



## Lawrance F. Cutright

April 5, 1941 - April 30, 2024

Lawrance Frank "Larry" Cutright, age 83, of Howell, passed away on April 30, 2024.

Larry was born on April 5, 1941 in Detroit, MI to Frank and Virginia Cutright. An outstanding, three-sport athlete who achieved all-city recognition, he graduated from Cooley High School in 1959. He subsequently was signed by the Philadelphia Phillies organization and played baseball in the minor leagues from 1959 - 1966.

In 1967, Larry graduated from Wayne State University with his bachelor's degree. He would go on to obtain a master's degree in education from WSU in 1970 and a master's in clinical social work from WSU in 1991.

Larry taught English at Osborn High School from 1969 -1997 and served as a part-time substance abuse counselor. A lifelong athlete, he played amateur baseball for Jet Box, as well as touch football. Notably, at the age of 55, he became a competitive racquetball player. Larry was also a published author. He wrote the book, *Drugs and Other Dumb Things: Jimmy's Story*, which was influenced by his personal experiences and his work, touching on themes of addiction, family, redemption, and forgiveness.

Larry is survived by his two sons, Christopher and Michael Cutright. He is

further survived by his niece and nephew: Joe Cutright and Sarah Cutright. He was predeceased by his brother, Dan Cutright.

Memorial visitation for Larry will be held on Friday, May 10 from 1 - 7 p.m. (closing prayer at 6:45 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions to Gleaners Community Food Bank ([www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org)) are appreciated by the family.

Share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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## Closing Prayer

MAY 10. 6:45 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“*Larry Cutright: not only one of the greatest, triple-threat athletes we remember from the Detroit Public School League, but a Good man that I got to know even better at a decades-later HS reunion. I had considered myself a square in the day, but Larry somehow indicated that he had respected me (although I had taken ROTC vis-a-vis gym). Turns out from that pleasant conversation we had a lot in common: belief in the golden rule, mission in life, dealing with its challenges in the public sector, his in academe and mine in LE/military; and my wife had been one of his students. Cpt Cutright, whether catcher, front court, pitcher or QB, God watches you enjoy your pastime with the angels.*”

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**Calvin Cheritree, Sp/5 (Ret) USA** - October 08, 2025 at 12:16 AM

JP

“*Mr. Cutright was my English teacher in my junior year at Osborn in 1971. We all thought he was a pretty cool guy with a great, but dry sense of humor. I remember the rumor that he had won a bet with another teacher that he could throw a football 75 yards. I was struck by his memorial picture. More than 50 years later, same great smile. RIP Mr. Cutright.*”

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**Jim Pruss** - May 14, 2024 at 07:50 PM

RM

“*I had Mr. Cutright for one semester of English in my final semester at Osborn High back in 1972 and he was one of my favorite teachers I never knew he was a professional athlete. I liked his Pontiac Firebird Trans Am too. Anyway, Rest in Peace Mr Cutright it was a great semester and memory. Ronald Plesz.*”

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**Ronald M.Plesz** - May 10, 2024 at 07:19 PM

JV

“ Judith V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrance F. Cutright.

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**Judith V.** - May 08, 2024 at 05:51 PM

GK

“ Sorry to hear that Larry has left us. Larry helped lead Cooley to the Public School baseball championship. Caught Milt Pappas who had a decent Major league career, including a no-hitter. For all of his students you should know that your teacher had one of baseball's strongest arms. In fact I read in *The Sporting News* that Larry had *THEE* strongest arm in baseball in the early '60's. Hence he was converted into a pitcher. Larry was Cooley's QB. Throwing td's to Ron Holmes. Coached by Abe Eliowitz, a Canadian Hall of Famer. Plus he was a great guy.

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**George A Kamor** - May 08, 2024 at 04:38 PM

KB

“ I was a student at Osborn High School from 1973 - 1975. Mr. Cutright was my favorite English teacher. In my mind, I can still picture him and Electronics Teacher, Henry Bielawski, conversing in the hallway. Rest in Peace Mr. Cutright.

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**Ken Bazydlo** - May 08, 2024 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ *The Equity Healthcare family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Lawrance F. Cutright.*



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**The Equity Healthcare family** - May 08, 2024 at 10:11 AM