



Richard Donald Larsen

February 28, 1930 - November 20, 2023

Richard D. Larsen

Richard "Dick" Larsen, age 93 of St Paul, passed away on November 20, 2023 with his family by his side. He is preceded in death by his parents Otto and Ruth Larsen, first wife Sharon Larsen, his infant daughter Kathleen Lee Larsen, and wife Barbara Larsen.

He is survived by his sons Todd (Jolene) and Erik (Tracy), and daughters Beth (Cecilio) Libadisos, Cyndee (Mario) See-Rockers, Kari (Bill) Bushnell, and Lisa (Phil) See-Trdan, fourteen grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren, as well as his extended family in Norway and many other friends.

Dick was born February 28, 1930 in Minneapolis to Otto and Ruth Larsen. During the depression they moved to Oslo, Norway where he lived through the German occupation of WWII. He learned all styles of skiing including ski jumping. After the war, at the young age of 15, he joined the merchant marines for four years and traveled the seas to many remote and interesting places including Brazil, Venezuela, and Morocco. At age 19, he returned to Minneapolis to start his career as a bricklayer alongside his father and uncle. He was drafted into the Army during the Korean War, serving in South Korea and Japan.

Following his military service, Dick married his first wife Sharon Caron and started a family of 5 children. When he was newly married, he survived a plane crash in a Minnesota farm field, despite being ejected from the plane and severely injuring his back. This did not stop him from staying active, as he continued to lay brick and help others with any odd project.

In 1972 he married Barbara See, gaining two additional daughters. Dick and Barb loved to travel, and enjoyed touring New Orleans and visiting their family in San Francisco and Hawaii. He and Barb remained together until her death in 1994.

Dick enjoyed being outdoors and being near water, and spent many weekends camping, canoeing, fishing, and swimming with his family. Dick continued to travel including a visit to his childhood home in Norway.

Dick retired from bricklaying in 1992 and took a position at AAA, where he continued to work until the age of 80. He was proud of his lifetime memberships in the Bricklayer and Allied Craftworkers Union, The American Legion, and Sons of Norway.

Dick will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend. He lived his life well because "That's just the way it goes!"

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at Episcopal Homes for the loving care Dick received these past three years. He enjoyed being the unofficial "5th Floor Manager" at The Gardens.

Please join us for a Memorial Service to remember and honor Dick on Monday December 18 at 11:00am, with visitation starting one hour prior, at the Washburn-McReavey Glen Haven Chapel, 5125 West Broadway, Crystal, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Memorial Service

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Graveside Service

DEC 18. 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Memorial Gardens
5125 West Broadway
Crystal, MN 55429

Reception

DEC 18. 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel
5125 West Broadway
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Tribute Wall

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“ *I was so thankful to be able to meet Dick and know him in the almost two years my mother in law Pat has been at Episcopal! He was always interested in how things were going in the lives of others around him and even Pat has told me she misses him! I still miss him every time I am visiting Pat! Dick, you are missed!*



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