025 with family at her bedside. She was born on August 5th, 1935, in St. Anthony, MN to Alex and Genevieve Stich. She was raised on the family farm which was passed down through many generations.

She married Thomas Edward Larson on Halloween (October 31st) of 1959. This holiday was chosen to avoid most opening hunting seasons to ensure family attendance.

LaVerne was a homemaker who raised three children and volunteered at many events.

As a career, she waitressed at Shortstop in Coon Rapids then Lindey's Steakhouse in Arden Hills. LaVerne loved a bargain - garage sales, Savers, Goodwill, auctions - wherever the best deal was. She and Tom also enjoyed spending time at their lake cabin in Emily, MN, which they opened up for many family gatherings. Traveling to the cabin also afforded stops at Kwik Trip for LaVerne's favorite ice cream.

LaVerne enjoyed helping others - as the neighborhood caretaker she would drive those stricken with illness to doctor's appointments and shovel/mow for those who found this difficult. LaVerne was active at Epiphany Catholic

Church, helping with funeral lunches and providing her delicious homemade peanut brittle for bake sales. She passed this duty onto Tom a few years ago so the tradition can continue.

LaVerne is survived by her husband (Tom) of 65 years. Together they raise three children: Julia Knight (Tim Doyle), Daniel Larson (Anita) and Cynthia Blackstad (James). She also leaves behind six grandchildren: Kyle Knight (Sarah), Patrick Knight (Rosa Zhang), Alexandra Dohrmann (Robb), Briana Blackstad (Chris), JT Blackstad (Megan Castle) and Ana Wacker (Matt); and five great grandchildren: Reid and Caleb, Elliana and Conner, and Sophia.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at Epiphany Catholic Church, 1900 111th Avenue, Coon Rapid, MN on Monday, June 16th. Visitation at 9:30 am, Mass at 10:30 am with luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Epiphany Reiser Relief.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **16.** 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of the Epiphany (Coon Rapids)  
11001 Hanson Boulevard Northwest  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **16.** 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Laverne was the neighborhood watchdog, meant in the most loving way. She cared about people and what was happening. Her volunteer work was endless. God bless her!*  
*Neighborhood of 112th Lane*

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**Tammy Bauer** - June 18, 2025 at 11:19 PM



Marlene  
Stusse

“ *Sorry for the loss of your wife/mother. LaVerne was a special person. I will miss her phone calls to me to see how I was doing. LaVerne was the force behind making sure our family got together once a year by hosting a family weekend at their cabin so we could reconnect. I cherish those memories. She was one of the hardest working people I know and would always take care of her family and neighbors. I am thankful she was in my life and I will miss her.*

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**Marlene Stusse** - May 24, 2025 at 06:09 PM

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“ *First, our condolences in the loss of a beautiful lady, sister, friend, aunt! We will always carry in our heart the great memories of all the fun we had at the yearly family get togethers at the Larson cabin! We talk about that alot! And the tremendous amount of fun we had at LaVerne & Tom's 50th anniversary party! So many great memories! Thank you for sharing your life with all of us and creating beautiful memories we'll cherish forever! Love forever. Kathy Kramer & family!*

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**Kathy Kramer** - May 23, 2025 at 08:13 PM