



Lawrence LaRue Northrup

September 19, 1952 - July 1, 2007

Northrup, Lawrence LaRue, age 54, July 1, 2007 of Rochester Hills. Beloved husband of Ronald. Dear father of Villary Brian Campbell, Michael Heather LaRue, and Christopher Matthew LaRue. 3 Grandchildren. Mother of surviving children, Villary LaRue. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica from 3-9PM Friday. Mr. Northrup will lie instate on Saturday at the funeral home from 10:30 AM until 11:00 AM time of Service. Memorial contributions are suggested to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Michigan Chapter 1421 E. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071. Interment Christian Memorial Cultural Center.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ I was out of town and was sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I taught with Larry many years ago at Holly Middle School in Warren Woods. He was a wonderful, caring person. I admired his positive, pioneering attitude in being one of the first male kindergarten teachers in Michigan. He joyfully won over his detractors while teaching from the trunk of his car; he had kindergarten classes at two schools! Later he went on to direct and produce outstanding musicals at Tower High School. We all missed him and his enthusiasm terribly when he was laid off during the downsizing of the district.

Guri Edoff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Although we had lost contact with Larry over the years, we remember many fond times with Larry and his family while he was in Warren Woods. I remember feeling very inadequate when I followed Larry as a kindergarten teacher at Robinwood. He was so talented musically and always had such a great smile and so full of life. We last saw him at Erma's Ice Cream Parlor in Utica and it was like old times.

Patricia and Michael Suckley - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Ron, Christopher, Michael, Heather and Villary, I am still at a loss for words and still find it hard to believe that we won't be seeing Larry's smiling face and hearing his quick witted comebacks on Sunday morning; not to mention his heartfelt piano playing. I will always remember our times in Italy and the sugar on the spaghetti!
Love, Jill

Jill Crane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *May Larry's Memory Be Eternal. Larry was one of a kind and he will be missed! We were blessed to have known him. My daughter and Larry shared the same birthdate and he has always been her favorite teacher. She is now 26 and would always mention him on their birthday. Ironically, I had a chance to chat with Larry at a funeral luncheon not too long ago. He made me laugh, especially when he came back to the table with a HUGE piece of cake. *Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry's family.*

Leah and Demitra former student Calagias - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Dear Ron, I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Larry was such a kind person, as you know, and he will be missed greatly. Although we weren't able to see you both very often, it was always fun to come down state to my mothers house and see you at her parties. Our thoughts have been with you and will continue to be with during this hard time. Love, Hillary Basta Jill's daughter*

hillary basta crane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *How sad to lose such a sweet and talented man. Larry was a terrific solo pianist and accompanist for the Troy Chorus and we all loved him. He had a great smile and laugh! My thoughts and condolences go out to his family. Mary Lambrix Cookie*

Mary Lambrix - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I have known Larry for 25 years and Dean just a few less. Whether it was working beside him during the early days of the Farmington School District/Community musicals, or a quick e-mail with a joke or "How are you doing?" he could always make us smile and laugh. Larry bought me my first Mickey Mouse watch the year I met him, and I still wear it to this day. Whether it was a day or a year between visits with Larry, we could always pick-up where we left off, starting with a laugh...usually prompted by a sarcastic statement from "LaRue." Sadness will only last a while, but his legacy of kindness, wit, and laughter will remain with us always. Much love to all, Sue and Dean

Sue and Dean Cobb - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ I met Larry at Jackson Jr High School where we were both attending as students many years ago. I haven't has contact with him for more than 25 years although there is still a warm spot in my heart for him. He was such a awesome person with great talents. I am truly sad to think he is no longer with us.

Lois Smith Osborne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Shocked to hear the sad news of Larry's passing. We were only in Troy a short while but he brought his own style and fun to the Community Chorus. He will be missed so much

Pat and Jim Hadden - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Larry sure knew how to make people laugh. The first time I met him, I was a new teacher to Farmington Schools. He was one of the first people I met, and he checked in to see if I needed any help setting up my classroom. When I suggested a task, Larry flashed that smile of his and reminded me of the names of the custodian and the neighboring teacher, who would be so happy to help me. \= Larry made me laugh back then, and he made me laugh 15 years later, when we worked together again in a different school. I loved to hear and watch him play the piano, and was so honored when, fourteen years ago, he played at our wedding while my students sang. What a gift, and he was so willing to share... Ron, I left William Grace two years ago, and never had the pleasure of meeting you. But I have heard from others how wonderful you are, and how happy Larry has been. Our thoughts are with you. Denise Gundle-White and Jim White

