



Lawrence "Larry" Leon

November 29, 1930 - November 2, 2019

Lawrence J. "Larry" Leon, 88, passed away on Sat. Nov. 2, 2019 at Advocate Condell Medical Center. He was born Nov. 29, 1930 in Marseilles, IL, was a former Antioch resident, living in Libertyville for the past 57 years. He was a 1948 graduate of Marseilles High School and a 1952 graduate of Northern Illinois University with an education degree and where he played four years of varsity baseball and was on two conference championship teams. He also served in the US Army and spent 18 months in Korea during the war.

Larry taught High School Social Studies and coached basketball at Marseilles HS, followed by 7 years at Antioch HS and 18 years at Libertyville High School. He later was the golf coach at the College of Lake County in Grayslake and Robert Morris College in Waukegan and helped create the CLC Keith Ryan Scholarship Fund. He was inducted in the Lake County High School Hall of Fame and was a former Franklin Life Insurance Company salesman. In retirement, Larry was an avid Chicago area sport's fan and loved watching televised high school, college and professional sports, especially the Chicago White Sox.

Surviving are 3 children, Bob (Marilyn) Leon of Van Wert, Ohio, Susan (Daniel) Pietsch of Idyllwild, CA and Jeff Leon of Rochelle, IL; 4 grandchildren, Craig (Julie Accurso) Leon, Jeremy (Christina) Pietsch, Bret Leon and Sierra (Jonathan) Adams. Great granddaughters, Keely and Kelsey Pietsch and great grandsons, Logan, Eli and Cody Adams.

He was preceded in death by his wife Carmen Leon in 2014 and also by his sister Valerie Reiske.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 pm Tues. Nov. 5 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. His funeral service will be at 11 am Wed. Nov. 6 at the funeral home, followed by interment at Lakeside Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Libertyville High School Athletic

Department. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at <http://www.burnettdane.com>.

Events

NOV **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Burnett-Dane Funeral Home

120 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL, US, 60048

NOV **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ To Larry's Family,

What I remember most about your Dad and coaching was how he was straight forward and honest about where you stood on his teams and his evaluation of your talents. That sort of straight forward approach has helped me in life and in my coaching endeavors.

Always enjoyed seeing him and your mom at events and a few stops by the house.

My entire family sends it's condolences.

Scott Schwerman

Scott Schwerman - November 06, 2019 at 09:17 AM



“ Bob, Susan, Jeff and family,

Our deepest sympathy in the passing of your father this week.

We have all lost a remarkable and inspirational man whose presence left its mark on everyone who knew him. As a coach, teacher, mentor and community member your father was respected and admired. As a husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, he couldn't have been more loving or proud of his family.

No visit to Libertyville was ever complete without stopping by to spend a few minutes with your mother and father. The time spent together always left us better for the experience. They served as the anchors to the old neighborhood. They were the source of all the benefits that come from knowing such good people over a lifetime.

We remember your father fondly this week, but he will always remain present to us throughout our lives. We ask that God's strength and blessings be with each of you during this difficult time.

Warmest regards,
Jim and Anne Dease
Vista, CA

Jim Dease - November 05, 2019 at 08:43 PM



“ I kept statistics for his basketball team. He was advisor to our Lettermen's Club. And he was my history teacher. When it came to all things LHS, he maintained a teacher-student relationship with students.

But it was different in the neighborhood. He was a good neighbor and friend to those of us living on the Drake-McKinley corner. I have fond memories of him. My condolences to Bob, Susan and Jeff.

H Wayne Wilson (back then I was known as Wayne)
Peoria, IL

H Wayne Wilson - November 04, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ Our sympathies to the Leon family. I had Larry as a teacher at LHS, my husband coached with him and worked for him selling insurance and we were also neighbors for many years. Thinking of you and sending healing thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Sharon Murphy
Tom Murphy

Sharon Murphy - November 04, 2019 at 08:42 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Leon.



November 04, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ I had many great teachers during my K-12 years in Libertyville and Mr. Leon was at the very top of that list. He taught me more than just US History. I was extremely lucky to have been one of his basketball statisticians and learned so many life skills watching him coach basketball. The most important and memorable was what it takes to be an MVP team player and I have tried to teach that to my children, grandchildren and students. Most important is that after my 1965 graduation and moving away from Libertyville, we were able to maintain a life-long friendship. I feel very blessed to have had such a gifted teacher in my life!

Joan Boger - November 04, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to you all, Larry was such a force in many young lives...i am in a Bible Study with a gal, Joan Wells who tells so many stories of her time in HS with Larry, one or two are: she had not gotten on the cheerleading team and still wanted to ride the bus to the games...Larry had her do Stats...and then she tells of the time at the end of year Banquet that when time to choose an honor for a player, Larry gave it to the boy who may not have been the best player on the team, but was there for every game and every practice. i have so enjoyed my visits with him and with Carman before she passed away...May he rest in peace and they say "the only thing you can take with you when you pass from this world is the good you left behind and Larry did lots of that"
Jeris Boyce...UMC Libertyville.

Jeris Boyce - November 04, 2019 at 11:57 AM



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November 04, 2019 at 09:41 AM



“ Coach Leon was passionate about teaching, whether on the classroom or on the basketball court. Because of his knowledge and his love of young people, he influenced countless lives for the better. He was always a gentleman who exemplified class and sportsmanship. Libertyville mourns a great man. Ken Westlake Libertyville Class of 1973.

Ken Westlake - November 03, 2019 at 10:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lawrence "Larry" Leon.



November 03, 2019 at 12:50 PM