



David Larson

June 27, 1941 - June 14, 2012

Dr. David Lynn Larson, age 70, of Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin, died on Wednesday, June 14, at Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wisconsin. He passed away from spinal cord injuries caused by a tragic fall. David was born on June 27, 1941, and grew up in Buffalo, New York, with his parents Harold and Edna Larson, and his brother Elliott.

David graduated with a B.S. from Wheaton College and earned an M.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo in psychiatry. He completed his medical internship at the University of North Carolina's Memorial Hospital and his residency at Yale University Hospital. His career took him to Oklahoma, Vermont, Texas, and finally Wisconsin. For many years, he served as the clinical director at the Marathon County Healthcare Center in Wausau, Wisconsin.

David, fondly known as "Paca" or "Pooka" by his grandchildren, was a man of many interests and passions, including cooking, boating, fishing, playing the piano, gardening, and playing with his nine grandchildren. He and his wife, Karen, were famous for their gourmet meals and entertaining flair, which drew many to their lake house "El Reno" in the Northwoods. David was also a lifelong singer, who performed in the Wheaton College Glee Club and many church choirs. He had a keen intellect and could always be counted on for witty repartee and an incisive analysis of current political and religious issues. His sly jokes and silly songs delighted his grandchildren.

David is survived by his wife, Karen; his brother Elliott (Marty) Larson; and his

six children: Kimberly (Ed) O'Connor of Sun Prairie; Kenton Bradshaw of Rhinelander; Holly (Jeff) Eversoll of Stoughton; Holly Larson of Durham, North Carolina; Kristen (Greg) Larson Blair of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; and Joshua (Kim) Larson of Mill Valley, California. David is also survived by nine grandchildren: Reilly, Kieran, and Aidan O'Connor; Jackson and Parker Eversoll; Austin and Katie Blair; and Izzy and Reese Larson.

Services are being held Tuesday, June 19, at St. Matthias Episcopal Church in Minocqua at 11:30 AM. A viewing will precede the service at 10 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Dr. Larson's memory to Rhinelander Food Pantry or St. Francis Outreach at St. Matthias. Please mail your contributions to St. Matthias Episcopal Church at PO Box 936, Minocqua, WI 54548.

Tribute Wall

KT

“ I have many fond childhood memories of David and his brother Elliott, who were the "fun relatives" when we would all get together. I last saw him 3 years ago after my own father's passing, and his presence was a genuine comfort to all of us.

I know he is enjoying his reunion with Harold and Edna, Herbert & Hulda, Mem, Ellen, and my dad, Herb.

Our prayers are with you all.

Karen (Carlson) Tharp - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

PW

“ As my cousin, Karen Carlson Tharp has already written, David and Elliott Larson were our "fun cousins" whom we always looked forward to seeing when they came to visit their Aunt and Uncle (our Grandma and Grandpa Carlson) in Elyria, Ohio. We treasured the times they took Karen, her brother Gary, my brother John and myself bowling or sledding. The idea that they would "hang out" with us kids was pretty impressive to say the least!

Please know that your entire family is in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. I have appreciated how David and Karen, Elliott and Marty have maintained contact with my Dad, Gordon, their cousin, over many years.

With love, Patty and her Dad, Gordon

Patty Wilson - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

WJ

“ Aaron and I are thinking about you and your family during this difficult time. Having lost my father one year ago, it still seems like it just happened and I continue to think about him every day. Share lots of stories with one another. He will always be a part of you.

Wendy Johnson - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

EO

“ David was one of the finest men I have ever or will ever meet. He was a man who could have walked with Kings yet he chose to commit his professional life to serving the poor and mentally ill. He was a deeply spiritual man who did not foist his religious beliefs upon others, but rather he lived his life in a way that he shared Christ with every life he touched. David treasured family above all else and gave his time and talents to his family freely and without expectation. To me he was my father-in-law, my friend and my teacher. He taught me and helped me to be a husband and a father. For my children he was their "Paca". He shared his love with them and developed deeply personal and individual relationships with each one. Though they didn't live nearby, David and Karen made multiple trips to Madison to be at school events, sporting events, dance recitals and sometimes just to help. For my wife, he was her step-father who raised her, nurtured her and supported her and had such a deep love for her, that there was no doubt he was her Dad.

I am a better person for having known him, my children are stronger of spirit and able to more deeply love because he showed them how. David touched many in his life and each is better for having known him. The world is better because David lived, and his death is a terrible and tragic loss for us all.

Ed O'Connor - March 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM

KW

“ *I had the privilege to work briefly with Dr. Larson at The Human Service Center in Rhinelander. He was a kind, compassionate and caring man. He spoke often about his family, especially his grandchildren. He will surely be missed.*

KATHLEEN WOLLER - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM