



Lawrence Edward Drain

April 19, 1941 - January 12, 2022

Lawrence Edward Drain, Sr. of Lewes, DE lost his year long battle with leukemia at age 80, on January 12, 2022. He fought this vile disease with determination and tenacity like the warrior he was.

Larry was born on April 19, 1941 to Harry J. and Anna L. Drain in East Lansdowne, PA. Despite being the 6th of 7 children, he was truly one of a kind. He was a member of the St. Cyril's Church community for many years and graduated from Monsignor Bonner High School. More athletic than academic, Larry went on to play local semi-professional football for three seasons.

In the summer of 1962, on the beach in Wildwood, NJ, Larry was introduced to Eleanor Snyder. His good looks and charming personality lured her away from her boyfriend at the time. She became the love of his life and they spent the next 59 years together raising a family, raising the bar and occasionally raising some hell.

Never afraid of hard work, Larry provided well for his wife and four children. He had a varied career, but spent most of his working years at Weeds, Inc, an industrial weed control company (not what you were thinking!), where he was a reliable and valued senior level employee.

His creativity and artistic flair were reflected in everything he did, most especially his extensive holiday displays. Larry was a connoisseur of music and movies, readily identifying actors and musicians and easily quoting lines and lyrics. A proud and patriotic American, he had the utmost respect for military servicemen and veterans.

After retiring from his position at Lower Merion School District, the empty nesters relocated to Lewes, DE where Larry embraced his Native American heritage and became an active member of the Nanticoke Indian Association.

Larry was a man of faith, but not religion; stubborn, yet easy-going; brutally honest, but respectful; strong, yet flexible; frugal, but generous. He had an infectious smile that he shared readily. Often heard to say: "A smile means I like you.", he really meant it. Anyone

who knew Larry would say he was the life of every party. His witty sense of humor always filled the room with laughter.

Lawrence was welcomed into paradise by his parents, Harry J. and Anna L. Drain; his brothers, Harry, Jr and Charles Drain; and his sister, Dolores Flannery. Memories of his love of life will be carried on by his wife, Eleanor Drain; and his children: Michelle (Steven) Kritz, Lawrence Drain, Jr., Stephanie Drain, and Allyson Baumann. Larry's fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren will miss their "Poppy" immensely. He is also survived by his sisters, Mary Bodenshine and Joanne (Terry) Oncay; his brother, David (Pat) Drain; his sisters-in-law, Nancy and Judy Drain, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

At Larry's request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. A star will be named in his honor. Memorial contributions as an expression of sympathy can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Smile Train.

Final care for Larry has been entrusted to Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Tribute Wall

MK

“ *Missing you immensely on this first Father's day without you. 💔 Thankful for all the years we shared and all of the life lessons you taught. Love you always! 🥺* ”



Michelle Kritz - June 19 at 08:28 PM

ED

“ *Remembering you today, this Father's Day, and every day for being a loving husband and fantastic father to our four children. We all miss you and love you.* ”

Eleanor Drain - June 19 at 12:46 PM

ED

“ *Today is a day for special memories. It is our 59th Wedding Anniversary. Right now, I am flooded with so many happy thoughts of our years together and I am thinking of the words to "our song" recorded and made popular by the "Duprees" during the summer of 1962 when we first met.* ”

"See the pyramids along the Nile, watch the sunrise on a tropic isle - just remember darling, all the while, - You Belong to Me"

Well, we did see the pyramids along the Nile during our trip to Egypt just a few years ago.

And, we watched the sunrise in Jamaica on our 25th Anniversary.

So, needless to say, I believe every day, "You Belong to Me".

Always and Forever, EI

Eleanor Drain - March 23 at 11:21 AM

ED

“ Larry,

*I'm thinking of the special things that made me love you so - your winning smile,
your thoughtful way, the tenderness you showed.*

I'm thinking how you made my world and everything seem fine.

I'm thinking no one ever had a more loving Valentine.

Happy Valentine's Day with All My Love Always,

EI

Eleanor Drain - February 12 at 11:19 AM



“ I remember your Dad from when he played softball with my Dad down 69th street
and of course from our years going to school together. He was a great guy and
always had me laughing, very funny man! My sincere condolences, Choo Hughes

Choo Hughes - January 30 at 11:27 AM

BS

“ 7 files added to the album Larry Drain



Bob Snyder - January 27 at 02:39 PM

BS

“ We have known Larry for over 60 years and always enjoyed his cheerful greetings, jokes and friendly ways, especially His smile no matter what the occasion.

He always kept us laughing!

Larry will be dearly missed by all of us as a good friend, a great brother-in-law, uncle, and Husband to our sister Eleanor.

God bless and R.I.P.

Joan, Bob, Bob Jr & Ken



Bob Snyder - January 27 at 02:08 PM

AD

“ Larry was a good friend to Mom and Daddy and so helpful in their later years. They both enjoyed the evenings on the porch and other gettogethers in the neighborhood. Eleanor, Doug and I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband.



Ann Dinkel - January 27 at 12:23 PM

ED

Thank you both so much for your kind words and memories of many neighborhood "meetings" on the Nitroy porch. So great to have the support of good friends.

