



Lawrence M. Weathers

October 1, 1932 - July 15, 2017

Lawrence Marvin Weathers was born on October 1, 1932 to young parents, Marvin Whorton Weathers and Mildred Anna Chapman. The family home at 15308 Linnhurst in Detroit was shared with younger sister, Lynne, and often other family in need of support through the Depression years. His family taught him, by example, how to care for others, work hard, love what you do, and enjoy the people around you. Larry learned these lessons well and added his own brand of love, compassion, and humor to the Weathers name.

At age 14, Larry became aware of "the girl next door"; actually, around the corner and down the street. It was a meeting of strong wills, at first encounter, that later would develop into a beautiful bond of enduring love and faithfulness. Larry graduated from Denby High School and briefly worked for his father at Houston Garage before entering the University of Detroit in the field of Engineering. After completing two years of study Larry chose to serve his country in the U.S. Army. He was stationed at Ft. Sill, OK; an Artillery Surveillance Specialist at the rank of Private First Class and later transferred to the Army Reserves. After graduating from U of D in 1957 Larry worked for Holly Carburetor while waiting for a position to open at General Motors Corporation.

On November 8, 1958, Marilyn Christine Ernst made Larry the happiest man alive as they were married at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Detroit. In

their nearly 60 years together they poured their love into their three daughters, Julie (Eric) Pieper, Jane (Dennis) Favret, and Jennifer (Thomas) Reuter. He is the beloved Papa to his grandchildren; Nicholas (Danielle) Favret, Jason (Ada) Pieper, Kristen (Eric) Paauwe, Jeff Pieper, Zachary Reuter, and Jacob Reuter; and soon to be 7 greatgrandchildren. He taught us all the love of God and country, the importance of faith, family and friends, that to live is to serve others, and so much more.... (Measure twice, cut once!)

Larry enjoyed his long career with General Motors designing and testing engines at the Chevrolet Engineering Center in Warren until 1987. The family waited many dinners for Larry to give every moment needed to listen to coworkers and add value to the product and to their lives. During the 28 years the family lived in Warren, at 32073 Wellston, Larry and Marilyn made many dear friends. Oh, the parties!!! The neighborhood family ski trips to Crystal Mountain, Marriage Encounter weekends, golfing, and more parties... They continued their entertaining life style in Washington, MI, making more friends on the 9th tee of the Orchards for 22 more years; Larry regularly helping to care for and repair the sprinkler system of the condo association. At SS. John and Paul Catholic Church Larry and Marilyn have been involved in RCIA, Grace gatherings, seasonal decorating of the church, the Special Needs activities, and their very personal ministry of Greeter and Hugger.

Larry was known for his positive attitude toward all of life. He battled many serious health issues over the last 30+ years with a strong drive, not just to survive, but to really live. He loved life and all of you who shared yours with him. He really didn't want to go just yet.

Larry leaves many loving memories in the hearts of his sister, Lynne, and Gerald Boeberitz; his sister-in-law, Virginia Ernst; his brother-in law, Thomas, and Mae Ernst; cousin, Robert, and Mary Weathers; cousin-in-law Bernard Nagel; many nieces, nephews, and dearest of friends. May those he loved that have gone before him: parents; brothers-in-law Carl William Ernst and

James Ernst; and cousin-in-law, Betty Nagel; be with him.

After living life to the fullest, on July 15, 2017, Larry departed in peace to meet Jesus, his Lord, with Marilyn holding his hand and his girls at his side.

"Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Larry, a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of Your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen."

You are invited to celebrate his eternal victory in Christ: Family visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. and Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. to be held at SS. John and Paul Catholic Church (7777 28 Mile Rd., Washington, MI 48094) on Thursday, July 27, 2017. Internment service with honors will be held at Great Lakes National Cemetery (4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI 48442) on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. The family suggests memorials be made to the Capuchins (1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, MI 48207).

Please share a memory at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Detroit Wilbert Cremation Services, LLC

44481 Groesbeck Hwy.
Clinton Township, MI 48036

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. John and Paul Catholic Church
7777 W. 28 Mile Road
Washington Township, MI

Memorial Mass

JUL 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. John and Paul Catholic Church
7777 W. 28 Mile Road
Washington Township, MI

Burial of Cremated Remains

JUL 28. 9:30 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Road
Holly Township, MI 48442

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Thank you for your passion for life and the unborn. Your legacy of giving is still being felt today at Crossroads Care Center in Auburn Hills. Our medical staff is blessed by our faithfulness. We thank you for your continuing blessings even as you sit at the feet of Christ - our Lord and Savior. God bless you and your family. Lee Ekstrom - Executive Director - Crossroads.



