



## Roland S. Larson

June 17, 2017

Larson, Roland S. age 96, of St. Louis Park passed into the loving arms of our Lord on June 17, 2017. "By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus." (I Peter, 1:3). Preceded in death by parents, Swedish immigrants Petrus and Judith; sister Ruth Nelson and brother Helmer; adored wife, Doris, of 68 years; son Tom; grandson Tommy Wipf. Survived by sister Bette (Ken) Allen; children Dan, Jane (Michael) Wipf, Mary Lee; daughter-in-law Sue Estlund; grandchildren Michelle (Bill) Stimpson, Kristin (Tyler) Jackson, Maren (Ricardo) Chamorro; great-grand-children Clayton, Hope, Aleya, Eden Jackson; Joanna, Thomas, Johan Chamorro. Roland served three years as a WWII Naval officer in the Atlantic and Pacific, returning home to continue his education, earning the B.S. and M.A. in education at the University of Minnesota and the doctorate in counseling psychology at Michigan State University. Roland was a pioneer and full of ideas. He was a risk-taker and in later years said, "Stay alert to life...God will have some elegant surprises for you along life's path!" He was known for his quick humor and endless jokes and puns. Roland was a true communicator and excelled at listening and affirming others. He and Doris loved working together for many years in private practice as marriage counselors, teachers, group trainers, educational consultants, and co-authors of professional books. The focus of their work was relationships, whether in marriage, family life, community, or the workplace. Roland taught us much about life balance, joy, love, compassion, forgiveness, and zest for life. He

wholeheartedly lived life in thankfulness! Roland's trust and loving faith in Jesus Christ anchored his life. Memorial service Monday, June 26, 2017 at 2:00 pm; Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Road, St. Louis Park MN 55426 with visitation one hour before service. Memorials preferred to the Westwood Lutheran Memorial Foundation (attn. "Caring Youth Fund").

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Edina Chapel

952-920-3996

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Westwood Lutheran Church  
9001 Cedar Lake Road  
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

## Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember dearly working with a Rollie Larson at the Youth Research Center in the early 70s so if this is the same person I want to let his family know what a difference he made in my life. I had just graduated from college and teaching jobs were hard to come by so I worked in a variety of jobs at the Center. I was also a newlywed so lots of things going on in my life and Rollie was such a gracious, supportive listener who always had good advice on which I could rely. His smile and warmth was ever present and to this day I am grateful to have known him. So if this is the same person, I add my thanks for having shared some time with him. All who knew him have been blessed.

*Candace McClenahan, Bloomington*

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**Candace McClenahan** - June 26, 2017 at 10:26 AM

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“ Cousin Alden Johnson, Greg, Heidi, Sue & Tim Almen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Roland S. Larson.



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**Cousin Alden Johnson, Greg, Heidi, Sue & Tim Almen** - June 23, 2017 at 08:38 PM

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“ *Mr. Larson was a counselor at St. Louis Park High School when I was a student there. In my senior year, another classmate, Karen Swanson, and I were student helpers in the counselor's office during our last period of the day. I found Mr. Larson to be just as described in his memoriam. He was easy to please and always very helpful. I share his deep faith in Jesus Christ and am pleased to know he is with his Savior now. I lived about 2 blocks west of the church on Cedar Lake Road so am very familiar with the territory. May God minister His peace and comfort to Mr. Larson's family during this time of loss.*

*Karen Mollet Jaeger*

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**Karen Mollet Jaeger** - June 22, 2017 at 08:50 PM