



Larry Kenton VanDusen

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Larry Kenton VanDusen, 88, passed away on May 9, 2025. He was born on January 24, 1937, in South Bend, Indiana, to the late Donald and Irma VanDusen.

Larry was the beloved husband of 35 years to Barbara VanDusen, a devoted father to Roger (Pamela) VanDusen, Diana VanDusen, and Sheryl (Jeff) Thompson; stepfather to Becky Makris, and Paula Larance, and a cherished grandfather to his twelve grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Sandra Stricker.

Larry was the kindest person you could meet—he had a heart full of generosity and never hesitated to lend a helping hand. He would do anything for anyone, always putting others before himself with compassion and kindness.

A lifelong lover of football, Larry dedicated his career to coaching at Northwestern University, Kent University, Wisconsin University, Washington University in St. Louis, and concluded an incredible 35-year tenure at Baldwin Wallace University. His leadership, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to the sport shaped the lives of countless athletes.

Beyond his love for football, Larry was a passionate advocate for Alcoholics Anonymous, inspiring and guiding many through their journeys of recovery. His influence reached far and wide, including speaking at Founders Day in Akron, where he shared his wisdom and experiences before an audience of ten thousand people.

Larry's legacy is one of resilience, leadership, and an unshakable devotion to others. His impact will continue to be felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to, AA Central District Office.
1557 St Clair Ave NE, Cleveland, OH 44114.



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A visitation will be held on Friday May 16th, 2025, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Sunset Chapel, 6245 Columbia Rd, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070, immediately following a memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM at Sunset Chapel. A fellowship for Larry will follow the memorial service from 4:30pm-6:30pm at Sunset Chapel.

A live stream of Larry's service will be available to view at the link below:

<https://view.oneromstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc0NzIzODIyMjM2MjU4NyZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>



Events

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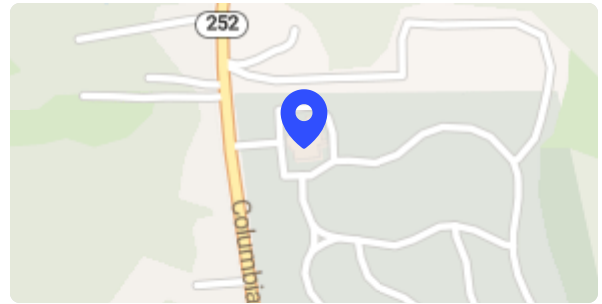
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Memorial Visitation

 **Friday, May 16, 2025**


 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **Sunset Chapel**
6245 Columbia Road, North Olmsted OH 44070

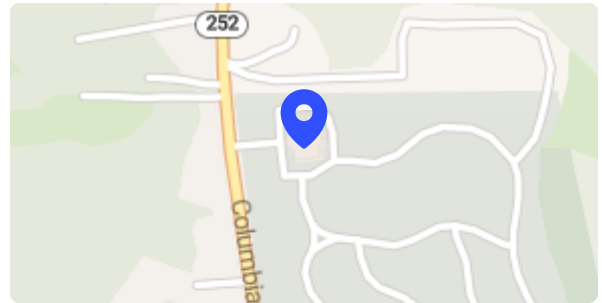


Memorial Ceremony

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 4:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Lawrence G. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Larry.



May 15 at 1:21 PM



Larry's Children, Grandchildren & Spouses sent a Love's Tapestry to the VanDusen family.



May 14 at 4:45 PM



Carol Ungar-Robilotta posted:

I love how Larry would describe the importance of the twelve steps during his lead. He would step back one step at a time with a simple suggestion of recovery until he reached the 12 steps. His leads always pierced my heart to tears of hope and compassion for all of us in the rooms. I also loved the way his face lit up when he spoke of his wife Barb and his travels to visit family with her. That devotion of love is admirable. Thank you so much Larry you will be missed but never forgotten.

May 14 at 10:32 AM



Matt Degyansky And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the VanDusen family.



May 11 at 7:29 PM



Matt Degyansky And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Larry.



May 11 at 7:29 PM



Matthew Degyansky posted:

Coach Van Dusen epitomized the definition of greatness. His unmatched positive influence on young men in the B-W family will carry on for generations. Coach will be greatly missed and his memory fondly held. Matt Degyansky and family '77-'80

May 11 at 7:26 PM



Tribute Wall

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Larry Rosati, Class Of 1983 sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the VanDusen family.

May 11 at 5:10 PM



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Larry Rosati, Class Of 1983 planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Larry.

May 11 at 5:10 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Larry by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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