



Larry Allen Weber

November 18, 1941 - December 10, 2020

Most people will probably remember him as Coach Weber, a loving husband, father and grandparent, or an excellent athletic administrator. To those who knew him well he was so much more.

Born in Kane, Pennsylvania and raised in South Beloit, Illinois, Larry was the son of Millard Fillmore Weber and Josephine (Cussins) Weber. He attended Western Illinois University where he earned a teaching degree and met the love of his life and soulmate, Antoinette Cook. They landed in Rockton, Illinois where he took a teaching job at Hononegah High School and together they set out to help make the quaint town of Rockton a wonderful place to live. "Always deliver more than you promise," he'd always say. When you wanted something done right and with a smile, you called Larry. He ran the Recreation Department in Rockton; managing the pool, organizing baseball/softball, starting the Hut Day Camp program for kids who needed free, safe, fun, activities during summer vacation, and grounds keeping. Christmas time was always done up right in the park, and hearing everyone shout, "Larry! light the lights!" was a big event as he plugged in the giant town Christmas tree.

"I've never had to work a day in my life. I've done what I loved and it hasn't seemed like work to me!" was what he had to say about his tenure teaching industrial arts, coaching Hononegah football, basketball, track, and founding a regionally recognized baseball program, earning him a place in the Illinois Coaches Hall of Fame. Weber Field (The Web) will forever stand as his legacy.

He moved up to Athletic Administrator and Assistant Principal at HCHS before his wife and himself retired together in 2003. Larry was an avid sports fan. He played softball for the Razor's Edge, and founded the locally undefeated Weber's Commandos with his son Eric. He would often be found on the basketball court at Hononegah in the mornings, and played on a competitive team in Beloit.

He spent his time in retirement traveling the world with his wife and going to sporting events; especially at Hononegah and Miller Park. He was a die hard Brewer and Packer

fan, and he loved imparting wisdom to his children and grandchildren about sports, teaching and life.

To many Hononegah students he was the one person who believed in you, even when you'd proven that you didn't deserve it. He'd pull you up short, make you laugh, and show you there was more to life than whatever it was you were going through at the time that seemed insurmountable. He cast vision out like baseballs, making tough life goals seem not only attainable, but even fun to work hard towards.

He cherished his children Lisa Marie (Larry) Jacob of Naperville, Illinois, and David "Eric" (Karli) Weber of Rockton, Illinois. He never missed a game or dance performance of his children and did not miss an opportunity to let them know how proud he was of them. He is also survived by 5 grandchildren. Zachary (Katherine) Jacob, Kelsey Jacob (fiancé Tyler Walker), Kyle David Weber, Annika Victoria Weber, and Easton Johnson Weber and his sister, Diane (Tony) Cornellier. Larry is preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife Toni, who he has now joined in Paradise.

Funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, December 14, 2020 in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, with Fr. David Beauvias officiating. Burial will be in Rockton Cemetery. Visitation of remembrance will be from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service Monday in the funeral home. Social distancing and face mask are required.

In lieu of flowers, donations towards the Weber Baseball Scholarship Fund founded after his retirement are much appreciated. He stated, "It isn't always the player with the most talent that makes it in life, it is the kid with the most heart." Those are the recipients to whom he awarded his non-merit based scholarship. Larry believed that with a zest for life, discipline, and character, everyone could achieve greatness, and we would like to carry on that tradition in his honor.

Cemetery Events

**Rockton
Cemetery**
600 West Street
Rockton, IL,

DEC Visitation 12:30PM - 02:30PM

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Daley Murphy Wisch and Associates Funeral Home and
Crematorium
2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, US

DEC Service 02:30PM

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2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI, US, 53511

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium - December 14, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ I was a senior on the 1986 baseball team at Hononegah. It was by far the best and most fun team I ever played on. And there was no better leader than Coach Weber. He was a great man and a great coach. RIP Coach. You will be missed by many.

Mike Wood - December 15, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium - December 14, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ Sorry for your loss, Lisa, Erik and families. Having worked for many years with your dad at Hono, I have such good memories of him at athletic events and social gatherings. He was always very organized and prepared. I know you have empty places at the table this year but full hearts with all of the good memories of your mom and dad.

Paul and I are thinking of you.

Donna Chambers - December 14, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ Working on Masters in Ed in late 90s, I was fortunate to meet Larry and work with him and Sherry Dimond from HHS. Lots of work with lots of laughs. Great guy I know will be missed by many.

