



## Warren Arthur Caruss

January 18, 1946 - October 21, 2021

Warren Arthur Caruss, 75 of Dimondale, a guy who enjoyed learning about the world around him and enjoyed finding the humor in situation, died October 21, 2021. He was born in Lansing, MI on January 18, 1946 to Byron and Thelma (Oppenlander) Caruss, graduated from Holt High School and later from Central Michigan University. He retired from Auto Owners Insurance in technical support, but had also worked as a bartender at Scofes, and was a maitre d' at Top of the Park in Traverse City in the early 80's and he also taught wine appreciation at Lansing Community College (LCC).

A very intelligent man, Warren enjoyed reading encyclopedias as a child and was always full of helpful facts. Always laughing and smiling, he enjoyed joking with his family and friends, especially his twin brother Wayne. They enjoyed going to twins conventions together with their mom, and even won a prize for the most identical twins. It wasn't until high school that they tried to be different, but even when shopping separately they would come home with the same clothes.

Often with his servant's hat on, Warren enjoyed being a boy scout and earned his Eagle Scout in 1963, Order of the Arrow in Dimondale Troop 43, and he was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Dimondale. His activities over the years include: Past Master of Dimondale Lodge #449 FandAM, Member of Potterville Lodge #367 FandAM, Associate Regent of the York Rite Sovereign

College of North America - Having received the Order of the Purple Cross, Past High Priest of Grand Ledge Chapter #85, Past Thrice Illustrious Master Grand Ledge Council #63, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of the State of Michigan 2006-2007, Past Right Puissant Regional Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, Past Commander of Charlotte Commandery (Now Lansing #25), Past Sovereign Master of Ionic Council Allied Masonic Degrees #251, Past Governor of King Athelstan #47 York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Member of Trinity Council #36 Knight Masons, Member of Michigan College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatus, Member of Michigan Priory Knight York Cross of Honor, Held Knight York Grand Cross of Honor - 1 quadrant  
Member of the Scottish Rite, Past Worthy Patron - Order of the Eastern Star.

Warren is survived by his siblings, Wilma (Richard) Bayles, Theda (Charles) Langstaff, Delos (Sharon) Caruss, Adla (George) Lorimer; sister-in-law, Zana Caruss; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his identical twin brother, Wayne; sister-in-law, Kathy and his parents.

Friends and family are encouraged to support Warren's family by attending services or sharing memories on his tribute page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). Visitation is at the Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge on Tuesday, October 26, 11 AM - 12 noon, with a memorial service at noon. Memorial contributions are suggested to Dimondale Lodge #449 F and AM, or Potterville Loge #367 F and AM. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Grand Ledge Masonic Lodge  
200 W. River St.  
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

## Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Warren was extremely knowledgeable about food, wine, and drinks! When I was very young working in my dad's bar "The Huddle" Warren would come in after work, and have a draft sitting at the end of the bar. The first time someone ordered a Margarita I had to ask Warren how to make one. He helped me learn a lot about tending a Bar and helped me get a job in TC at the Top of the Park where he was Matier D supreme. He also let me rent a room in his place when I first moved up to TC. Sending my thoughts and prayers to Warren and his family. Sam Abood

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**Sam Abood** - November 06, 2021 at 12:32 PM

JD

“ Warren, I will miss you! I was honored to call you my friend for the last 21 years. I loved all your stories you told from backpacking thru Europe to working in the Restaurant buisness! I will miss our times going to lunch and dinner together. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Caruss family during this most difficult time. May he rest in peace.

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**Jason Droste** - October 25, 2021 at 01:04 PM

MC

“ Played a lot of Euchre with Warren during the slow hours in my restaurant. If he was dealer and a bower turned up he would say "My Daddy always said, never turn down a bower".

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**Mike Chappell** - October 23, 2021 at 10:02 PM

DP

“ I knew Wayne and Warren from the 1960's from Scouting and Northwoods Scout Reservation summer camp where they both came up and worked to improve the property for the scouts. Blessings to the family. Dan Purtill

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Dan Purtill - October 23, 2021 at 12:00 PM

DH

“ Wilma and Dick, and your whole family, I am so very sorry for the loss of your brother.  
May God's peace go with you all..

Diane Hudson

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Diane Hudson - October 23, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ I cannot say enough good things about Brother Warren Caruss. He was the model Mason and knew ritual and history for nearly every Order. Br Warren was a friend to all and never a bad word about anyone. He supported our Fraternity, all bodies, with unending hours of his time. I will miss Br Warren more than words can express. My deepest sympathy to his family. So long Brother Warren as your have a cheerful greeting from Brother Wayne and join many others in the Celestial Lodge. You were cut out of a mold of ethical and moral values always respected with the highest esteem. Some day I hope to see you on the other side of the bar.

Your friend,

Brother Dan Bargy,  
Secretary, Potterville Lodge 367 F&AM

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Daniel Bargy - October 22, 2021 at 07:38 PM