



## Bruce Larsen

February 3, 1955 - March 10, 2025

VULCAN- Bruce "Tony" A. Larsen age 70 of Vulcan, passed away Monday, March 10, 2025 in Grand Rapids, MI after a four-year battle with cancer with his family by his side.

He was born on February 3, 1955 in Norway, the son of the late Bruce and Marianne (Carlson) Larsen.

Tony grew up in Norway and graduated from Norway High School class of 1973. He was known for being an excellent athlete in many different sports, but especially as a running back for the Norway Knights football team where he earned the team MVP. He went on to play college football for Hibbing Community College in Hibbing, MN.

After his college time ended, he returned to Norway and became employed at the Niagara Paper Mill for 30 years. He met the love of his life, Mary Lou Hinds, and they soon married in 1983. He stayed at Mary Lou's side while she battled her own sickness until her passing on May 14, 2018.

They had two sons, Matt and Mike. Tony was very involved in coaching their son's Little League Baseball team (VFW) and eventually watching them grow up to play the many sports he also loved. Tony enjoyed being with his dogs throughout the years especially Whiskey, King, Smokey, and Sasha. Tony

enjoyed old classic muscle cars (especially the 1969 Plymouth RoadRunner), working on many projects, fishing, hunting, and the Green Bay Packers.

Tony was known as "Poey" (Papa Tony) to his four grandchildren, Isaac, Elliot, Ellery, and Ashton. He loved spending time with them going to Monster Truck Shows, watching their sporting events, birthday parties, and holidays. He had a kind and gentle spirit and will be missed by many family and friends.

He is survived by his two sons Matthew Larsen of Grand Rapids and Michael (Michelle) Larsen of Sparta, WI; grandchildren Isaac, Elliot, Ellery, and Ashton; brothers Dale (Bonnie) Larsen of Arizona, and Larry (Nancy) Larsen of Norway; sisters Cindy (Larry) Butsic of Kingsford, Paula (Jim) Ebli of Kingsford and Patti (Mike) Olson of Merriman; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friends Joe Gardipee and Richard Gedvick.

Tony was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Lou Larsen; mother Marianne Mattson; father Bruce Larsen; step-father LeRoy Mattson; brother David Larsen; grandparents Clarence and Leona Carlson; aunt JoAnne (Ken) Rohde of Norway.

Family will greet friends on Saturday, March 22 from 9-11 a.m. at the Grace Global Methodist Church in Norway.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Grace Global Methodist Church with Pastor Walter Reichle, officiating.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace Global Methodist Church  
130 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

## Memorial Service

MAR 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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130 O'Dill Road  
Norway, MI 49870

# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Brooke Vogt & Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Bruce Larsen.



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**Brooke Vogt & Family** - March 17, 2025 at 05:22 PM

BG

“ Our prayers are with you and your family 🙏

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**Brad Grayvold** - March 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Larsen.



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March 15, 2025 at 07:14 PM

MH

“ My condolences to your family on Tony’s passing. Tony was unbelievably kind and generous to me when I was a kid. From countless hours spent trying to make me a better baseball player to amazing summer days out at your family cottage on Hamilton Lakes, Tony always showed he cared and made me feel like part of your family. He was an incredibly important part of my life growing up in Norway, and I am so sorry to hear of his passing. All the best to your family.

Sincerely,  
Mark Henrion

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**Mark Henrion** - March 15, 2025 at 03:22 PM

BA

Our condolences to your family, Tony was a great man and friend in our time at Norway High School. He was a hard worker and family meant everything to him. May God Bless all of you in your loss that is heartbreaking.

Sincerely,  
Brian and Cheryl Adams

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**Brian Adams** - March 21, 2025 at 03:56 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bruce Larsen.



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March 12, 2025 at 02:52 PM