



## Larry L. Disher

July 8, 1936 - December 28, 2022

DISHER, Larry Leroy, age 86, passed away peacefully Wednesday December 28, 2022, at Holland Hospital in Holland, Michigan. Larry grew up on his father's farm in Whitehouse, OH where he learned the value of hard work and discovered his love of animals. He was a 1954 graduate of Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, OH where he lettered in 3 sports and participated in many student organizations including 4H, student government, and Boy's State. He then earned his Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine (DVM) at Ohio State University in 1960 where he also played football under coach 'Woody' Hayes and was a member of the 1957 Rose Bowl National Championship team. He married his college sweetheart Barbara Schaller in 1958 and began practicing veterinarian medicine in Russellville, KY after graduation. In 1964, he bought the Lakeview Animal Clinic in Lakeview, MI and moved Barb and their 3 children to begin his own practice there. Being a 'Buckeye' family in Michigan territory was always a subject of spirited contention among friends. As a veterinarian, Larry served local farmers and pet owners with great care for 29 years until he sold his practice and retired. He and Barb moved to Cross Village, MI and wintered in Harlingen, TX for the next 31 years. Larry was active in the community and with his children's activities. He served on the Lakeview School Board and Montcalm Community College Advisory Board for years. Larry and Barb loved the beach at Cross Village, and he enjoyed working with his hands and building useful things from scrap materials. He was best known around Cross Village as the local fix-it man and

would fill his pockets with dog treats making friends with any dog he would encounter. Larry is preceded in death by his beloved wife Barbara in October, daughter Amy, grandsons Andrew and Nathaniel, brother Ron, and parents Victor and O'Dell. He is survived by his son Dr. Michael Disher with 5 daughters Kylie, Marlee (Caleb), Bethany (Aaron), Natalie (Sam) and Gracie, son Jeff Disher (Kathy) with children Ellen, David, Daniel and Nathan, grandson Robbie Sullivan (Annie), and 6 great-grandchildren.

No services are planned at this time. A memorial gathering will be planned in late Spring. Memorial gifts in Larry's honor may be sent to support an endowment fund at the Lakeview Area Community Fund in Larry's name. Mail to Greenville Area Community Foundation, 225 N. Lafayette, Greenville, MI. 48838. Or go online using [www.gacfmi.org/give-now](http://www.gacfmi.org/give-now), under Division of Funds and select Lakeview Division, Barb and Larry Disher Memorial Fund. If you have questions about the fund or how to give, please call 616-754-2640. Local arrangements are by Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home and condolences may be left online at [www.langelandsterebergh.com](http://www.langelandsterebergh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ Larry was a special man. Loved to talk to him . He loved his family alot always cried when he talked about them. I worked at the Atrium and thankful I got to know him there. He was such a kind hearted man. God bless your family. Sending prayers and love.

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**Kathy Ann Smith** - January 05, 2023 at 10:17 PM

JM

“ Dr.Larry Disher was my teacher, mentor,colleague, and friend. Dr. Disher was the attending Veterinarian on our family farm. I was so impressed with his professional skill and demeanor, I decided to pursue Veterinary Medicine as a career. Dr. Disher allowed me to observe at his practice and was instrumental in my acceptance to Veterinary School Shortly after graduation, I was employed at Dr. Disher's practice. I learned many valuable lessons from Dr. Disher. He was my hero then and now. RIP Larry. Go Buckeyes Jim Main

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**james r Main** - January 04, 2023 at 09:03 PM

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**Michael Elling AW/57** - January 04, 2023 at 06:56 PM

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“ I had the astonishing good fortune of attending Anthony Wayne High School as an underclassman to Larry in Whitehouse, Ohio. He was a role model like no other. His popularity as both scholar, talent, and athlete was of no goal in itself. Instead, he made fame to appear no more complicated than solving the current problem at hand. His lesson there helped all his classmates to excel as well. --  
Michael M. Elling AW/57

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**Michael Elling AW/57** - January 04, 2023 at 06:44 PM

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“ My mother worked for Dr Disher for years. Dr Fisher served as a reference for at least one of my college scholarships and was a Yes vote as I was hired by LHS. He was a good father and valued community member. Condolences to the family.

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**Sandra Miller** - January 03, 2023 at 02:22 PM