



Larry Wayne Schuitman

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Larry Wayne Schuitman, age 63, of Grand Haven left this earth after a brief battle with brain cancer on January 14, 2012, to join his parents and his sons, David John and Timothy Wayne, in the presence of our Lord God. He was born October 9, 1948, to Cornelius Major and Agnes (Kruis) Schuitman in Grand Rapids.

Larry dedicated his life to his family and his friends, always thinking of others first. Larry loved books and music, but more than anything else, he loved his family.

He was patient with everyone, and always looked for the good in people. His sense of humor – according to him – was “finely evolved,” and anyone who knew him knew this was a very special part of him. Larry was a man of integrity, gentleness, of honesty and caring. He had a wonderful way of making people feel comfortable.

Larry’s life made this earth a better place while he was here, and he will be missed beyond words by his wife, Carole; his daughters, Deb (Daniel Martin) Robinson of Holland, MI, Lori (David) Griep of Hudsonville; stepchildren: Eric (Michaela) Ensing of Houston, TX, Cara Ensing of Spring Lake, Darin (Robyn) Ensing of Grand Haven; grandchildren: Jordan, Jalen, Cameron, and Clayton Griep, Joseph and Taylor Robinson, Josie, Luke, and Gracie Schuitman of Yale, MI, Chloe Ensing, Isaac and Isabella Cortines, and Dylan and Alex Bates of Texas. He is also survived by sisters, Dot (Bob) Holleman of Holland, Linda (Mike) Cook of Hudsonville; and many, many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Services for Larry will be held 11:00 AM Friday, January 20, 2012, at Covenant Life Church in Grand Haven with Pastor Mark Davis officiating. Friends may meet the family 5:00-9:00 PM Thursday, January 19, at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Grand Haven, and one hour prior to the service at church on Friday. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Schuitman Family Education Fund at Michigan Commerce Bank are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



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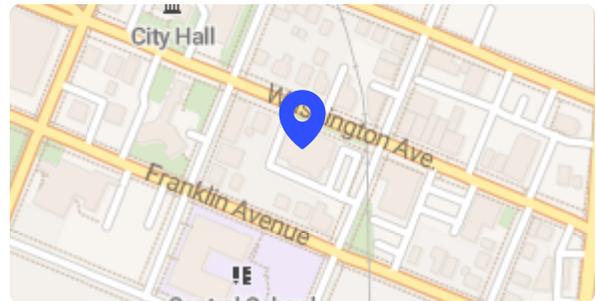
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, January 19, 2012

 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

 **VBK Grand Haven Chapel**
620 Washington Avenue, Grand Haven MI

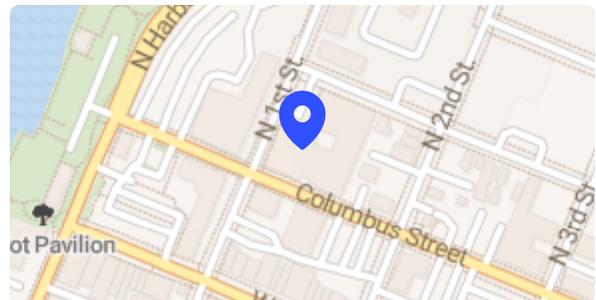


Visitation

 **Friday**, January 20, 2012

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Covenant Life Church**
101 Columbus, Grand Haven MI

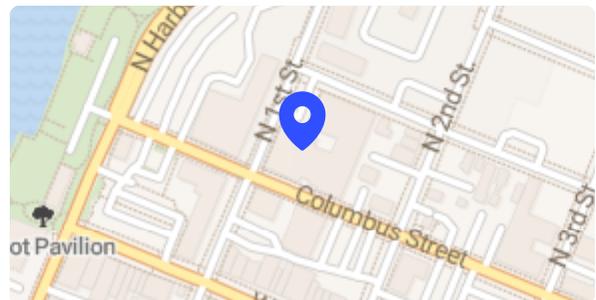


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Anonymous posted:

TO CAROLE AND FAMILY,LARRY WAS A GREAT GUY, AND A GOOD FRIEND.##imported-begin##JACK SHULTZ##imported-end##

