



Laurie Francis Tulk

October 5, 1928 - August 29, 2024

Laurie Francis Tulk of Commerce Township, Michigan passed away on August 29, 2024 at the age of 95 years old. He was born October 5, 1928 in St. George's, Newfoundland to the late Ralph and Winifred (Vincent) Tulk.

Laurie graduated from Corner Brook Public School in 1945 and he remained in Corner Brook until 1947, working as a radio announcer for VOWN (Voice of Western Newfoundland). He then moved to Detroit, Michigan to pursue a bachelor's degree in civil engineering at Wayne State University. Two years later, Laurie met the love of his life, Isabelle Gillies, and they were married on September 15, 1950.

Upon graduating from WSU in 1954, Laurie's career as a civil engineer began in Detroit with O. W. Burke Co. followed by Palmer-Smith Co. Laurie then became a part owner and general contractor with Freeman-Darling Construction Co. in the late 1960's. As a result of their dedication and strong work ethic, Laurie and his partners developed Freeman-Darling into a highly respected and well-known contracting company throughout Michigan. Laurie was a leader in his industry, serving on several committees and as president for the Association of General Contractors in America (AGC).

Laurie and Isabelle moved to Southfield to raise their young family in 1961. With the help of family and many friends, they built their dream home on Lake

Sherwood in 1973 where they lived for 50 years. Laurie was an avid golfer, enjoyed scratch-off lottery tickets, cribbage, crossword puzzles and long boat rides. He was a loyal fan of the Detroit Tigers, Lions and MSU football teams, even though he rooted for that "other" team occasionally. Laurie and Isabelle attended Detroit Symphony concerts for several years and shared a passion for travel as well. Although they appreciated learning about other cultures around the world first-hand, Laurie and Isabelle always enjoyed going to Newfoundland to visit their family the most. Laurie's greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially teaching his grandchildren how to fish and use his lapidary equipment to cut and polish rocks.

Helping other people was extremely important to Laurie and he gave unselfishly of his time and resources. He was a faithful volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Milford United Methodist Church, and the Lake Sherwood HOA board. Laurie will be remembered by those who loved him for his kind, humble spirit, joyful sense of humor, unbounding energy, big bear hugs and the sound of his beautiful whistle.

Laurie is survived by his wife; Isabelle; three children, four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many extended family members. A memorial service will take place Saturday, October 12th at South Church, 5250 Cornerstone Dr, Lansing, MI. The service will begin at 1:00 PM with visitation and desserts immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Laurie's honor to the Ralph and Winifred Tulk Scholarship Fund at Corner Brook Regional High School, a scholarship Laurie began in honor of his parents (see instructions in the tribute section), Milford United Methodist Church <<http://milfordumc.net/give>> or the Alzheimer's Association <<https://act.alz.org/site/donation>>.

Previous Events

Memorial

OCT **12**. 1:00 PM (ET)

South Church
5250 Cornerstone Dr
Lansing, MI 48917

Tribute Wall



“ *Condolences to his family*



Carson Loveless - October 18, 2025 at 01:19 PM

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“ *RIP dearest Mr. Tulk. You were always there for us children with your love and kindness, and your steadfast encouragement of your beautiful and precious wife Mrs. Tulk's fabulous music lessons, as we created beautiful music, memorable hours, and the best times of our lives. Always in our hearts . . .*

Candy Peak Ross - September 18, 2024 at 06:31 AM

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Laurie was always so sweet he would go for walks and always said hi and carried on a nice conversation about golf things that were happening in the neighborhood. Isabel was also so sweet I think everyone in the neighborhood took piano lessons from her. He will be missed. ❤️

Alice Klavanian - September 18, 2024 at 03:21 PM



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Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - September 17, 2024 at 10:19 AM

