



Lawrence Lee Treadwell

August 29, 1941 - January 6, 2013

Lawrence Lee Treadwell, 71, of East Lansing, MI formerly of Charlotte, died Sunday, January 6th following a brief illness. Larry was born August 29, 1941 in Charlotte to his parents Sterling and Arlouene (Furu) Treadwell. Larry grew up on the family farm in Olivet in a three-generation household with his parents and grandparents Leo and Bertha Treadwell. Farming never left his blood as he owned a small pig farm in Charlotte where, until recently, he maintained a large garden. Larry graduated from Olivet High School in 1959 and was President of the FAA. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1965. During his time at MSU he developed many long lasting friendships including his fraternity brothers in Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. Larry loved the outdoors. Some of his favorite times included fishing, either off a pier in Lake Michigan, or from a small boat on an inland lake, deer hunting on his family's farm, golfing, or snow skiing with the Jug and Mug club and other groups of friends. Larry had a generous spirit. His warm, approachable personality enabled him to reach out and mentor many people throughout his lifetime. Larry worked for Corporation and Securities within the State of Michigan retiring as an inspector for the Mobile Home division. Larry is survived by his two sons Larry (Teresa) Treadwell II of Charlotte, Chad (JoJo) Treadwell of Clairmont, CA; 6 grandchildren, Brandon, Abby, Larry III, Carson, Lance, Meagan; his fiancé Karen Strickland and her daughters, Jennifer (Bennett) Mallory and their children Jackson and Neva, and Jaimie Strickland; his father, Sterling Treadwell; his sister, Rosalie (Leonard) Eishen; and his

step children, Darin (Muriel) Janoschka, Shawn Janoschka, Steve Janoschka, and Michelle (Denver) Cook and 6 step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother, Arlouene Treadwell. Funeral services will be Saturday 10 AM at the University United Methodist Church in East Lansing, with interment in Lee Center Cemetery, Olivet. The family will receive visitors at the Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte Thursday from 7-9 pm and Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm Friday. Family and friends may leave their condolences and memories in Larry's Book of Memories at www.PrayFuneral.com <http://www.PrayFuneral.com>. If desired memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Hospice or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Lawrence Lee Treadwell*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *I miss Larry's great sense of humor and quick wit. He will always be remembered with love and fondness.*

Ron Jones - January 24, 2014 at 09:13 AM

AV

“ *Our sincere sympathy to all of Larry's family. We were neighbors and friends for many years in Charlotte. He was a kind and gentle soul with a warm and easy smile. I'm sure everyone who knew him has a funny story to tell. He was one of those unforgettable characters we all meet in life and never forget. Thanks for the memories Larry. Al & Mary Vercellino*

Alex Vercellino - January 14, 2013 at 01:07 PM

RJ

“ I worked with Larry at the Corporation & Securities Bureau for over 10 years. Larry was a great friend and always had a smile, good things to share and an infectious sense of humor. Larry made coming to work enjoyable and had an incredible number of hobbies and interests. I will have only wonderful memories of Larry. He was a great person and loved his family deeply.

Ron Jones - January 13, 2013 at 01:43 PM

MM

“ I was Larry's neighbor at Hagadorn Hills Condominium Association. Larry was a great neighbor and helped the association both while he was on the board of directors and later, after he moved, when he handled groundskeeping for us. Larry was also the real hero in narrowly avoiding a catastrophe at our complex. In 2001, a resident had a mental breakdown and tried to set fire to building four. Larry and I were chatting in the driveway when we noticed a fire burning on the woman's front porch. I ran inside to call the fire department and Larry, who had a garden rake, ran over and smothered the fire with the rake. It was only through his quick-thinking and action that the building was saved from serious damage or maybe even total destruction. Thank God for Larry!

mike maran - January 12, 2013 at 03:40 PM

BG

“ Larry you were a good friend of my mothers and you all had some great times working together and you were their at times when she needed some help. She is not able to attend but she is deeply saddened by your passing. She has always thought of you as a great friend. Our deepest sympathy from our family to your family you will be deeply missed. May you have a peaceful and safe passing forever in our thoughts.

Brian Burley son of marjorie Gough - January 12, 2013 at 12:44 AM

RM

“ So glad I had a chance to visit with Larry at our 50th Olivet Class Reunion. Such a great guy! I am sure Larry left his family many rich memories to be enjoyed forever.

Ruth Makin - January 11, 2013 at 02:20 PM

JD

“ I worked in Public Health, in the Mobile Home Program (MHP), for a number of years, and got to know Larry quite well, as our program interfaced with the MHP in Commerce Dept. I accompanied Larry on a number of joint inspections, during that time. He was a great person to work with, always had a smile, and was a pleasure to be around. My thoughts and prayers go out to Larry's family and friends.

Jerry Drake - January 11, 2013 at 11:27 AM

BT

“ I already miss you Grandpa Larry, I will always remember the good times that we had; like skiing. :) I love you very much and I am thankful for all the things you have done for me. Love Brandon.