Denise Gundle-White - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I first met Larry as a carpenter he had hired to do some work in his home. I got the job because he had asked if it would be OK if he could be my helper. I couldn't see any reason to object so I agreed. This set me apart from all of the others he had interviewed. I soon learned that he was a very able craftsman and an eager helper. He would hold my tape measure, every time I got it out, he swept up every pile of dust, usually while I was still making it, and most of all we would have a good time and laugh at almost everything. While doing another job for Larry, there were many, he introduced me to a brand new litter of puppies and asked if I thought they weren't just the "cutest things" I had ever seen. I agreed. My wife happened by to admire the project and talk to Larry and when she saw the puppies a deal was struck. Yes one of the males was traded for some of my labor. We have been laughing about that for seven years now. We became close friends and Sharon and I will miss him deeply

Jim and Sharon Carruthers - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Hopefully the sun will shine brighter as each new day dawns. My children had the pleasure of having Larry as their music teacher at Forest Elementary in Farmington Hills, MI. His smile, laughter, and love of music mesmerized ALL of his students. He was an accomplished pianist and a caring and sensitive person. Larry knew that our children studied violin and would invite them on several occasions to play during the morning worship service at his Grosse Pointe church. I also had the pleasure of teaching music with Larry in Farmington Public Schools. Larry will be missed!

brenda gold-sloan - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Both our children were fortunate to have Mr. Larue as their Kindergarten teacher. We all mourn his passing yet I know that both Kelly and Carly have wonderful memories of his class.

The Smith Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were sad to hear of your loss, he was such a great guy. Sarah has great memories of her Mr. LaRue Kindergarten class. He will be missed dearly. Our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Joseph/Esper Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Ron I am sorry for your loss. Larry is a wonderful soul we had alot of great times joking in the hall. I am sad to know that when he was ready to take leave to have time for family that he must be laid to rest. I will keep you and him in my thoughts and prayers Love Annette

Annette Newton - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Dear Ron, I am so sad to hear of Larry's death. I am a better person for knowing both of you! Larry was, and still is such a great man. Please know that Mom, myself and our entire family hold you near in our thoughts & prayers. If you need anything, we are here-- always! Peace & God Bless you, Andrea

Andrea M. Kaptur - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ We are all blessed to have you for the happiness you were so bravely willing to share.

Annette M Comstock - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Ron, I have just arrived back after a few days off and it will take some time to process your loss. What a vibrant man your Larry was and I am sorry for your pain and loss. I can say this, I know that Larry died a happier man, for being married to you, his partner. Please know that I walk with you through these days and bless the children. I have just whispered a prayer into the wind and know that when you step outdoors, that gentle breeze that kisses your cheek, is God's delivery service. with deep deep regret, Sharon Willis-Whitwell

Sharon Willis-Whitwell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ As a GPUC member, I am overwhelmed to learn of Larry's death. He was such a delight, with a great sense of humor, and a wonderful person. He played for several of my lay services, and my mother's funeral, and I loved hearing his piano gifts. Gosh, I will miss him. Jane Hoey

jane hoey - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ One day when I was at work cutting hair at Julius Barbershop, a young mother , by the name of Karen Falcon, had started a conversation with me. We were talking about our children & what grades they were going into for the up coming 2006-07 school year. I told her my daughter , Margarita, was going to be starting Kindergarden at William Grace. She then went on to tell me about this wonderful teacher that I should request to teach my daughter. She just had story after story of this man, who obviously left an amazing impression on her! She even went as far as writting down his name so I wouldn't forget. The next business day I called William Grace & put in the request to have a "Mr. LaRue" have the honor of being my little girls teacher! Little did we know it would be OUR honor to have said that HE was her teacher. So-Thank-you Karen:--- I was the Room Mother for the classroom, so I feel that I was blessed to have had the opportunity to know him & his comedic ways. It was like watching a father duck guide all his little chicks : ! He had a way of joking lovingly with all the kids, but yet- he knew when he had to be firm & teach them right from wrong. He always jokingly called my daughter "Marga-roo-doo"...which always made her blush & giggle. He had the most beautiful handwriting & played the piano effortlessly. He loved the Detroit Tigers...which made Margarita love him all the more! What a funny guy he was...I always enjoyed our conversations. He was very proud of every one of his students...and many times would verbally state "how far they've come". He ALWAYS made Margarita feel proud of herself & always complemented her on her artistic skills---his words always made her & I smile.I remember at my 5 yr. old sons Kindergarden Orientation earlier this year---when it was over I asked Mr. LaRue if he was sure he didn't want to teach just ONE MORE YEAR---so he could teach Michael. He , in his joking way, made it very clear he was ready to retire & enjoy himself! We all just laughed : It was a pure joy to have had the chance to get to know him, though it was brief. My husband, Margarita, our family & myself would like you to know you are ALL in our prayers & he will always be remembered as the awesome teacher/man that he was! We'll miss you, Mr. LaRue! Xoxo All our love, Margarita 6yrs., Michael5yr, Elaina3yr., Margaret & Tony

Howes May God Bless all of you.

