



LeRoy Theodore Mattson

April 29, 1949 - March 16, 2025

LeRoy T. Mattson

Age 75 of Minneapolis, died March 16, 2025. He was born in Virginia, MN on April 29, 1949. He grew up in Hibbing and graduated from Hibbing High School and Hibbing Junior College, then transferred to the University of Minnesota Institute of Technology (IT), now College of Science and Engineering (CS&E) where he received his technical degree before joining Medtronic, where he then worked for 37 years.

LeRoy is survived by his brother, Ronald (Mary); nephews, Scott (Jon Agar) and Brian (Teri). Preceded in death by parents, Walfrid and Hilma (Sarppo).

Funeral service Monday, March 24th at 11:00 AM (visitation 10-11 AM) at Washburn-McReavy Miller-Heights Chapel; 4101 Central Ave. NE, Columbia Heights, MN.

Interment at Hillside Cemetery

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel
4101 Central Avenue N.E.
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
(763) 789-4436
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Funeral Service

MAR 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Columbia Heights Chapel
4101 Central Avenue N.E.
Columbia Heights, MN 55421
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Graveside Service

MAR **24**. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)
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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Funeral Service for LeRoy Theodore Mattson in memory of LeRoy Theodore Mattson



Washburn-McReavy - March 19, 2025 at 06:53 PM



Leroy was my colleague and friend at Medtronic for 6 years. We taught the Corporate Statistics class together while there. His quiet humble demeanor was a truly gracious quality, and he was a fine statistician.

Dan Walczak - May 01, 2025 at 01:10 PM



A fine statistician!

Dan Walczak - May 01, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ Very few of us at HHS never fully appreciated the brilliance of LeRoy. We considered him a good friend. RIP LeRoy.

Merty and Paula

Merty/Paula - April 19, 2025 at 09:47 AM

PG

“ If we could describe our friend Leroy in just a few words, it would be "generous" and "caring." Leroy was a faithful and generous financial supporter of our non-profit work who never wanted recognition for what he did. We would meet for dinner with Leroy on our visits to the Twin Cities and he always asked good questions about how we were doing, how our work was going, what the kids were up to, etc. Leroy was smart but also sincere, caring, and fun to listen to. We will miss him but we shared a common belief in our Savior, Jesus Christ; as a result, we know we'll see Leroy again, this time in heaven.--Paul & Noelle Gebel

Paul & Noelle Gebel - March 26, 2025 at 12:02 PM

SR

“ I met LeRoy at the University of MN. He had a brilliant mind and a heart for people. Matthew 6:19-21 was what he lived and taught others to live by. "Do not store up treasures on earth where thieves break in and steal." "But store up treasures in heaven.". For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.". LeRoy made a difference in this world in ways we will never know until we are with our creator. May his example be an inspiration to all. ❤️
And yes Tom, you said it best... for his contributions to Medtronic's, he would love to be remembered as "The Brilliant Maverick"

Susie Ralich - March 25, 2025 at 09:05 PM

AT

“ LeRoy was a colleague at Medtronic and dear friend to me after. As I transitioned my career to becoming a pilot, I discovered his love for aviation as well. He supported and mentored me during my training. We had so many lovely conversations together, which I always enjoyed. LeRoy was an angel and beacon of light to me. He will be greatly missed.

John 11:25-26

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.'"

Abby Trebnick - March 24, 2025 at 11:39 AM

A&

“ Athula &. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy Theodore Mattson.

Athula &. - March 24, 2025 at 10:11 AM

GJ

“ I had the distinct privilege of working on the same team as Leroy for my entire 18 year career at Medtronic. Leroy was a remarkable force for "doing the right thing and doing the thing right". He help thousands of engineers hone their skills in order to better serve Medtronic patients. His impact on products and therapies extends far and deep. I can say with certainty, that Leroy made Medtronic better. I can also say with certainty, that he made his teammates better, both at work and in life. I will never eat a slice of strawberry rhubarb pie without thinking of you Leroy! Rest in peace my dear friend.

Greg Johnson - March 23, 2025 at 03:14 PM

SB

“ LeRoy was my friend and co-worker at Medtronic for around 12 years. We shared many lunches together and travelled to many places around the country and in Mexico to provide statistical training. Like others have said, he was a remarkably generous person, and he often said, “I just really like helping people.” He had a passion for learning and sharing those learnings in his training and consulting, or with anyone he felt could benefit from it. He greatly enjoyed living near the university of Minnesota and spent lots of time there, in the libraries and for lunch. He was also very generous in his support to the university. He will be missed very much.

