



Larry Otto Lenz

February 13, 1945 - July 17, 2017

Larry Lenz, 72, of Charlotte passed away on July 17, 2017. He was born February 13, 1945 to Otto and Darlene (Connor) Lenz. Larry graduated from Sexton High School in 1963 and from Central Michigan University in 1967. Larry went on to obtain his Masters and Specialist Degrees from Michigan State University. Larry was the Varsity baseball coach, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director and Junior/Senior High School Principal at Maple Valley Schools retiring in 1997 after 30 years. Over many of those years Larry played on numerous adult baseball leagues in Lansing and Battle Creek. He enjoyed coaching his sons and watching his grandchildren compete in sporting events as well. Larry married Norian Johnson on July 14, 1990 and together they spent 27 wonderful years together.

Larry's love for golf brought him to Duck Lake Country Club where playing a round with his family and close friends made for a good day. Winters spent in Orange Beach, Alabama brought him more golf, warm weather, a cluster of great friends and many happy memories. Wherever Larry went he carried with him a twinkle in his blue eyes and an unforgettable chuckle. Simply put, Larry was one of the good guys.

Larry will be remembered for being a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend. He is survived by his wife, Nori; sons, Gregory (Heidi) and Scot (Kelly) Lenz; stepson, Michael Johnson; 11 grandchildren, and former wife,

Patricia Lenz. Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

A Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, MI. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Larry on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Larry Otto Lenz*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 19, 2017 at 05:00 PM

ZE

“ *My condolences to Larry's family. Larry was a great baseball player, and i enjoyed competing against him in high school and the Lansing City league.*

Zana Easton - July 21, 2017 at 08:34 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Deer Run photo*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 20, 2017 at 03:38 PM

KF

“ Ken Farley lit a candle in memory of Larry Otto Lenz



Ken Farley - July 20, 2017 at 02:00 PM

KF

Nori and family, Just saw that Larry passed, our condolences to you and your family from all of us up here in Ishpeming (Wawonowin Country Club) Many fun times at the Three Man!!!

Ken Farley - July 20, 2017 at 02:02 PM

TB

“ Tracy Beachnau lit a candle in memory of Larry Otto Lenz



Tracy Beachnau - July 19, 2017 at 09:47 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Larry Otto Lenz .



July 19, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - July 19, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ I have lots of great memories from the times I played golf with Larry, Rex and Bob. I wish I had known this great guy longer. Nori and family we are so sorry for your loss but trust you have great times with Larry to look back on.
Our sincerest condolences.
Stew and Linda McDonald

Stew McDonald - July 19, 2017 at 06:53 AM



“ A bright light has gone out and we will miss him. Teaching with Larry in the "early days" and then having him as principal made my Maple Valley teaching years one of the highlights of my career. What fun we had while we enjoyed educating, learning, playing and participating in what I call "The Golden Age of teaching". Sympathy and hugs to Norie, Scot, and Greg and all of the family left behind. May the memories sustain you as you continue life without him.

Lucy and Dick Martin

Lucinda Martin - July 18, 2017 at 09:57 PM

Mary
Rugg-
Sivyer

“ *My heart and prayers for the family and friends. Mr Lenz was a wonderful person. I'm so thankful for the time I was able to have with him. Mary Rugg Sivyer class of 87*

Mary Rugg-Sivyer - July 18, 2017 at 09:27 PM

HK

“ *Greg & Scot-*

So sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. Among all of his duties as principal, AD and coach, let's not forget how many MV students he instructed behind the wheel in drivers training (myself included). Thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

*Heather (Christie) Kennedy
MVHS class of 1986*

Heather Kennedy - July 18, 2017 at 03:47 PM

JG

“ *To the Lenz family, I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Lenz was one of the constants in my high school life, he was our principal, our baseball coach, our mentor and friend. It was a pleasure to know him. Jeff Garber*

Jeff Garber - July 18, 2017 at 01:47 PM

JO

“ *What a bummer dear. Sure going to miss that great guy. Just a fun person to be around.
Sad John*

John - July 18, 2017 at 12:24 PM

SF

“ So sorry to hear about Larry. I have known Larry for many many years. He lived across the corner on Glenrose from my grandparents. I also graduated with him at Sexton class of "63". Larry was a very sweet and kind person and will be missed. Prayers to his family. Sharon Garfield Fisher.

Sharon Garfield Fisher - July 18, 2017 at 11:35 AM

JR

“ I have fond memories of my 3 year roommate at Central Michigan. Living off campus, lots of Motown music, Larry playing baseball, lots of cards, and long hours studying. Larry started and completed his career with 30 loyal years in education at Maple Valley. While there, Larry displayed his organizational skills in the classroom, administrative levels, and competitive environments. Larry was fair, firm and showed concern for others. Some might say he ran a tight ship, short fuse you say, no doubt who was at the helm. Friend, roommate, teammate and fellow worker you made it fun. Thanks for all the productive and good times. He gave it all in trying to do his best. Job well done, my friend!
Jerry Reese

Jerry Reese - July 18, 2017 at 07:43 AM

RT

I am very fortunate to have known a very great man. a mentor and I loved playing for him as a baseball player at Maple Valley High School. he taught me an awful lot about being strong and confidence in myself. thank you for allowing me to be all that I am and best wishes to the kids. Scott and Greg let his name live forever.

Rod Trowbridge - July 18, 2017 at 08:29 PM

DS

“ *Mr. Lenz was one of my all time favorite teachers. My deepest condolences to his family.*
Debbie (Hawkins) Stahl
MVHS Class of 1976

Debbie (Hawkins) Stahl - July 18, 2017 at 07:00 AM

BC

“ *Ann and I were very sad to learn of Larry's passing, We will always remember the good times we had with Nori and Larry in Orange Beach. Rest in peace Larry.*

Ann and Bob Cooper

Bob Cooper - July 18, 2017 at 06:38 AM

RB

“ *My thoughts go out to the family. He was a great baseball coach.*
RIP Larry

Randy Betts - July 18, 2017 at 06:13 AM