Eleanor Drain - January 28 at 11:12 AM

TI

“ There's not a Drain family memory I have that you are not a part of Poppy, but my favorite ones are when you made me a pool in the bed of your truck, skiing, dancing in the foyer making mommomm crazy, playing with the speed of the records making our own chipmunk songs, you zipping my wedding dress the day it arrived, and my most favorite was "singing in the rain" with our umbrellas. You make "what a wonderful world" a reality just by being in it and sharing your love, happiness and laughter. I ♡ u!

Tiffany - January 26 at 06:00 PM

ED

“ *I love you Larry Drain. Always and Forever.*

Eleanor Drain - January 26 at 09:16 AM

UK

“ *Larry was always kidding or making people laugh even at funerals He would try to make everyone smile. Now He can go to Heaven and make God laugh*

R.I.P

UNCLE RAY & JUDY

Uncle Ray Kyle - January 21 at 09:42 PM

MK

Oh the laughs in heaven are just getting started! 😄

Michelle Kritz - January 27 at 10:40 PM

LL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Lisa Leeper - January 21 at 12:05 AM

LL

“ Uncle Larry, your passing has added to our already broken hearts💔. We have lost yet another family member too soon!! You fought the battle, ran this race of life!! And Won!!😇

Whether it was Family Picnics, camping, parties, or weddings, we could always count on you to make us laugh! I think out of the 7, you were the comedian! Although your brothers (and brother in laws) somehow added/ and egged you on too!!😄 You made our family FUN!! Thank you for so many fond memories!! You will be greatly missed!! To Love, and To Be Loved by soooo many is a Blessing!! You have truly Blessed this large family of ours!! May you have reunited with soo many of our family members that have gone before us!! May you be joining them now at your own Family Picnic!! Say Hello to my Dad and Kim too!!😄🙏
Love, your Niece Lisa, "Lee Lee" aka "Casper"



Lisa Leeper - January 20 at 11:58 PM

DM

“ Sending my condolences to the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm So sorry for your loss. Mr Drain was a great guy with the awesome smile. RIP Dawn McCarry from East Lansdowne

Dawn McCarry - January 20 at 04:48 PM

MO

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Drain family. As a friend of Larry I was lucky enough to spend alot of time with Mr Drain and the memories are flooding back He was a great guy .Always welcoming, Witty, funny and a great football coach. Mike O'Connor

mike oconnor - January 20 at 01:13 PM

LJ

Thanks for your kind words Mike . My dad always liked you and would often ask me , "how's "Odel " doing ?

Larry Drain Jr - January 20 at 09:22 PM

ED

So nice to hear from you and appreciate your kind words. Mr. Drain and I always liked you a lot and often did ask "How's Odel"? or as Larry's Aunt Joanne called you "OODLE".

Good memories!

Eleanor Drain - January 21 at 02:43 PM

PA

“*Mr. Drain, you were always a welcomed smile when I would come out to the waiting room to bring you and Eleanor to the treatment room. Our chats about life, travel, music, and politics will always remain with me. Thank you for allowing me to come alongside you and Eleanor in your battle. - Paul from Jefferson Infusion Center*

Paul - January 20 at 11:17 AM

ED

I was so touched by your comments for Larry. All of Jeff's team were exceptional, but your "specialness" went above and beyond. We both grew very fond of you and appreciate you accompanying us on his journey through this past year. Regards, Eleanor

Eleanor Drain - January 21 at 02:36 PM

RO

“*So many memories like family trips to Girl Scout Camp! Always were interested in my adventures like renting a place for summer in Wildwood, going to New York to audition for Family Feud (Good Answer!) to our most recent and amazing trip to the Holy Land. You made our family a tribe! Love and miss you! (Pics are from Nile cruise and renewing your vows in Cana and of course your funny ways) 💕
Your niece, Rosebud ErrrGo*



RoseAnn - January 20 at 08:32 AM

NS

“ You will be missed Uncle Larry. Always the one to bring laughs and smiles to me..Rest in Peace.
Love, Nadine



Nadine Shavack - January 19 at 11:09 PM

MK

“ To my Dad, the man who "brought me into the world, and could just as easily take me out". The man who taught me that "life is not fair" but "life is good"! The man who taught me the value of a dollar and the power of a smile. The man who taught me to never give up and never give in. On this roller coaster called life, thank you for letting me ride in your car. I will love you forever and I will miss you every day! 💕



Michelle Kritz - January 19 at 08:53 PM

RO

LOVE LOVE LOVE this pic!

RoseAnn - January 20 at 08:34 AM

KB

Our condolences to the Drain family. Larry (Poppy) will always be remembered as the extra neighbor's dad who always made us smile. May he rest easy in heaven and live on forever in your memories.
Love Kathy and Bob Black

Kathy Black - January 22 at 09:01 PM

RW

I love this picture too!!! This is so the man! My condolences to the family. Mr. Drain always made me feel welcome, especially in tribal matters and events. He knew the elders of my family and always had a hand for friendship and a positive outlook. He was special and thus will never be forgotten. God bless!

Randy Hall, Gentle Grey Wolf - January 26 at 08:31 AM

MM

Farewell my cherished friend. You always, always made me laugh. But most of all I will remember your kindness and smile. Heaven is in for a treat.....Eleanor, my deepest condolences. Larry is only half gone, his other half is you. Love, Mimi

Mimi McHugh - January 29 at 03:47 PM