Steve Boeh - March 21, 2025 at 06:24 PM

JF

“ John F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy Theodore Mattson.

John F. - March 21, 2025 at 12:10 PM

SO

“ One of the nicest (and smartest) person I've ever met. Steve Oaxaca

Steve Oaxaca - March 21, 2025 at 11:08 AM

MS

“ I had the privilege to work with LeRoy for a couple years out of OHQ. He always made sure we had lunch at the exact time EVERYDAY and would tell us endless stories of growing up on the iron range and of the early years at Medtronic. His smile and laugh were contagious and it was such a joy to be part of his team. He would often leave me statistical books on my desk with tabs marking topics I needed help in...all of which were usually WAY over my head and contained more detail than I could ever absorb! LeRoy was a brilliant man whose work impacted so many other MDT employees, but most importantly impacted the lives of SO MANY patients. Rest in peace, LeRoy!

Megan Satterstrom - March 21, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DW

“ Dani and Jodi Woodruff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of LeRoy Theodore Mattson.



Dani and Jodi Woodruff - March 20, 2025 at 07:08 AM

DW

“ Dani and Jodi Woodruff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LeRoy Theodore Mattson.

Dani and Jodi Woodruff - March 20, 2025 at 07:08 AM

DD

“ *LeRoy is the most generous soul I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. I am so sorry he has moved on to his next chapter, but am humbly grateful for my time with him at Medtronic and post retirement. Rest in peace my Friend. Dave Dahl*

David Dahl - March 19, 2025 at 09:22 PM

JF

LeRoy had a heart of gold. Helping others was his lifetime ambition -- doing it directly or supporting projects and causes that made it happen. His dollar donations amounts were often extensions of Pi -- \$3.14, \$314.15 \$31.41. He was a gregarious introvert with friends. He continuously searched for and e-mailed tidbits and info links that were meaningful to the recipients. We will miss him, his brilliant intellect, his stories, his jokes, his company -- and him. Rest in Peace LeRoy. John & Judy Fechter

John & Judy FECHTER - March 21, 2025 at 12:06 PM

RB

LeRoy Mattson was one of the brightest people I've known. His knowledge and application of statistics was unsurpassed. He also had in-depth knowledge of many topics and shared interesting pieces of information freely with co-workers and friends. Whenever I met with LeRoy, I could expect to come away knowing something I didn't know before. I'll miss seeing him, sharing time with him, and his ever-present smile and sense of humor.

Ron Bardal

Ron Bardal - March 23, 2025 at 06:10 PM

AA

LeRoy was not just my co-worker but also a dear friend during my early career at Medtronic while working at Corporate Statistical Resources (CSR). I remained in close contact with him until his retirement in 2017. He was incredibly dedicated to his work—so much so that he never took a vacation. His commitment to statistical integrity was unwavering; when working with engineers and scientists, he ensured they adhered to rigorous statistical practices in collecting, analyzing, and reporting data.

LeRoy had a remarkable way of sharing knowledge. If you asked him a question, he wouldn't just provide a quick answer—he would bring books and hard copies of various articles, ensuring you had all the resources you needed. He was also unique in his communication style—his emails were often fully contained within the subject line, a small but memorable quirk that we all came to recognize.

Over his impressive 37-year career at Medtronic, LeRoy made invaluable contributions to the engineering and scientific community by providing statistical training and guidance. In a fitting coincidence, he was born on the very same day that Medtronic was founded, as if he was destined to be part of its legacy.

Beyond work, LeRoy had a wonderful sense of humor. Our lunchtime conversations in the cafeteria were always filled with laughter, as he had a knack for cracking jokes and keeping things lighthearted. Even after I retired in 2020, he surprised me with a silver dollar, a heartfelt token of appreciation for my time at Medtronic. I will cherish it for the rest of my life as a remembrance of him.

LeRoy was truly one of a kind, and I will deeply miss him. May he rest in peace.

Athula Abeyratne

Athula Abeyratne - March 24, 2025 at 10:49 AM

EF

I was a classmate of Leroy throughout junior and senior high school. We were in the same confirmation class at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hibbing, MN. A very kind, humble person. Rest in peace Leroy.

Edwin Fillman - April 18, 2025 at 07:28 PM