



William H. Larson

June 3, 1938 - January 13, 2021

RACINE- William H. (Bill) Larson, 82, passed away on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at Parkview Gardens. He was born on June 3, 1938 to the late George and Mabel (nee: Carlson) Larson in La Crosse, WI.

Bill was united in marriage to Karen Nelsestuen on July 30, 1960 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in La Crosse, WI. They started dating in middle school and enjoyed 60 years of marriage. Bill was president of Central High School's Class of 1956. After receiving his Bachelor's degree in secondary education from UW-La Crosse, Bill taught at Horlick High School before a career of editing books at Western Publishing and TSR. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and Journey In Faith Church.

Bill enjoyed singing with his wife, with his brother Dick, in the church choir, and spontaneously. He was a fierce competitor in family games and also loved fishing, gardening, the Mississippi River, and the Green Bay Packers.

Bill was the last of his generation and leaves a legacy of loving and close extended family ties. Bill is survived by his wife, Karen; sons Christopher (Joy) of Broomfield, CO, Andrew (Cathy) of Chicago, IL, and Daniel of Boulder, CO; grandchildren Hillary, Jacob, Karissa (Alan), Micah, and Holden; and a great granddaughter, Ava. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Christine Nelsestuen; siblings, Jean (Jim) McDonnell, Marge (George) Dawes, Barbara (Jim) Craigmile, and Dick Larson. A memorial service will be held at

Sturino Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 22 at 11:00 am, with visitation from 10:00-11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimers Association and Choral Arts Society of S.E. Wisconsin have been suggested by the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

JAN **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William H. Larson*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 22, 2021 at 09:26 AM



Sending love from Chicago. Love you all! -Zane

Zane Craigmile - January 22, 2021 at 12:02 PM

TS

I am here with you. I am so sorry for your loss. And sorry that it comes in such a painful time. With love, Tonia Schmitz

Tonia Schmitz - January 22, 2021 at 12:36 PM

RL

Such a loving and beautiful tribute to Uncle Bill. Chris, Andy, Dan, Karen -- wish I could be there in person, but am there in spirit. xoxo Renya

Renya Larson - January 22, 2021 at 12:59 PM

KB

We were so honored to have Uncle Bill and Uncle Dick entertain at our wedding as they did at so many family weddings. He was a good man, with simple pleasures, who lived life with much love, laughter and song. I will miss him very much. Our family reunion won't be the same without him.

Kris Bernhardt - January 22, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William H. Larson*



Sturino Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 08:00 PM

KL

*That was beautiful! I loved it.
Karen Larson*

karen larson - January 28, 2021 at 05:14 PM

BM

“ *2 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Bob McDonnell - January 22, 2021 at 12:16 PM

DM

“ Uncle Bill always had a smile & a compliment for us. He made everyone feel they were important. I have said to Bob when we were first dating that meeting Uncle Bill & Uncle Dick made me feel a part of the family from the beginning.
One of my great passions is music. Uncle Bill's love for light hearted entertaining & singing influenced me to become a singer & entertainer myself.
Our deepest sympathies to all. We will remember Uncle fondly.
Bob & DD McDonnell & family

Dee McDonnell - January 21, 2021 at 09:54 PM



“ 105 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sturino Funeral Home - January 21, 2021 at 07:59 PM

PC

“ I am so fortunate to have had Bill for an uncle. He was a fiercely intelligent man, deeply compassionate, and with such an engaging sense of humor. Though deeply saddened by his loss, I am so grateful to have known and loved him. He was one of a kind.

Paul Craigmile - January 21, 2021 at 01:03 PM

RH

“ *Bill was a quiet, cheerful man. When you talked with him he always focused on your discussion. He was always interested in his wife's choir (Choral Arts Society), and he came to not only the concerts, but other activities we had planned. His bright, cheerful smile would suddenly appear and you knew he was listening, He will be missed. Love and hugs to Karen. Bobbi Halstead-Knudtson*

Roberta Halstead-Knudtson - January 19, 2021 at 09:23 AM

AL

Thank you, Roberta. Dad wasn't able to sing much himself anymore, it just struck me how hard it was not to be part of such a great group himself when he had sung with Mom all his life. He turned into a super fan of CAS, that's for sure.

Andrew Larson - January 21, 2021 at 07:19 PM

RL

“ *A life well lived, a man well loved. I am honored to call him my uncle. -- Renya*

Renya Larson - January 17, 2021 at 07:29 AM

CB

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of Bills family.. He was a great guy to know at Parkview Gardens, he will be missed dearly.. Rest in peace Bill ..*



Colleen Batterman - January 16, 2021 at 03:11 PM