



Lawrence A. Luhtanen

April 12, 1946 - March 7, 2023

Lawrence A. "Larry" Luhtanen of Cadillac passed away Tuesday evening, March 7, 2023 at his home with his family by his side. He was 76. Larry was born on April 12, 1946 in Traverse City to Jack A. & Florence Jean (Walton) Luhtanen.

Larry graduated from Brethren High School in 1965. He then went on to serve in the United States Army during Vietnam. Shortly after returning from the war he started his 29 year career with IBM and retired in 2002. After he retired he still did part time work for a company.

He was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac. Larry enjoyed tinkering and fixing things and was called upon to do so many times. He had several hobbies including: wood working, riding in his Miata convertible, and going to coffee/breakfast with friends. Volunteering was a part of his free time and he could be found helping out at the Veterans Serving Veterans Park and with the VA support group at the clinic.

On August 6, 1966 in Bear Lake, Michigan he married the former Colleen S. Myers and she survives him along with their daughters: Kristine Jaros (Eric Garcia) of Hudsonville, and Jennifer (Aaron) Mazza of Cadillac; 4 grandchildren: Adam Jaros, Annika Jaros, Marisa Mazza and Chloe Mazza; a brother, James Luhtanen of Traverse City; 2 sisters-in-law: Jeanne Luhtanen

of Harrietta and Linda Luhtanen of Northville; In-laws: William Myers of Tucson, Arizona, Pamela (Steve) Hejl of Bear Lake, and Kaye Myers of Portage; and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents Larry was preceded in death by his 3 brothers: Dennis, Jack Duane, and William Luhtanen; his In-laws: George & June Myers and a brother-in-law, George "Eddie" Myers.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, March 11, 2023 at Zion Lutheran Church in Cadillac with Pastor Scott Torkko officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Burial will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac. Visitation with Larry's family will be from 5-7 PM Friday at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac. Memorial contributions may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to Hospice of Michigan. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **10**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Peterson Funeral Home
205 E. Cass St.
Cadillac, MI 49601
(231) 775-3411
info@petersonfh.com
<http://www.petersonfh.com>

Funeral Service

MAR **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Zion Lutheran Church
Cadillac, MI 49601

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence A. Luhtanen.*



March 10, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ *I so remember the good times we had when we went to the UP casinos with Jan, Don, Bill and Brenda. Holding those memories close.*

Sherry Stafford - March 09, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Sherry Stafford lit a candle in memory of Lawrence A. Luhtanen*



Sherry Stafford - March 09, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *With our deepest sympathy to all the family. Larry had a quiet unassuming presence. He will be missed. I enjoyed teasing him about his toy but real car. Peace and Blessings to the family.*

ELSIE L MOORE - March 09, 2023 at 09:32 AM

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“ So sorry. It seems like yesterday we were dancing at your wedding to Colleen. Sad for your precious family but thankful you are now pain free. Praying for your family.

Nancy Rowe - March 08, 2023 at 08:49 PM

DK

“ You were our first friends when we moved to Cadillac. We have remained so for over 40 yrs. We will miss your smile, companionship, and willingness to help when needed. Our prayers are with your family. Rest easy our friend. We will take it from here.

Dave & Leslie Koenig - March 08, 2023 at 06:10 PM