



Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead

May 25, 1946 - February 28, 2026

Lawrence Raymond Bumstead, 79, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, formerly of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 28, 2026, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on May 25, 1946, in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, Lawrence was the beloved son of Clyde and Annie Bumstead. He was raised in Allen Park, Michigan, where he graduated from Melvindale High School. Known to many as "Larry," he carried with him a strong work ethic, quiet strength, and deep devotion to family throughout his life.

In 1967, Larry enlisted in the United States Navy and proudly served his country with honor and dedication. Following his military service, he continued his commitment to serving others through his civilian career. He worked at Kincheloe Air Force Base before joining the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Larry dedicated many years there and retired in 2015 as an Assistant Lock Master. His career reflected his reliability, leadership, and steadfast commitment.

Above all, Larry's greatest pride and joy was his family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Anne (Kibble) of fifty-five years; his daughter, Wendy (Bumstead) Traffie, and son-in-law, Dana; and his three grandchildren, Randy, Torri, and Noah, who were truly the pride of his life. He is also survived by his sister, Cheryl (Bumstead) Johnson, and brother-in-law, Brent and sister-in-law, Polly (Kibble) Ross.

Larry enjoyed the quiet sanctity of his home and took great pride in

maintaining a beautifully landscaped yard. He had a deep love of animals and found joy in their companionship. He also cherished the brotherhood he shared with the members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 180. Through this fellowship, Larry built lifelong friendships and enjoyed many camping trips, events, and fundraisers that supported local veterans and their families. Larry will be remembered for his integrity, his quiet strength, and the unwavering love and steady support he gave to those around him. His legacy lives on in the family he cherished so deeply and in the many lives he touched through friendship and service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Annie Bumstead. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to the entire team at Ecumen North Branch and Ecumen Hospice for the compassionate, attentive care they gave Larry and the unwavering support they provided to his family.

Visitation will be held Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at Washburn - McReavy Funeral Home at 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW in Coon Rapids, MN. The funeral service will follow at 11:00 am. A luncheon will follow immediately after at the VFW at 1919 Coon Rapids Blvd NW Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Ecumen Hospice or to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 180 of Sault Ste Marie, Michigan.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Mike and Tammy Wolf purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.



Mike and Tammy Wolf - March 06 at 04:11 PM

FE

“ Fairchild Equipment purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.



Fairchild Equipment - March 06 at 04:05 PM

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“ Fairchild Equipment planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.

Fairchild Equipment - March 06 at 04:05 PM



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

March 05 at 08:44 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.



March 05 at 08:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.



March 04 at 09:15 AM



“ Your Proledge Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.



Your Proledge Family - March 03 at 08:33 PM



“ Oh Larry, you were a one a kind man. I am so thankful that I got to grow up knowing you and Maryanne. I have so many memories of VVA camping trips, get togethers, and laughs that were created because of you. My dad couldn't have asked for a better friend than you. Rest easy now, ya maroon!! Love, Jenny (Hunt) Vandersys

Jenny - March 03 at 03:25 PM



“You Are Loved And In Our Prayers” Comfort Throw was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Bumstead.



March 02 at 07:55 PM