



Laurence W. Leighton

June 6, 1946 - February 6, 2024

Laurence William Leighton, age 77, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at Munson Medical Center. Larry was born June 6, 1946, son of Laurence and Paisley (Grauman) Leighton in Oceanside, California. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Kimberley Leighton; son, Brandon (Shannon) Leighton; stepdaughter, Kelly McMillan (Travis Lamming); 7 grandchildren, Lilli, Rylee, Landon, Jack, Brooklyn, Jane and Braxton; sister-in-law, Janet (Art) Budreau; special cousin, Tyne Hyslop and many beloved cousins and friends. Laurence was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Christopher Leighton and his brother, Robert Leighton. Laurence attended High School at Flushing graduating in 1964, he served in the US Marines in Vietnam, returning home in 1969 he attended Western Michigan University. Laurence married Kimberley (Morgan) on February 13, 1988, in Flushing, sharing 36 years of cherished memories. He worked for Buick as a robotics electrician retiring in 1999 also for Chrysler in Sterling Heights retiring in 2009, moving to Higgins Lake with Kimberley to enjoy their retirement. Laurence was an avid sailor, which eventually led to his serving the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was caring and invested in his community, always networking to help others. He enjoyed family and friends, was fun loving and always an excellent conversationalist. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, neighbors, and close friends. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 11 AM until time of service at 1PM at Dryer Funeral Home, 101 First St. Holly, officiated by Pastor Ed Pedley. Immediately followed with

Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers you can make memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital www.dryerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.
101 First St
Holly, MI 48442
(248) 634-8291
bgdryer@hotmail.com
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Military Honors and Burial

FEB 14. 2:30 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery
4200 Belford Rd
Holly, MI 48442-9444
(248) 328-0386

Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Sending love and prayers...remembering lots of fun times with Kim and Larry.* ”



Peggy Burtrum - February 15, 2024 at 07:36 AM

BD

“ *1 file added to the album Funeral service Laurence Leighton* ”



Bruce Dryer - February 14, 2024 at 03:33 PM

BW

“ *So sorry to hear the news of Larry's passing, our thoughts and prayers go out to Kim and the family. I have great memories of times spent up North and chatting with Larry about work and the automotive industry.* ”

Brad Walworth - February 13, 2024 at 07:25 PM

TK

“ *Tim K planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurence W. Leighton.* ”

Tim K - February 13, 2024 at 03:51 PM

TK

“ Tim K purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Laurence W. Leighton.



Tim K - February 13, 2024 at 03:51 PM

DD

“ From: David Gillespie and Kathie DeMura planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurence W. Leighton.

David Gillespie and Kathie DeMura - February 12, 2024 at 05:47 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Laurence W. Leighton.



February 12, 2024 at 05:47 PM

JA

“ Larry always brought a smile and was one of the most kind hearted individuals. I always looked forward to seeing him ride down to the lake on his bike and chat for a bit and then head to his boat. I will miss those chats and his smile. We loved that guy and will miss him very much. Sending our prayers and thoughts to Kim and family.

Jessica Alger - February 12, 2024 at 09:05 AM

JR

“ Jessica Alger & John Roper planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurence W. Leighton.

Jessica Alger & John Roper - February 12, 2024 at 08:52 AM

JR

“ Jessica Alger & John Roper purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Laurence W. Leighton.



Jessica Alger & John Roper - February 12, 2024 at 08:52 AM

TK

“ My deepest condolences go out to the family. I know how much Larry meant to all of you and especially how much all of you meant to him. He loved you all and just wanted to be with you and make you happy.

Personally, I can't say enough about how I feel about Larry. His loss means the loss of a cherished bond we once had. I'm glad I told him my name was Carl, it became one of our many recurring jokes. I survived searching for a boat when nobody but us was on the water. Karaoke...he was worse. Us yelling at a cyclist for yelling at us. Me speeding....slow down, Carl! Frequently hearing things like -Hey, where's that Carl guy? His excitement to show me his bidet, and of course I remember frustrating him by my lack of understanding lefty loosey, righty tighty. That one went on for hours. I never hesitated to go anywhere with him, though I probably should have. I think of you often and like all who knew you we will truly miss you my friend. You were one of a kind.

Tim K - February 11, 2024 at 10:44 PM



“ *America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Laurence W. Leighton.*



February 09, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ *Nicole R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laurence W. Leighton.*

Nicole R. - February 09, 2024 at 12:06 AM



“ *Larry was an outstanding member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary; it was a pleasure for me to work with him. We shared water operations together on his boat on Higgins Lake and the Indian River intercoastal system. Larry was a knowledgeable coxswain in the Auxiliary and we grew to be friends. Kim, you and your family have my condolences. Larry will be missed and remembered. William Kumpula*

William Kumpula - February 08, 2024 at 03:26 PM



“ *Larry, was a great neighbor an assest to Camp Curnalia. He was always ready and willing to help a neighbor be it with a boat safety inspection or just a helping hand. He was kind, gentle, fair and a real pleasure to know. RIP in peace my friend and "Thank your for your Outstanding Service", not only to your country, but to all of us as well....Captain Jack*

Captain Jack - February 07, 2024 at 09:33 PM

PA

Going to forever be missed. Loved going for boat rides with you, helping you look for your cat 🐱 and just catching up after a long winter. Rest in peace Larry ❤️

Palmers - February 08, 2024 at 12:19 PM

SD

One hell of a man !! You will be missed Sir

Stacy J Dexter - February 11, 2024 at 12:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Laurence W. Leighton.*



February 07, 2024 at 07:56 PM

CP

“ *Larry it was great to ski with you a few times before you and Kim moved to Higgins Lake. Carl*

Carl Pierce - February 07, 2024 at 05:49 PM