



Lawrence J Swoboda

March 22, 1950 - May 27, 2020

On May 27, 2020, Lawrence “Larry” John Swoboda, passed away at the age of 70. Left to treasure his memory are his wife Janet (née O’Malley), children Bo and Peg, siblings Thomas (Carolyn), Michael, Peter (Sharon) and Jean (Larry) Delahanty. He is reunited in death with his parents, Albert and Jean, and brother, Theodore. He was an uncle and cousin to many, a beloved friend to countless others. Boda, a die-hard White Sox fan and the legendary owner of the Double Bubble, was a lifelong member of St. Gertrude Parish and a pillar of the Edgewater neighborhood. Please honor Larry’s wishes by donating to the Kellogg Cancer Center in lieu of flowers. <https://foundation.northshore.org/donatekellogg>

And always tip your bartender.

Memorial Gathering in church: September 25, 2021 at 10:00 am

Memorial Mass: September 25, 2021 at 11:00 am

St. Gertrude Catholic Church

Previous Events

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SEP **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Chicago, IL 60660
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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence J Swoboda*

October 08, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *I just learned about Larry's passing and wanted to offer condolences to Janet, Pete, and the Swoboda family. Larry was a good man and ran the best neighborhood bar in Chicago. I had many good times at the Bubble. Thank you Larry, I will miss you! Rest in peace my friend.*

Peter J. Conklin

Peter J. Conklin - April 20, 2023 at 01:14 PM



“ *Larry, RIP. You were always a friend and a voice of reason. You were always a there for all who needed a shoulder to lean on. You will be missed by all who knew you. May God bless and keep you in the palm of his hand! Red.*

Red O'Hara - September 16, 2020 at 10:58 PM



Larry. I've known you since I was a little girl. Many years have passed and so much fun we had a blast. I'm sorry your life was cut short. But, like me, I think we squeezed every drop out of it we could get during our time here. I know you are resting in peace now and I look forward to the day when we meet again. In the meantime keep watch on all the derelicts down here 😎. Just like my dad, you are some special guy 🙏

Cathi Mackey - April 30, 2022 at 12:28 AM

AR

“ Larry was a passionate guy about his family, his tavern that neighbors knew that their names and faces were always recognized and welcome. Larry had a big heart raising money for several charities especially the Northside Catholic Academy (NCA) and Care for Real with coat drives and the famous Queen of Hearts raffle. He was a fighter and he was loved by many. Andrea Raila & Family



Andrea Raila - July 17, 2020 at 01:53 PM

PP

“ Condolences to the Swoboda Family. Larry was a wonderful neighbor. He was always the first one to shovel my dad's snow. RIP Larry.

Peggy Palumbo - June 05, 2020 at 08:47 PM

BC

“ My deepest condolences to the Swoboda family and to all of Larry's friends - especially to my classmates at Senn in 1968. RIP Larry.

Bob Canel

Bob Canel - June 05, 2020 at 06:13 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Lawrence J Swoboda.



June 03, 2020 at 05:02 PM

TP

“ So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I will always remember him as a good guy and a great neighbor.

Janet, I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

With sincerest sympathy,

Toni Palumbo (formerly of 6226 Wayne)

Toni Palumbo - June 01, 2020 at 07:14 PM

MC

“ Went to Senn with Larry. He was a good guy. RIP

Mike Cohen - June 01, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence J Swoboda.



June 01, 2020 at 12:51 PM

FS

“ Larry was the nicest guy at Senn, and any other room he's ever been in.

Frank Still - May 31, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence J Swoboda.



May 30, 2020 at 09:37 PM



“ I was so, so sorry to hear this news. When I first moved to Chicago (20+ years ago), the Bubble was one of the first bars I checked out for Football Sunday's. Needless to say, thanks to Larry's immediate hospitality, I never looked for another alternative. Every Sunday Larry's place was like a second home for me and many of my friends. Larry looked out for us....took care of us...and week one of every NFL season became such a tradition that it was like a second Christmas for me and my buddies.

Beyond NFL Sunday's, I also saw Larry last fall at my son's football game. I'll never forget how interested he was in watching my son play, and meeting him afterwards. And now I'm so glad that happened.

Larry was such a fun and kind man...I will truly miss him.

Matt Byerly - May 30, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album High school friends



Sharon Klay - May 30, 2020 at 04:57 PM

SM

That's how I remember Larry from high school. Always kind and quite the athlete. I'm so glad I got to see him again at the 50th reunion 2 years ago. He was loved by so many and I know he will be Missed

Shelley Moses Millee - May 30, 2020 at 06:49 PM

Karen Speciale

“ *Karen Speciale lit a candle in memory of Lawrence J Swoboda*



Karen Speciale - May 30, 2020 at 04:36 PM

SK

“ *Condolences to Larry's entire family. Larry was a high school friend of mine. He was the athlete and I was the cheerleader. He was the only one on any team to thank me for supporting him at games. We double dated once or twice. I was thrilled to reconnect with him at our 50th reunion. He was one of the kindest people I've ever known. Rest in peace.*

Sharon Bain Klay - May 30, 2020 at 04:34 PM

PH

“ *Larry - a great father and friend. We will all miss you but you live on in our hearts. Pat & Mark Mc Hale.*

Pat Mc Hale - May 30, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JR

“ *God bless Larry and watch over his family. He had a huge heart and will be greatly missed.*

John Resch - May 30, 2020 at 10:52 AM

JT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jim Thiel - May 30, 2020 at 10:06 AM

JT

Love you Larry. Miss you.

Jim Thiel - May 30, 2020 at 10:07 AM

TM

Nice picture

Tom McDermott - May 30, 2020 at 12:08 PM

JB

Larry was a good man, God bless, my condolences to your family.

Joseph Bunge - May 30, 2020 at 06:18 PM

GC

I met Larry at Senn High School in 1965 or 1966. It was a wonderful friendship. Larry always told me I couldn't win at the racetrack. Boy was he right. I appreciate that Larry. Thank you Larry Rest in Pezce.

george chiropolos - May 31, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lawrence J Swoboda.*



May 30, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DK

“ *The Cousins have suffered a heart-wrenching loss with Larry's passing. My heart hurts. I have a childhood full of memories that include Larry in our cousins' group at Forest Preserve picnics, Christmas Eve at Grandma's and other family events. Sending love to Janet, Peggy Sue & Bo, and to all my cousins...Dani Kehoe*

Dani Kehoe - May 30, 2020 at 07:58 AM

MY

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Myrch - May 29, 2020 at 11:32 PM

KR

“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Kevin Roman - May 29, 2020 at 11:21 PM

KR

I did not know Larry, but I have walked past the Double Bubble many times these recent months on my evening walks. Tonight I saw this evidence of the people that did know him, love him, and will certainly remember him forever. I wanted to share that in these four photos. 📷



Kevin Roman - May 29, 2020 at 11:30 PM

CM

Come to Larry's celebration of life when we have it and meet Larry's friends 🥺

Cathi Mackey - May 30, 2020 at 01:10 AM

 John Omalley

“ *My condolences to Swoboda family ' Larry was an awesome person and will be missed . R. I. P. LarryJohn Omalley and family*

John Omalley - May 29, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JK

“ *There simply are no words to express the loss of a dear loved one. Larry was such a great guy. In my thoughts and prayers.*

Jill Kehoe - May 29, 2020 at 08:00 PM