Lee Ekstrom - May 18 at 04:30 PM

KP

“ My dear Papa,

You were truly a wonderful and remarkable man.

I was amazed, but not at all surprised, to see how many gathered honor you yesterday, to mourn your death but mostly to celebrate your who you were.

You touched so many lives in so many ways, and you leave a powerful legacy behind. From the things you made - like the famous toast tongs, and the beautiful tea cup shelf that now hangs in my daughter's nursery - to the things that you taught us - love of God, love of family, love of skiing, etc. Your legacy lives on in so many. I can hardly even comprehend the depth of your influence in my life.

Thank you for your undying love, your constant encouragement, your faithful smile, your big hugs, and your unfailing presence in my life.

I am sad that my daughter will never get to feel one of your hugs, see one of your smiles, and hear you say "hi dolly!" with such delight in your voice. But even so, she will share in the blessing of your legacy, and I am thankful for that. I will tell her about how wonderful her Great Papa was and pray in faith that we will one day all be reunited in heaven.

I love you Papa!

Kristen Paauwe - July 28, 2017 at 04:41 AM

CM

“ I worked with Larry in Chevrolet Engineering back in the 80's. I was just a test engineer at the time when he was an Engine Chief and I thought very highly of him. I saw what a good leader he was and he was a smart engineer. After being friends with his daughter, Julie, now for over 30 years (GM Dinner Group), I also know he was an amazing Dad and Grandfather; so kind and loving. Prayers to all the family from the Markstroms

Deepest sympathy,
Carmen Markstrom.

Carmen Markstrom - July 27, 2017 at 08:30 AM

PH

“ I was a co worker with Larry through many years at GM and Chevrolet Engineering.

He was an outstanding gentleman engineer and friend though different work assignment areas (he Powertrain and I in Body engineering) kept us from sharing more time.

My sincere condolences to his family and for your loss.

His marvelous obituary described Larry as exactly the really neat gentleman that I remember so well

I will miss him and again my condolences to you.

Paul Huzzard

Paul Huzzard - July 25, 2017 at 06:22 PM

TS

“ I'm just another ex-coworker of Larry's at General Motors. It wasn't really "work" when we were involved on a project with Larry. He just didn't approach things that way. You couldn't find a more pleasant coworker. My sympathies to his family and especially Jennifer and her family, fellow Holy Cross parishioners.

Tom & Maurine Springborn

Tom Springborn - July 25, 2017 at 11:17 AM

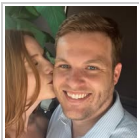


Joe
Yoho

“ *Larry was a co-worker of mine at General Motors. He was one of the nicest persons I have worked for , I will miss him . I send my condolences to the family for their loss.*

Joe Yoho

Joe Yoho - July 22, 2017 at 07:51 AM



“ *"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants"*

This phrase has been playing through my head the past couple weeks thinking about my grandfather. From his battles with cancer and disease, to teaching me how to golf, or just hanging out with his family, my grandfather was truly a giant.

Although he has moved on to a better place, he also left behind a legacy for his family - a legacy of patience, love, perseverance, and faith - that will inspire me for the rest of my life.

Jeff Pieper - July 22, 2017 at 12:04 AM



RM

“ *Larry was a co-worker of mine at General Motors. He was a first class individual. He was thoughtful and considerate of those that worked for or with him. The world would be better off if we had more individuals like Larry. I send my condolences to the family for their loss, as well as the loss for all those that knew him. May he rest in peace!*

Richard Michalski

Richard Michalski - July 21, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *Papa was a blessing to everyone he met.*

For me, he taught me the importance of "measure twice, cut once", a love for engines and GM, the value of family, how to golf, started and maintained a skiing legacy for our whole family, how awesome horrible puns are, and faithfully prayed for and gave thanks for his family that he loved so dearly.

When I look at Abigail, I'll forever be reminded of how excited he was to hear we were having a baby girl. His unique perspective of having three girls of his own made his joy for us palpable. "You'll never have an empty lap" he said. "You'll surprise yourself with how much love you have for a daughter". I'm still just starting to appreciate the truth and wisdom there.

We love you Papa. We're so grateful for your freedom from pain, medicine, and discomfort.

Hopefully you don't lose to Jesus by too many strokes on the course up there... :-)

- Jason Pieper

Jason Pieper - July 20, 2017 at 11:46 AM



“ *Paul Pieper purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lawrence M. Weathers .*



Paul Pieper - July 20, 2017 at 09:01 AM

PP

“ Over the years I have had the pleasure of having been able to know and spend time with Larry and the entire Weather's clan. In all those times, I felt and was treated as one of your family! I will always hold Larry's memory and all of you in a special place in my heart.

With greatest sympathy,

Paul

Paul Pieper - July 20, 2017 at 08:52 AM