

Larry Ray VonWald

September 11, 1942 ~ August 14, 2025

Larry, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, passed away unexpectedly, following a heart attack while doing what he loved: golfing with his good friends, the “Dirty Eights.” He was surrounded by his family and friends when he passed on August 14, 2025.

Born on September 11, 1942, in Watertown, South Dakota, Larry grew up in Gettysburg where he met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Marilyn in 1956. Larry graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1959. They then moved to Mitchell, South Dakota where he received his BA Degree at Dakota Wesleyan. Larry's career in finance led him to positions at Miles Laboratory in Elkhart, Indiana, and later at Xerox, where he worked in various locations, including Rochester, New York, Dallas, Texas (where he received his Master’s Degree at SMU) and London, England. His early retirement brought him and his family to Sandy, Utah, where Larry became a successful entrepreneur, launching several businesses, including Hotel Sales, Highland Equipment, Matts Pawn Shop, Central Pallet, and more. He also found joy in his Ostrich farm and raising Tennessee Walkers in Lehi, Utah.

Larry's passions extended beyond business. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and horseback riding in the Utah mountains. After retiring, he found his greatest joy on the golf course. If he wasn’t studying the game, he was “teeing” off with his friends in Utah and Arizona, where he loved to spend his winters.

A man of great integrity and dedication, Larry was honored to serve as an Honorary Colonel. He was treasurer for both the Salt Lake and West Valley City Honorary Colonels for several years. His commitment to the organization was unwavering, and his colleagues remember him as a man of kindness, honor, and steady leadership. As one of his fellow Honorary Colonels put it, *“Larry’s absence leaves a void that can never truly be filled, but his legacy of service and compassion will live on in the work we continue to do in his honor.”*

Larry’s selflessness extended to every part of his life, from his family to his community. He was deeply loved and respected by all who knew him. He was a “gentle man.” Larry is preceded in death by his son, Lance, and his parents, Frank and Almyra VonWald.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 65 years, Marilyn; his daughters Robin, Lori, and Leisa; daughter-in-law Kristen; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren (with one more on the way); and numerous other family, and friends. Larry's memory will live on in the hearts of his loved ones, and his legacy of love, service, and dedication will continue to inspire all who knew him.

Please join us for an open house Celebration of Larry’s Life on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at Carmine’s Ristorante, 2477 Fort Union Boulevard, from 2 pm until 5 pm.

In honor of Larry, donations can be made to Salt Lake Honorary Colonels https://www.venmo.com/u/SLHC1



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