Kristine Schach - December 14, 2020 at 12:27 PM



“ I love reading all the wonderful things people say about Larry. I only knew him as my brother in law, he was such a good dad and husband, his dear Toni was his whole life. I know they are skipping along together in Heaven. Love you Larry and Toni!
Bev

Beverly Cook - December 13, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ Lisa and Eric,
I am very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. His work for the Village of Rockton helped make the parks of the community what they are today. The annual tree lighting with "Larry Light the Lights" will be just one of the many great memories I will have of your dad. Thank you for sharing him with the community.
Bill Vedra

Bill Vedra - December 12, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ We will miss your always positive attitude that both you and Toni had. We are so sorry for your family's loss, but have some comfort knowing that you are again together.

Eldon and Carol Hamilton

Eldon Hamilton - December 12, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ Lisa,
We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. We send our sincere condolences and prayers.
Linda & Danny Yates

Linda S Yates - December 12, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ The Hononegah community truly lost a great teacher, coach, and community leader. From my grade school days swimming at the Rockton Pool which he managed in the summer, to attending Hononegah and playing for Larry and Bud Hoey on the freshmen football team, and then to have the opportunity to coach football with Larry, each of these experiences have given me some great memories. As athletic director he was always fair and understanding in dealing with issues that needed his assistance. He knew how to develop winning athletic programs through the teaching of fundamentals and skill development - something I certainly tried to emulate during my coaching career. Lisa and Eric, your parents were special people (who also threw great parties after football games!). I will always cherish the times I socialized with them.

Tom Polaski

Tom Polaski - December 12, 2020 at 03:33 PM



“ Larry was always a great family man and friend to all in the community. He is an inspiration to many, who will truly be missed.

Dave Fenton - December 12, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Great man. Great coach.

Kevin Wood - December 12, 2020 at 12:19 PM



“ My soph. year of high school I was uncertain I would continue playing football. Larry and Steve Stromquist pulled me aside, gave me some inspiration and opportunity. They set me on a path that I will forever be grateful for. A part of Larry and Steve will always be embedded in me and remind me how a couple of words and actions can affect the lives of the students and players I have the privilege to teach and coach. Larry and Toni were both exceptional examples of caring, loving people that positively influenced others. My wife and I always appreciated this time of year when we received a Christmas card from them. Thank you, Lisa and Eric, for sharing such special people. Their spirit and memory lives on in all of us that they influenced.
Brian Zimmerman

Brian Zimmerman - December 12, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ I graduated from Hononegah in 1986. I was involved in basketball and football, and coach Weber was my sophomore football coach. I went on to play football for a very short spell at Western Illinois University and had the privilege of playing alongside three players who went on to make big names for themselves in the NFL. That was a great experience that almost compares to the greatest halftime pep talk I ever experienced in all of my years of being an athlete at any level. It was 1984, a home football game, we were getting beat up against West High School, and went out the 2nd half and took care of business and won the game. Larry has always been in my heart because of that experience and always will be. RIP Coach Weber.

Tim White - December 11, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Larry always had a smile to share with everyone. He will indeed be missed by all of us.
Tom Lynde

Tom Lynde - December 11, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Was a really good basketball coach who pushed us when needed. Always looked forward to seeing him when returning to school for re-union. We could kid each other in a fun way. Mr. Weber was a cool guy to me and others. Condolences to the family!

Ralph Barnhart - December 11, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ Mr. Weber was a great man. Growing up most kids schedule involved the Hut til noon and then the Pool at one. I'd give anything to send my little ones to a place like the Hut. Thank you, Mr. Weber, for giving us the opportunity to have all of those memories. Prayers to you and your family.

Brian Hanson - December 11, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Larry. I have many memories of him coaching our 8-1 sophomore football team, the baseball team I was a manager on one year, shop class and him running around in his light blue Chevy Luv truck while running the Rockton Pool. My prayers are with your family.

Norm Bittner - December 11, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Mr. Weber was one of the true greats to have roamed the halls of Hononegah High School. I never had him for class but was fortunate enough to have been “allowed” to be the only student to be able to play basketball on Tuesday and Thursday mornings with other faculty and staff. He had a great mid range jumper and was a fierce competitor. The Hut was a place I spent many mornings as a kid playing four square, capture the flag, board games and learning how to be “street tough” when the older kids showed up. I was reprimanded a few too many times by Mr. Weber at the Rockton Pool for bad behavior when the lifeguards had had enough of my shenanigans. Thank you for being a pillar of the community for so many years Mr. Weber. You will be missed. My condolences to Lisa, Eric and the entire Weber family.