Margaret & Tony Howes & family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *My prayers go out to Larry's family and his extended Farmington family. I worked with Larry in the music department in Farmington and enjoyed his sense of humor and his zest for life. He loved teaching and loved kids, and it showed in everything he did during his tenure in Farmington. My deepest condolences to you all.*

Cathy Cordle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *I worked with Larry during his time at Warren Woods. He was an outstanding teacher and colleague. We became friends and he taught both my girls piano at our home. The girls loved his humor and great talent which they have always remembered.*

Pat Lewis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *We will deeply miss Larry's self-deprecating humor, his cock-eyed grin and the joyful way he loved Ron. Love, Holly and Bryan*

Bryan and Holly Conroy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *Dear Ron - We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Last time we talked you were looking forward to the wedding. We know he must have been very special to you and his family. Please know that you are in our prayers. Hope we will see you again soon. Love Gary and Becky Pocisk*

Becky and Gary Pocisk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *My condolences to the family. I used to teach with Larry at WWT High School. Martha McLean*

Martha McLean - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ *To Ron and the rest of Larry's family, my heart goes out to you. I taught with Larry in Warren Woods. He was a wonderful teacher and human being. The world is a lesser place for having lost him, but I am sure he is singing up a storm in Heaven.*

Judy Koch - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ *I am sad beyond words - such a loss to us all. A nice man, hard working, honest, sincere . . . Ron, do not fail to lean on your friends during this trying time.*

Barbara J. Underwood - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I taught with Larry at Wooddale and always loved his kindness, the way he shared his talents, and his outrageous sense of humor. I remember co-producing the musical "Trial of the Big Bad Wolf" with Larry, teaching science while he taught recorders, and celebrating birthdays together with our students. Larry was an amazing teacher, and a treasured friend.*

Retta London - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Ron, Deepest sympathy to you, Michael, Christopher and all of the family and friends who are grieving. I taught with Larry in Farmington. He was a dear friend and terrific piano partner. Larry was always a kind and caring person with a great sense of humor. He had a great spirit and infused that into everything he did: raising his three children, teaching, playing piano... I enjoyed performing two-piano works with him at his church and at his student recitals at Hammell's. He added a lot of sparkle and shine to all the lives he touched, including mine.

Judy Moslak - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ I taught elementary school in Warren Woods with Larry. He was a wonderful teacher as well as a great pal! He always could make me laugh at lunchtime! I remember those times with great fondness.

Madeline Mousty - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad and difficult time With much love, Jennifer

Jennifer Crane - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ To Larry's Family, I was a teacher colleague of Larry's during his days in the Warren Woods Public Schools. He was the warm and loving person his friends are remembering him to be. He loved to share his talents with his friends and students. He was a courageous man who stood up for his human rights and for those of others. Many friends and loved ones will miss his beautiful smile and sense of humor. My sincere condolences to his children and family. Alice Johnson Louisville KY

Alice Johnson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Larry was a very kind and talented man who will be missed by many friends.

Carol Malzone - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you....you inspired us to go ahead and have our commitment ceremony and we thank you for that.....we will miss you

David Estes and Bob Vallier - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Dear Ron, We are so sorry for your loss. Larry was, and always will be , a wonderful man, a great friend, and an inspiration to all who knew him. God Bless You. Dear Larry, You are so missed. You left us too soon. Thank you for everything. We love you Larry.

Carl and Jennifer Jones - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Larry, I'll miss your sense of humor, your kindness and spirit. A light has certainly gone out at Players. Ron, my prayers are with you.
Susie

Susie Gardiner - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Such a wonderful person-so caring and so funny.Larry will be remembered by all who knew him.

Donna Halter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I wanted to say Thank you to Mr. La Rue, he has taught my whole family. My husband Rick and myself as our choir teacher 98% of the reason I love music like I do when we were in middle school, and all of our children at William Grace. He was an amazing teacher, and friend. He truly was a blessing to our family and many others I am sure. Mr La Rue was loved and adored by our family and He will definitely be missed!!! Our thoughts and prayers to his family.....

Tammy Dring and Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ We are deeply saddened to lose such a wonderful man and amazing teacher...our daughter, Kaitlyn, has blossomed in his class this year and we will be forever grateful. Our deepest sympathy to all who love and cherish him.

Lesa and Michael Ferencz - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Ron, We are shocked and saddened beyond words. Please know that if there is anything in our power to do for you, just ask and it is done. With loving and tearful hearts, Linda & Mark

Linda and Mark Hammell - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with Larry's entire family. Larry truly lit up the room with his smile and humor whenever he entered. Keith and I feel lucky to have known you and shared your humor, love of baseball and your true love of life. You will be missed!

Annette and Keith Grillot - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Mr. LaRue, We loved you very much! Thank you for teaching our son, Rocky. He learned many great things in your class. He always talked about the great times he had at school. Our son Rocky and you will alwatys have the "Tigers" in common. You will be missed.*

Dr. and Mrs. Rocky Saenz and Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM