



Thomas W. Larsen

August 27, 1943 - April 27, 2024

Thomas Wayne Larsen, age 80, passed from his Holland home into his heavenly home on April 27, 2024. Tom was born in Howell, MI on August 27, 1943 to Wayne and Dorothy Larsen.

He earned his teaching degree from MSU and went on to earn his Master of Education at Wayne State University. Tom loved teaching. He taught middle and high school math for 33 years in the Warren Woods Public Schools where he met his wife, Lucy. He also taught math at Macomb Community College. Tom and Lucy raised their family in Sterling Heights, MI. Affectionately referred to as Sparty, Tom "bled green," missing only six MSU home football games in 57 years. He and Lucy were blessed to attend MSU football and basketball, sail Lake St. Clair and the Great Lakes for 30 years, visit Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford annually to see plays, as well as travel together to all 50 states and parts of Canada.

Tom and Lucy moved to Holland in 2005 to be near their children and grandchildren, a decision they called the best one they ever made. Tom and his humor will be dearly missed by his wife of 56 years, Lucy; daughter, Suzanne (Paul) Jones; son, Matthew (Kimberly) Larsen; grandchildren, Rebecca (Matthew) Moorman, Erin Jones, Emma Larsen, Zachary Larsen, and Megan Larsen.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Holland and Atrio Home Health Lakeshore for the loving care they gave to Tom.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th St, Holland, MI. A memorial service will follow at noon. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Holland.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Langeland-Sterenbergh Funeral Home
315 East 16th Street
Holland, MI 49423

Memorial Service

MAY 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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315 E 16th St
Holland, MI 49423
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Tribute Wall

JK

“ I had come from teaching all the grades in Warren Woods, but the high school. I became qualified to teach math, English, and computers. I had no desire to teach English. Instead I taught Honors Math and a regular and a regular math. Most of the teachers treated me poorly, as they seemed to feel I was not qualified. Three of them were not in my book to help students to achieve. They looked down about me. Tom was absolutely kind and we were all in the same hall way. Not only did he make me feel great, he also became to know what a committed teacher I was. I loved Tom and admired him as a caring teacher like me. He gave me the honors math class. He came to my rescue when a male math teacher tried to sexually assault one of my students, and after that when the same teacher tried to do the same to me when I was getting something in the supply room across the hall from Tom. Not only did he stop him, but took him to the principal to report him. When Tom knew I could teach computers. Tom let me teach computers, and let me also teach that individually so they could learn at their speed. When I learned of his passing, I cried and cried and felt so badly for his wife. I have just lost my own husband this year suddenly, and totally feel for Tom’s wife. I wish I could give her a big hug! Love to you—
Judy Koch

Judith Elaine Koch - July 08, 2024 at 02:19 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Larsen.



May 13, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Larsen.



May 07, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Larsen.



May 06, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Thomas W. Larsen.



May 06, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ *Sandra Porter and Darin/Marissa Miller planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Thomas W. Larsen.*

Sandra Porter and Darin/Marissa Miller - May 06, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MM

“ Lucy and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Tom will forever be a treasured member of the Warren Woods Tower family. We are grateful for the memories and friendship we shared. May God guide you and grant you peace. Go Green!
Mike and Darcy Mackenzie and family

Mike Mackenzie - May 05, 2024 at 03:55 PM

AL

“ Mr. Larsen was an important part of Warren Woods High School. I did not have him as a teacher, but I was an officer of the National Honor Society in 1974/75 when Mr. Larsen and Mr. Bean were the sponsors. He was funny, confident and drew students and faculty into whatever was happening. I'll always remember he and Mr. Saad (OSU) sparring about college football. God bless him on his journey home. Anne Lilla

Anne Lilla - May 03, 2024 at 10:22 PM

MJ

“ Dear Lucy, I'm so sorry for your loss, however I know my mom will be happy to have Tom with her now. May he RIP and good memories help you through this sad time. Mary Janowiak

mjanowiak55@gmail.com - May 03, 2024 at 06:34 PM

TY

Lucy and family: Sending our deepest sympathy for your and our loss of Tom. Even though we came from different schools (MSU - EMU) we still bled Green and White on the football field every fall. His jokes, quips, and stories, being either political or regarding Clutch or Charlie, will be missed but not forgotten. The halls of WWHS will always echo his name. May he rest in peace and peace of mind be to you and your family. God Bless all.

Ted and Ruth Younce - May 03, 2024 at 09:40 PM

MB

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and love to you, Lucy and all the Larsen family. To everyone, Tom was known as Sparky. However, for me, he was always my big brother! My heart is breaking for all of you! We will miss that smile and quick wit, but we know, he is at peace. I wouldn't be surprised if he is telling his favorite corny jokes with all his friends in heaven. Love you all and continue to be in our prayers. Mary-Claire

Mary-Claire Black - May 03, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DP

“ My deepest sympathy for your loss. I have such wonderful memories of sailing the Great Lakes with the Larson family. Tom will be greatly missed
Donna Peters

donna peters - May 03, 2024 at 06:33 AM

AB

“ Mr Larsen was the best math teacher I ever had. Math was never a subject I liked until I met Mr Larsen. He taught me to love math. His sense of humor and quick wit not only made math interesting but made high school so enjoyable. God bless the soul of this wonderful man and his family.

Ann Bonde - May 02, 2024 at 10:27 PM

DM

“ We are so very sorry to hear this news and send our deepest sympathies to the family. We shared many good times with Tom and enjoyed his infectious laughter & his sense of humor. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and a dear friend. Our thoughts, prayers, hugs and love are with you.
David & Linda Murphy

David and Linda Murphy - May 02, 2024 at 10:21 PM

DR

“ This news makes me so sad. Mr. Larsen was an absolutely fabulous math teacher that I had for two years at WWHS ('73 and '74). I wasn't really a huge fan of math, but Mr. Larsen's knowledge, sense of humor, and teaching style won me over big time. I still remember moments in his class, and since that's 50+ years ago, you can see what an impact he had on me (and no doubt many others). My prayers for the family, and the math knowledge of the angels in heaven just got a significant boost!

David Ross - May 02, 2024 at 05:02 PM

MS

“ What a wonderful teacher. He made geometry fun. Will never forget Chuck's theorem or his football picks on Fridays. Many fond memories and laughs when he was the lunch room monitor. RIP Mr. Larsen

Mark Sudduth - May 02, 2024 at 03:53 PM

JB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Thomas Larsen family on the loss of their loved one. Our families grew up together in the 1st United Methodist Church of Warren, Michigan. We share many happy memories of being a part of that wonderful church "family". While time and distance separates us from long-time friends, the bond of friendship remains close throughout the years. May God's abiding and comforting presence be with all of you in the days ahead. Judy Bird and family



judith L Bird - May 01, 2024 at 03:16 PM

TP

“ Tom and Deanne Porter purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Thomas W. Larsen.



Tom and Deanne Porter - April 30, 2024 at 06:24 PM

SC

“ *May you hold on to those wonderful memories in your heart and find comfort." To the Larsen and Jones' families my deepest sympathy for your loss....*



John 16:22, "Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy."

Susan Campbell - April 30, 2024 at 02:27 PM

RD

“ *We are so sorry to hear about the passing of our "back door neighbor, Tom." We will miss his laughter & his stories of what's going on in the world. God will welcome him with open arms. He will be missed in our community. Condolences to you & the family. We love you, Lucy!*



Rose & Joe Dally - April 30, 2024 at 09:20 AM