



Larry Ross Raper

May 17, 1946 - August 30, 2014

On Saturday, August 30, 2014, Larry passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Larry was surrounded by family at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. as he passed. Larry was 68 years old.

Larry was born in Bloomington, Ind. on May 17, 1946. He was the youngest of three children, born to Merlin and Ruth (Stevens) Raper. He graduated from Bloomington High School in 1964, and attended Indiana University. He was married in 1978 to Barbara (Elling) in Pennsylvania.

Larry worked tirelessly to provide for his family, but his truest passions lied in spending time with those people himself. He loved spending time with his wife, children and three grandkids above all else. Larry was also an avid golfer, as well as a lover of Indiana University basketball.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Merlin and Virginia Raper, mother Ruth (Stevens), and sisters Judith (Grubb) and Julia. Larry is survived by wife Barbara, of Bloomington; sons Matthew (Amanda) of Granger, Ind. and Brandon (Michelle) of Eagan, Minn.; and three grandchildren:

Madison, Bradon, and Alana.

Visitations will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, from 4-7 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN 47401. A second visitation will be held on Friday, Sept. 5 from 10-11 a.m., followed by graveside services at Clear Creek Cemetery, W. Church Lane, Bloomington, IN.

Memorial donations in Larry's name may be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or Moffitt Cancer Center of Tampa, Fla.

Tribute Wall

SA

“ Larry ..rest in peace my friend.....good people like Larry are always missed and remembered..

SANJEEV MAHAJAN - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

PA

“ My office was across from Larry's for a few years and we had many conversations on a variety of subjects which included some good laughs along the way.

Please accept my deepest sympathy on Larry's passing.

Pat Sepnieski

Pat Sepnieski - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RI

“ My condolences to your family. I had the pleasure of working Larry at Katun for several years and always enjoyed our conversations. Bless all of you.

Rick Shupe - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

AM

“ I,m sorry to hear about this lost. Now Larry probably is in a better place.

My deepest condolences for his family an friends.

With my best wishes for all them.

Alberto.

Alberto M. Alonso - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

LI

“ I was so sorry to hear of Larry's passing. My condolences to Barb and family. I worked with Larry for many years at Katun and was impressed with his passion and drive. I was a "regular" along with him in the little exercise room at lunch where he made us laugh with his running commentary on whatever was on the TV. He had an opinion on everything! He was a kind man and will be missed.

Liz Schramm - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

BT

“ I had the pleasure of being Larry's customer for over 10 years, but I was more proud to call him my friend. He was always excited to let me know how his family was, and it was obvious how much he cared for them. He will be greatly missed.

Brian Telthorst - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

ST

“ I would like to offer my sympathy to Raper family. Although it has been years since I had the privilege to work with Larry, He was a very caring and dedicated individual who motivated others and easily gained their respect. I feel fortunate that I was able to make his acquaintance and share in your loss.

Steven Ammerman - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

MA

“ Dear Raper Family,

We are sending you our deepest sympathy. We worked with Larry at Katun. He was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed. May your memories bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Marie & Andy Divine - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

ER

“ I will always remember Larry as a fighter for what he believed in; a quality we should all aspire to have. My condolences to Barb and family for your loss. I pray you will be comforted by great memories of the joyful times spent with Larry. May God bless and comfort you.

Erik Norman - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

RA

“ My dear friend - You will be missed!

Rafael Machado - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

JP

“ Our condolences to Barb, Brandon, Matt and the grand children. We will all miss Larry, while we were business associates for many years, Larry was also a friend.

John and Patti Gaizat - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

DK

“ Our hearts are heavy today as we mourn the loss of Larry. We are encouraged however by the legacy he leaves...a man who loved his wife, kids, and grandchildren without reservation. I remember the last time we were together. As we were saying our good-byes, we hugged each other and I told him, "God bless you." He replied, "He already has."

"To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages now and forevermore! Amen."

Dan & Kelly Kettelkamp - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

GC

“ We are saddened to hear of Larry's passing, and our thoughts go out to Barb, the boys, and extended family.

Larry was indeed a tireless worker; he set the bar high for others by setting it high for himself.

I enjoyed working with Larry for a number of years, and I particularly enjoyed hearing his perspective on any matter, great or small. His insight was always welcomed.

It is our hope that you can find peace knowing that he is in a better place. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Greg and Celeste Enderle - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

DA

“ *Barb, Brandon and Matt*

We are so sorry for your loss! He loved you all so much and there was never a time we spoke where his family wasn't a major part of the conversation. He was so proud of everything each of you did and accomplished. You were his heart!

Larry was inspirational and helped so many through so much with his words and compassion. His insights into situations helped me through many struggles. He'll be missed as a true friend, a great golf partner and one always willing to listen.

Until we meet again my friend!

Darrel

Darrel and Angela Lemler - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

NA

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Raper family. Larry was a great leader and mentor to me. He treated me with such respect, and I will truly miss him. He was so proud of his family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Nancy

Nancy Foley - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

PR

“ *Barb and family, we are so sorry for your loss...but certainly know that Larry is with our Maker. He was SUCH a good guy. And while his hard work and intensity made him so successful in his career, I was always amazed at how his calm, laid-back style on the golf course made him so good at the game. He was also incredibly patient...there was a time when Larry and Neal and I tried to play after work once per week. Amazingly Larry would coach both of us throughout the round and NOT lose it! (Neal was barely better than me--and he was pathetic.) Lots of Katun people have LOTS of good memories of Larry...and owe him for his contribution to their success. I know I certainly do. Ray*

Pam and Ray Wirtz - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM

WA

“ *Larry will be greatly missed. I have great memories of times with Larry that will be with me forever. He was a good friend and will leave a permanent mark in my life. We will miss him this year at golf but will be there in spirit
My sincere condolences.*

Wayne and Julie Andresen

Wayne Andresen - October 26, 2015 at 04:04 PM