



Larry Spenst

May 7, 1948 - October 26, 2022

The memorial service celebrating the life of Larry Spenst of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5, at Hope Chapel north of Verndale, with Reverend Neal Malcore presiding. Visitation will be held on Friday at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at Hope Chapel on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

With family by his side, Larry, age 74, passed away October 26, 2022, under the gentle care of Moments Hospice and the staff at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids, MN.

Larry Dennis Spenst was born to Richard and Charlotte (Anderson) Spenst on May 7, 1948, at Langdon, ND. He grew up on a farm and attended country school for grades 1-3, grades 4-5 at Nekoma and graduated high school in Alsen before attaining his bachelor's degree at UND Grand Forks.

A veteran US Marine, Larry served from February 14, 1971, until receiving his honorable discharge in Brooklyn, NY on Valentine's Day 1973. He exemplified the ultimate behavior of a Marine, "Never lie, never cheat or steal; abide by an uncompromising code of integrity; respect human dignity and respect others." These qualities made him an important asset when working as a warehouse and restaurant manager and in the communities where he lived.

His kindness also extended towards animals when caring for his dairy herd and farmyard pets.

In Darlington, NJ, Larry and Mary “Judith” McEwan were united in marriage on June 29, 1974. They made their home in Queens and Theresa, NY where Larry was a Cub Scout leader. They moved to Deer Creek, MN and later to Wadena. Being community-minded, he was a Deer Creek Lions member, served on the Wadena County Friendly Rider Advisory Board, delivered Meals on Wheels, participated with the Lakes Area Bike Club, and was a Kinship mentor. Playing a good round of Whist was a favorite pastime, too.

Preceding Larry in death were his parents, Richard and Charlotte; brothers, Richard and Robert Spenst; and sister-in-law, Bridget Spenst.

Loving memories of Larry will remain with his devoted wife, Judy; and son, Peter of Sartell; siblings, Lenard (Sharon), and Gary Spenst; and Glenna Altanson; sisters-in-law, Alice and Liz Spenst; along with a host of relatives and friends.

Honorary urn bearers will be the Deer Creek Lions and Hope Chapel Congregation Members. Urn bearer will be Peter Spenst.

Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Memorials may be directed to Wadena Meals on Wheels. (c/o Humphrey Manor Dining Room, 311 3rd St SE, Wadena, MN 56482.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Visitation

NOV 5. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Chapel
18142 Co Rd 7
Verndale, MN 56481

Memorial Service

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hope Chapel
18142 Co Rd 7
Verndale, MN 56481

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Spenst



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 01, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JL

“ Larry was one of the most generous people I knew. We were on the Missions Committee at Immanuel Lutheran Church. His compassion and concern for others was commendable. His attitude was so fun. He was a great inspiration.

Joanne Lynk

Joanne Lynk - November 05, 2022 at 06:30 PM

JG

“ We appolgize for not making today or tomarrow, but Carol and have bad colds and felt it was better not to share it with everybody. We are sending our sympathy and prayers today.

Jim and Carol Grotheer



James D Grotheer - November 05, 2022 at 03:43 PM

LM

“ Larry was a great friend at UND. We were very close on campus and in church. He was a good spiritual encouragement to this MO boy! May God continue to comfort his family. Lee Miller

Lee Miller - November 02, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - November 01, 2022 at 02:17 PM

EW

“ Judy- on behalf of myself and the residents of Elmwood: You and Larry were always wonderful, caring neighbors. You have our sympathy. May Larry Rest In Peace.



Ellen Wallgren - October 31, 2022 at 07:43 PM

KA

“ We will always remember Larry as someone who enjoyed helping others whenever he could. Rest in peace Larry.
Jonny & Karla Tuinstra

Karla - October 31, 2022 at 11:04 AM

SS

“ We rode the state fair bus with Larry and Judy. Such a wonderful couple, loving and sweet. Saw these two everywhere we went and always so friendly and kind. Always together and so happy. When I see Judy, I will always think of Larry....that's the way it goes. His star will be the brightest in the heavens tonight. Shine on Larry.



