



Lawrence Joseph Gustin

August 6, 1936 - April 5, 2024

Lawrence "Larry" Joseph Gustin, of Bloomington, Minnesota, formerly of Hibbing, Minnesota, passed away on April 5, 2024 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Larry was born to Joseph J. and Ann M. Gustin (Danculovich) in Hibbing, Minnesota. Always a hard worker, as a youth, Larry worked at the Keewatin Bowling Center setting bowling pins and then as a projectionist extraordinaire at the Keewatin Theater.

After Larry graduated from Keewatin High School, he graduated from Hibbing Community College before continuing his studies at Bemidji State University and then finishing his degree in business administration at the Minnesota School of Business in the Twin Cities.

Soon after completing his education, Larry proudly served in the United States Military beginning in 1959. In the Army, Larry was a Private First Class with training and recognition in finance, marksmanship and medical training. Larry served in Fort Riley, Kansas, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and received his medic training at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado before receiving a Marksman Badge (Rifle M-1), Good Conduct Medal and Honorable Discharge in 1961 as an SP-4.

Larry began his career in the accounting department at M.A. Hanna Mining Company in 1961. In 1968, Larry met the love of his life, a young woman named Paulette Kiskis who also worked at Hanna Mining. They soon married, on September 6, 1968, and Paulette has been his loving wife for over 55

years.

Larry moved into mine and occupational safety in 1970 and obtained a Safety Management Certificate in 1977 from the International Safety Academy. He was elected the president of Lake Superior Mines Safety Council in 1987. He was proud of his lifetime safety record, which was capped by zero fatalities during his tenure in mining and the thousands of employees he worked to protect every day. After 45 years in the mining industry, Larry retired as safety and security manager of National Steel Pellet Company in 2001.

Larry and Paulette made their home in Hibbing for most of their adult lives where they raised their two sons, Timothy and Todd. In 2010, Larry and Paulette moved to their current home in Bloomington. Being a full-time Grandpa became Larry's passion. He enjoyed seeing his grandchildren grow while watching them in a myriad of sporting and other activities, from hockey, skiing, soccer, softball to singing. Larry's time in the Twin Cities was among his most busy and rewarding time in his life.

Larry enjoyed traveling with Paulette and always meeting new people and making new friends during his travels. Being a lifelong, avid Cincinnati Reds fan, he traveled to watch them play during season and spring training. Larry was proud of his Croatian heritage and introduced his family to what became lifelong family traditions of hunting, fishing, and spending time in the outdoors. Larry was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Paulette, sons Timothy (Kate), Todd (Anne), and respective grandchildren, Flora (16) and Theodore (14), and Livia (17) and Gianna (14). Services will be held at Washburn-McReavy at 5000 West 50th Street, Edina, Minnesota on Friday, May 3, 2024, with visitation from 4:00-6:00 pm followed by a chapel service and dinner. A private military burial will take place at Fort Snelling Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Larry requested that memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Memorial Service

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel
5000 West 50th & Highway 100
Edina, MN 55436

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.*



May 02, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Love, Cindy Kleiman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.*

Love, Cindy Kleiman - May 02, 2024 at 08:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.*



May 02, 2024 at 11:18 AM



“ *The Albrecht Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.*



The Albrecht Family - May 01, 2024 at 05:38 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.



May 01, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ The Moss & Barnett Multifamily Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.

The Moss & Barnett Multifamily Team - May 01, 2024 at 03:08 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.



May 01, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ Suzanne Tamer and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.

Suzanne Tamer and Family - May 01, 2024 at 01:31 PM

LT

“ Love, Millers and Tamminen's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.



Love, Millers and Tamminen's - April 29, 2024 at 05:27 PM

LT

“ Love, Millers and Tamminen's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.

Love, Millers and Tamminen's - April 29, 2024 at 05:27 PM

SE

“ Steve and Mary Ellen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.



Steve and Mary Ellen - April 29, 2024 at 03:46 PM



“ Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.



April 26, 2024 at 03:09 PM

LN

“ Love Always, Nancy & Adrian Nerverve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.

Love Always, Nancy & Adrian Nerverve - April 26, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.



April 26, 2024 at 01:33 PM

FN

“ From Nancy & Adrian Nerverve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence Joseph Gustin.

From Nancy & Adrian Nerverve - April 26, 2024 at 01:33 PM

BE

“ What a beautiful written tribute to Larry. Paulette, we know that you never left his side during these years of your married life, and took those vows made so many years ago to heart. Thinking of you now as you grieve and always remember the love you shared with Larry. God be with you. Barbara Elnes

barbara Elnes - April 16, 2024 at 01:37 PM

CD

“ Thoughts and prayers sent to you all, from the cousins up north.

Cheryl Danculovich - April 15, 2024 at 12:50 PM

SK

“ *Paulette and family. My heart breaks for you. Larry was so wonderful and his smile would light up a room. I looked forward to our "visits" and I know how hard he fought that horrible cancer. I will always consider you and Larry my special friends. You both have a place in my heart.*



Love Always,

Susan K

Susan Kamstra - April 14, 2024 at 02:04 PM

ST

“ *Paulette & family-I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I have such fond memories of our church family at Grace Lutheran in Hibbing. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Sue Kvilvang Taylor*

Sur Kvilvang Taylor - April 14, 2024 at 08:41 AM