Matt Weldon Class of 1991

matt weldon - December 11, 2020 at 12:39 PM



“ Many fond memories of Larry but when I was in school he was Mr. Weber or Coach Weber. I grew up watching my dad and Larry playing softball. Then going to Sam's Pizza after the games on Friday nights eating pizza with my brother, Joe and Eric while Larry and the rest of the team were at the adult table. As I got older, he was my football and baseball coach. I always loved his creative team photos for baseball. My condolences to the Weber family. Rest In Peace Coach.

Mike Grossen - December 11, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ HHS class of '78

We were honored to have Larry “Coach Weber” as our class Advisor for four years. We quickly developed a friendship with Coach Weber and he literally “knocked it out of the park” being our advisor. He demonstrated such a good work ethic and taught all of us how to work together and have fun doing it. Most memorable was homecoming and building the awesome floats for the parade. He was instrumental in helping our ideas come to life. My deepest sympathies to his entire family and may he Rest In Peace.

Sue (Stone) DuPont

Sue DuPont - December 11, 2020 at 10:51 AM



“ Larry had a positive impact on my three children; Jamie, Jeff, and Joanne Thake. I'm so grateful that he walked through our lives. Respectfully, Donna Thake

Donna Thake - December 11, 2020 at 10:14 AM



“ Larry was a wonderful colleague to work with. Always a smile on his face. I know he loved every one of his days at Hononegah and it was a joy and privilege to teach alongside him. God bless his family as he now joins his beautiful wife in heaven. Thank you for such lovely memories Larry



Amy Jensen - December 11, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ Mr. Weber was my shop teacher and football in the mid 70s. Every student was important to him, I'm sure the community will miss him greatly.

Ed Brown - December 11, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ Larry was a great man. He was a great teacher, coach and boss. I have fond memories of him coaching with my father. He hired me as a lifeguard and then didn't fire me when I left the fill valve on all night and drained the Village's water tower. Lisa and Eric my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Both your parents made a significant impact on my upbringing.

Pat Hoey - December 11, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ Sorry for your Loss. He will truly be missed. Bob Young and Family

Bob Young - December 10, 2020 at 10:50 PM



“ I don't know if I have ever read a more appropriate obituary. Larry Weber was everything that was stated about him. I met Larry when I was a young coach taking over the Turner baseball program. I called Larry, introduced myself and explained my new challenge. I told Larry that there is a reason why programs are successful and I admired his. He invited me over to the Hononegah gym and we sat and talked baseball for several hours. He brought me his last 2 years of practice plans, explained his philosophy, showed me all his drills, and how he dealt with the many personalities that you encounter coaching high school ball players. He was absolutely wonderful to me, and you knew he genuinely cared. Over the years we became very good friends, our ball teams competed against each other, we played against each other on Friday night softball, and had fun on the golf course. He was always there for everybody. I consider Larry my mentor, and credit him with much of my success on the ball field. I will miss you good friend.
Rick Hofeditz - Turner Baseball

Rick Hofeditz - December 10, 2020 at 10:44 PM



“ Our family will always cherish the memories of this dear man. He was a big influence on our boys Kenneth and Jeffery . Larry was a big part of there high school years. Gary and myself thought very highly of him. He is a true legend My prayers to his whole family Emily Bonnell

Emily Bonnell - December 10, 2020 at 10:21 PM



“ I didn't personally know your Dad but his love for Toni was so beautiful. When she would substitute teach at St. Peter's in South Beloit, he would bring her lunch. The love they had was so very beautiful and uplifting. Such a great couple. I'm glad they are together again!

Jean Voss - December 10, 2020 at 05:47 PM



“ Larry was my brother in law, married to my sister, Toni. These two people had a love, not just for each other and their family,... but for everyone they knew and met! They each saw the very BEST in EVERYONE like no one I know. God made them SO SPECIAL, and used them richly in many people's lives giving them a legacy in each of their children that continues on, blessing others. Lives that were well lived and and meaningful forever!

Vicki Ingersoll - December 12, 2020 at 08:12 PM