Sally Siegler - October 31, 2022 at 10:41 AM

LE

“ Lynn Erickson lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst



Lynn Erickson - October 31, 2022 at 09:05 AM

JW

“ He was a great christian man! We will miss you Larry. Pray for peace and comfort for Judy and Peter. Jay and Danelle Weiher

Jay Weiher - October 30, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst



Rocky Reese - October 30, 2022 at 08:51 PM

BH

“ *Bob Donna Haman lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Bob & Donna Haman - October 30, 2022 at 05:59 PM

RS

“ *Larry and I met at the University of North Dakota in 1966 when we were freshmen living in the same dormitory suite. He was a "distinctive, one of a kind person", who was a special friend for 55 years. I was the best man at his wedding in 1974 in New Jersey. So many memories of that summer like having drinks at the top of the World Trade Center. Though I haven't seen Larry since 2000 he would call me several times a year to discuss politics. Our love of politics kept us in touch over all these years. I could tell many wonderful (some unbelievable) stories of Larry from 1966-70. Finding out today that Larry passed away is very sad as it ends a happy era in my life and reminds me of my mortality. Larry is certainly a saint in heaven and God be with his wonderful wife Judy!*
Robert Preston Sundin
Port Clinton, Ohio

ROBERT P SUNDIN - October 30, 2022 at 01:42 PM

JG

“ *Juliana Geiser lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Juliana Geiser Geiser - October 30, 2022 at 11:52 AM

TD

“ Tom Connie Doll lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst



Tom and Connie Doll - October 28, 2022 at 07:10 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Spenst.



October 28, 2022 at 05:07 PM

MW

“ Myron Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst



Myron and Karen Winkelman - October 28, 2022 at 05:04 PM

TC

“ My sympathy to you, Judy and Peter. So sad to hear of Larry's passing. Was always nice to see his friendly, smiling face out in the community.

Teri "Jorgensen" Larson (Classmate of Peter's)

Teri "Jorgensen" Larson-Peters classmate - October 28, 2022 at 12:08 PM

TD

It's a sad day. Larry always wore a smile and brightened everyone's day. My sympathy to Judy and Peter.

Theresa Jansky (Barb and Ray's daughter) - October 28, 2022 at 07:45 PM

CC

“ Charlie & Gladys Chase lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst



Charlie and Gladys Chase - October 28, 2022 at 11:40 AM

AA

“ My sympathy to you, Judy and Peter. Always enjoyed talking with Larry. Cherish your good memories!



Arllys Andrews - October 28, 2022 at 11:31 AM

TH

“ Tammie Hamlin lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst



Tammie Hamlin - October 28, 2022 at 11:25 AM

MF

“ *My sympathy to Larry’s family. Larry was always ready with a helping hand at church events.*



marie fraune - October 28, 2022 at 10:39 AM

SB

“ *Sharon Boline lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Sharon boline - October 28, 2022 at 10:31 AM

TS

“ *Tom DeAnna Snyder lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



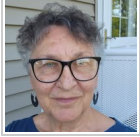
Tom & DeAnna Snyder - October 28, 2022 at 09:30 AM

MM

“ *Larry and his wife were so kind to us when my husband Roger Mohs, was suffering with cancer. Roger worked with him for a while.. I also worked with him with the Lion's poster contest. Yes, he was so kind ..*



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison - October 28, 2022 at 07:31 AM



“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Jane Erckenbrack - October 27, 2022 at 11:24 PM

JB

“ *Larry was one of a kind! He would give you the shirt off of his back. He would help anyone in need and helped us many times. Larry, Judy and Peter were a good Christian family . Judy and Peter are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jeff & Barb - October 27, 2022 at 09:29 PM

JB

“ *Jeff Barb lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Jeff & Barb - October 27, 2022 at 09:24 PM

MS

“ *Mike Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Mike and Lea Snyder - October 27, 2022 at 09:02 PM

MH

“ *Marladene Heinen lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Marladene Heinen - October 27, 2022 at 09:00 PM

EF

“ *Esther Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Esther and Alan Freitag - October 27, 2022 at 08:50 PM

SC

“ *Larry was a good friend and will be missed. Prayers for you Judy and Peter.*



Sandi Collins - October 27, 2022 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ *Darrell Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Larry Spenst*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - October 27, 2022 at 07:01 PM

IB

“ *My thoughts are for you Judy and family.*



Irene Baron - October 27, 2022 at 04:18 PM

LM

“ *Larry will be greatly missed. He and Judy were the very best neighbors and became great friends. My deepest sympathies to Judy and Peter.*

Lois Miller - October 27, 2022 at 03:58 PM

AL

Sorry to hear of his passing. Enjoyed playing cards with Larry at the New York Mills Senior Center.. My sympathy to you, Judy. Alice Lex

Alice Lex - November 04, 2022 at 03:41 PM