Brandon Treadwell - January 10, 2013 at 08:27 PM

BR

“ Dear Karen and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Larry was such a special guy, good friend and genuine person. We will miss him more than words can say. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Brian and Linda Rysberg - January 10, 2013 at 07:47 PM

JM

“ I met Larry at the Michigan Energy Administration where we both worked, sometime after I came to the State in 1980. It was in the Spring the first time we went fishing, at a pier on Lake Michigan, the year and pier I don’t recall. Wind and cold prevailed, as it often did when we went fishing. I was new to pier fishing, Larry not, but I got a fish on, a steelhead or brown trout much larger than the stream trout I fished. As I fought the fish, Larry had a strike and took his rod to hook it; almost in that instant, I lost my fish. Larry did not and brought in a nice 5-7 pounder, the fish on my hook with his line attached, our lines apparently crossed and Larry was the winner. Later that day, I lost another fish and Larry at the same time lost one, my line was broken but when Larry pulled his in it my line and hook was attached, so he’d stolen another one. Larry laughed, that genuine laugh of simply enjoying the moment that many of you know, and said he might let me catch one the next time we fished. Larry always caught the most fish in our pier or beach fishing. I never did get him into my trout streams where I was sure I’d better him. I do not recall when, but Larry, Tom Heck, and I ventured to the Upper Peninsula to fish the mouth of the Two Hearted River in the Spring, for steelhead and coho, and once we caught our limit of whitefish on the Pier at Grand Marias. Later, a friend Tom Trent joined us in this venture. Tom Trent’s now has been gone for almost ten years. And now, Larry. In recent years I’ve not seen Larry as much. But, Larry when he walked through my door, or me through his, and time we spent together was always a good moment. He claimed no perfection, but he was endearing and gracious and charming. In my life, I’ve always considered myself lucky in knowing truly good and interesting people, and Larry stands in a group at the top of these. They say there is only one way into heaven, but I believe there are many roads to that way, and should I be lucky enough to find the way, I expect to find Larry on a pier or a beach there casting for trout with a long rod with his old Garcia Mitchell 300 reel attached, and I will gladly join him. Jack Mason Holt, Michigan

Jack Mason - January 09, 2013 at 08:49 PM

PR

“ *sweet cousin*

Pat and Ralph - January 09, 2013 at 06:19 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. Will be unable to travel over to the services, due to work obligations. Sending my sympathy and condolences to Larry, Rosalie, Uncle Sterling, and families. Barbara Wood (Nelson's youngest)*

Barbara Wood - January 09, 2013 at 04:47 PM

LH

“ *Karen, I am very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I hope the love of friends and family will help ease your loss.*

Leon Hank - January 09, 2013 at 02:08 PM

AB

“ *Leonard and Rosalie, So sorry to hear of Larry's passing.*

Alf W. Bakken - January 09, 2013 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ *Larry was a great friend and confidant. He helped many people! He will be missed.*

john berchtold - January 08, 2013 at 09:37 PM

BM

“ *Whenever I think of Larry, I automatically smile. His smile, gentle laugh, and the twinkle in his eyes brightened any gathering. I am richer for having known him. Rest in peace, Larry.*

Bonnie Mernitz - January 08, 2013 at 05:11 PM

ES

“ *Sorry for your loss. Thinking of all of you at this time.*

Eleanor and Peter Scibetta - January 08, 2013 at 12:10 PM

RB

“ *So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you.*

Rick Bushong - January 08, 2013 at 11:43 AM

RA

“ *Leonard and Rosalie, So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I remember him as a friend from Olivet High School. We had a lot of fun in F.F.A. Haven't seen him in a lot of years, but trust that he had a happy life. Just know that my wife Jackie and I are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Rev. David Ames - January 08, 2013 at 11:12 AM

BL

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the whole family right now. Karen, you are an amazing woman and I am praying for peace and strength for you. Special prayers to both Larry's , Sterling, and Chad also. Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 œ1 To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: 2 A time to be born, And a time to die; A time to plant, And a time to pluck what is planted; 3 A time to kill, And a time to heal; A time to break down, And a time to build up; 4 A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A time to mourn, And a time to dance; 5 A time to cast away stones, And a time to gather stones; A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing; 6 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A time to keep, And a time to throw away; 7 A time to tear, And a time to sew; A time to keep silence, And a time to speak; 8 A time to love, And a time to hate; A time of war, And a time of peace.œ*

Becky Ludwick - January 08, 2013 at 10:55 AM

RS

“ Karen, My most sincere sympathy to you and all of the family. Larry will be rooting for Spartan BB from a higher place.

Rachel Schiffman - January 08, 2013 at 10:55 AM

MP

“ My heart goes out to you and your family during this difficult loss. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you in this trying time. May the love of the people around you help you through your pain.

Mark Packowski - January 08, 2013 at 10:22 AM

SS

“ I am sorry to learn about Larry Treadwell's passing; my deepest sympathy to all of the family and Karen. Sandy

Sandy Webb Simpson - January 08, 2013 at 09:56 AM

RA

“ Sorry to hear about Larry's passing. May you find peace and comfort in remembering special memories. Deepest sympathies, Marie & Rich

Rich and Marie Heisler Ames - January 08, 2013 at 09:12 AM

BD

“ We were very sad to hear of Larry's passing. Dick and I have known Larry for so many years, and always found him to be a gentle soul, unassuming, always ready to lend a hand. He was slow to criticize, and quick to encourage others. Because of Larry's low key manner, his sharp and dry sense of humor was delightful and could really catch you off guard. We'll all miss him much. He's been an intregal part of Saturday mornings for the last two decades. Karen, our prayers are with you, and we are sending 100% of our love and care your way. Our condolences to all of Larry's family. We may not know you personally, but we know that you are suffering the loss of a very special man.

Bev Bond and Dick Divelbiss - January 07, 2013 at 11:27 PM

JB

“ larry was a great friend of mine and Bill's

John Berchtold - January 07, 2013 at 10:27 PM