



Betty Freedy Larsen

May 18, 1928 - April 3, 2026

Betty Freedy Larsen of Oconomowoc, WI, went home to the Lord on April 3, 2026. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Larsen; parents, Harvey and Florence Freedy; son Thomas Larsen and sister Julie Freedy Rasmussen- all of Racine; and grandson Dr. Benjamin Larsen of Oconomowoc.

Betty was born May 18, 1928 in Racine, WI and married James Larsen, on August 3, 1951. She was a graduate of Horlick High School and U. W. Whitewater with a degree in Elementary Education. Betty was a beloved kindergarten teacher and mentor for 30 years at Highland School in Elgin, IL. She is survived by her son James (Jay) and Dr. Julie Larsen of Oconomowoc. Betty will be remembered for her kind and generous spirit. She was a woman of unwavering faith, a loving mother, aunt, grandmother and wife, a compassionate teacher and friend. Her thoughtfulness and gentle ways will be treasured and missed by all who knew her

Her family is grateful for the tender care provided by Christine Garlock, Lourdes Fe Leyson, Lynne McCall, Drs. Bill Cooper and Jane Walloch, ProHealth Home Hospice and AngelsGrace Hospice.

A private burial was held at West Lawn Memorial Park in Racine.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Freedy Larsen.

April 09 at 10:50 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Betty Freedy Larsen.



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“ I instantly fell in love with Betty, who could draw anyone in with her incredible warmth and kindness.
May she be reunited with Jim and her loved ones gone before her, and may her memory bring comfort to those left behind.



Mary Spence - April 09 at 12:10 AM



Thank you, Mary for your kindness to Betty and Jim.

Julie - April 10 at 10:48 AM

SN

“ *Sandy Haack, loving friend, neighbor. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Betty Freedy Larsen.*



Sandy Haack, loving friend, neighbor. - April 08 at 11:39 PM



“ *She was the kindest teacher. I was lucky enough to be taught by Mrs. Larsen in kindergarten at Highland Elementary School in Elgin, where she uplifted my creative spirit! She was generous, thoughtful, playful, and honorable. She was one in a million and will never be forgotten.*

Sarafina Vecchio - April 08 at 10:15 PM

JU

Thank you, Sarafina for sharing this tribute. Betty was an amazing teacher and person.

Julie - April 10 at 10:49 AM

JL

“ *Jim and Betty were my favorite cousins for the kindness and hospitality they extended to my family and me across many decades. I never knew a sweeter, more nurturing person than Betty whose legacy will live on in the lives of all she touched throughout her long lifetime. She will be sorely missed.*

John Larsen - April 08 at 03:36 PM

PR

“ Betty was always a kind and thoughtful and genuine “lady”. We have known her since 1975 as a dear teaching cohort...a next door neighbor...and since the day we met as an amazing and dear FRIEND!! Her love for everyone will be missed! □

Patrick and Linda Rich - April 08 at 02:56 PM



Sending you a hug, Mrs. Rich. Both of you were hilights of my childhood :)

Sarafina Vecchio - April 08 at 10:17 PM

JU

Thank you, Linda. We couldn't reach you to let you know because we only had your land line. You were great friends to Betty and Jim.

Julie - April 10 at 10:51 AM

KM

“ Betty was my much loved kindergarten teacher. My parents ended up also moving to Oconomowoc and re-connected with Betty and Jim years later. They even attended my wedding. I will always remember Betty for her kind and gentle ways, thoughtfulness and strength. She was one of my most favorite people.

Kate (Karow) McMahon - April 08 at 07:50 AM

JU

Thanks, Kate. Betty and Jim enjoyed their visits w your folks and Betty always spoke so highly of you

Julie - April 10 at 10:52 AM