



## Lawrence "Larry" J. McDowell

September 5, 1925 - April 3, 2020

Lawrence "Larry" J. McDowell, 94, of Beloit, WI, died on Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Suites at Beloit.

He was born on September 5, 1925 in Duluth, MN, the son of Cyril and Ferne (Murphy) McDowell. Larry was a veteran serving with the U.S. Air Force from 1943 until 1946. He was a 1950 graduate of the University of Minnesota. He married Lenora Jiannacopoulos on May 2, 1970 in St. Thomas Catholic Church, Beloit, WI. She predeceased him on May 24, 2012.

Larry was employed by the Beloit Corporation as an Engineer for 36 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Larry was also a member of the Beloit Corporation Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include his sister, Colleen Lilly of Minneapolis, MN; brother-in-law, James (Janet) Jiannacopoulos of Beloit, WI; nieces, Kerri (Tom) Sweeney of Rockton, IL, Krista (Jim Martin) Jiannacopoulos of Burbank, CA, Julia Jiannacopoulos of Portage, WI and Whitney (Bill) Lentine of Beloit, WI; nephews, Karl (Mary) Jiannacopoulos of Sun Prairie, WI, Kraig Jiannacopoulos of Beloit, WI, Pat (Renee) Lilly of Maple Grove, MN and Aaron (Shelly) Zimmerman of Brodhead, WI; great nieces, Katlyn Jiannacopoulos and Nina Jiannacopoulos; great nephews, Nathan (Angey) Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney, Chris Jiannacopoulos, Adam Jiannacopoulos, Zachery and Tyler Lentine, Brendan and Brady Zimmerman; great-great nieces, Ellie Sweeney, Stella and Nora Rose Jiannacopoulos; great-great nephews, Parker Sweeney, Christopher and Ryan Jiannacopoulos; and good friends, Bill and Linda Howard, Dan and Kathy Schmidt.

The family would like to thank the Suites at Beloit and Beloit Regional Hospice for the care that was given to Larry.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother, Frederick McDowell; sister, Joanne Signorelli; nephew, Kirk Jiannacopoulos; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy (Lawrence)

Roberts.

Private family services will be held for Larry. Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Rd., Beloit, WI, assisted the family with arrangements.

# Comments

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Daley Murphy Wisch Funeral Home - April 08 at 12:56 PM

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“ Larry was such a kind neighbor. I remember going to their house when we were little and having treats and singing the Good Ship Lollipop song. I remember when I moved to Minnesota my Mom would bring back Chicken Wild Rice soup back from one of our local stores because Larry always liked that being from Minnesota. We will miss you but happy you are with Jan now.

Tracy Hillstrom - April 05 at 11:44 AM

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“ We first knew our sweet neighbor when we moved across the street in August 2012. We became friends and loved always seeing him in his chair outside watching the neighborhood. A few great memories I would like to share. He loved my red Chevrolet Impala and told me that was the best car he ever saw driving by on our street. I gave him a ride home from our block party one time! Being directly across the street, he enjoyed my flowers and told me that "yellow flowers are the best to plant, they show up so well", so I always had a few artificial daffodils and tulips, bright yellow just for him! Also he told me that our big, old Oak tree in our front yard is the only tree on our block that was planted in the correct place! And he also allowed my nurse granddaughter inspect his home for safety for a requirement in her training! He passed with flying colors! We loved our friend and miss him so much! God bless his family and may he rest in peace now.

Art and Marilyn Jero - April 05 at 11:09 AM

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“ I have such wonderful memories of my childhood growing up next to Jan and Larry on Bootmaker Dr. Sledding down their little hill between our yards. They both were such loving,wonderful neighbors. RIP Larry, glad you and Jan and finally reunited!!

Tammy Gilmartin - April 04 at 03:19 PM

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“ Larry and his wife Jan were our next door neighbors since1972. They watched our girls Tracy and Tammy grow up. They were wonderful neighbors, loving friends and Larry will be missed. Say hi to Jan when you get to heaven. Linda and Bill

Linda Howard - April 04 at 01:24 PM



“ I first had the opportunity to meet Larry when Jan and he would always sit in the back at church, and I would pass by them. Eventually, I struck up a conversation with the two of them. They were both the dearest and kindest couple. I so enjoyed spending time with Larry these past years, always making sure I brought him some kind of chocolate treat. I will miss our visits. My deepest sympathy and hugs to all of you, Kathy

Kathy Schmidt - April 07 at 03:43 PM