February 4 at 3:02 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole and family,Unfortunately we just heard of Larry's passing this afternoon and missed the services today. We are so very stunned and saddened to hear of the loss of Larry. Although it has been a while since we have seen you both, we think and speak of you often.May God bless all of you and bring you peace and comfort during these difficult times. We will continue to pray for you and are sending our love your way.Love and prayers,Dan, Molly, Jack and Lucy(the family you met at The Warf during Sunday morning breakfast)##imported-begin##Dan and Molly Moser##imported-end##

January 20 at 12:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

I met Larry about two years ago, he is one of my best friends grandpa. It sounds like a distant relation, but it seems as if those two years were my whole life. Between late night talks and midday visits on the front porch in the summer, I really got to know Larry well, after the first few visits I called him grandpa, because he really did become my grandpa. In the duration of these talks, I didn't only have the blessing of getting to know him, I began to find out more about myself and I found out more about what's truly important in life. It didn't take his death for me to realize this. Just the simple act of this man listening would bring a sudden smile to his face and he had the reflection of honor and genuiinity in his eyes. Not a second went by unwasted listening to what he had to say and every tear shed and every laugh will forever be apart of me. I have a long life ahead of me, but wherever I go and whoever I become I want grandpa to know he helped me get there. Larry had a way of teaching others how to love, I didn't only begin to see it in myself, but I see it in everyone he was surrounded with. His entire family has my heart, they have always been there for me and I will always be there for them. In two years such a man can make a life changing impact on a young kid. I was one of many. A grain of sand in his hourglass. I am blessed. Rest in peace, I promise you I will stay strong to what you have taught me.##imported-begin##Travis Pellegrum##imported-end##

January 20 at 10:59 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear CaroleWhile it has been said before, it is so true, Larry was one of a kind. My best memories are just sitting on the deck at Robyn and Darins with you and Larry. Telling jokes and stories and laughing til my face hurt. Larry's humor, warmth and love of family was truly a gift to all who knew him. I cherish the memories and the way you both welcomed Josh and I into your hearts and lives. We are truly blessed for being part of your family. Love Anne & Josh##imported-begin##Anne Gilbert##imported-end##

January 20 at 4:55 AM



Anonymous posted:

I ran into Larry a couple of yrs. ago at Carpet Bonanza. It'd been so many yrs. since I'd seen him. His sweet, loving nature always made you feel so welcome around him. Instant memories of his being in our wedding; Doug playing guitar while he lead worship; living next door & buying his house from him. Good times. It's been a long time but we'll see you soon brother.##imported-begin##Doug & Rachel TerBeek##imported-end##

January 20 at 2:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

Larry was always a blessing to my life. He used to be our song worship leader at Deeper Life Church in Allendale in the late 1970's. He was a natural leader and did an excellent job.##imported-begin##Pastor John Woods, John Woods Jr. and family##imported-end##

January 19 at 5:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

Larry was one the best people I have ever met, there are two men I wish I could be as great as one is my late father Howard and the other is Larry, they bothered wonderful men and knew how to treat all people right. Larry will be dearly missed. Larry we love you. Mike n Becky Mattson.##imported-begin##Mike and Becky mattson##imported-end##

January 19 at 5:46 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Deb and Lori, We wish to express our sympathy to you in the passing of your dad. He always had a warm smile for us, and we're sure you have many pleasant memories as well. May you feel God's comfort and peace especially at this time. Sincerely, Uncle Vern and Aunt Carol Hoffman

January 19 at 5:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Carole and all the children and grandchildren who loved Larry so: He was such a special person and we all are so privileged to have known him and have him be a part of our lives. Thoughts of him have always brought a smile, and everyone has stories of his humor. As I write this, your hearts are aching as though the sun will never shine again. I suspect Larry would have a word of wisdom about that, and probably a humorous quip, as he loved to make us all laugh. As you grieve his death, remember these words from Helen Keller: "What we have once enjoyed we can never lose; All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Although he is gone from your sight, Larry (dad, grandpa) will always be a part of you. As you go through life, you will always remember things he said, his smile, his hugs, his face, his voice, his laughter, and you will know he is there inside you. My heart sorrows with you as you find your way.

January 19 at 12:26 PM



Anonymous posted:

I will always remember Larry coming in the door where I work. His hat sitting at a rakish angle, his little boy smile, a twinkle in his eye. He would throw his arms out and say "Somebody must have ordered a load of awesome, because here I am!" Our world is less awesome today, because when he told that to St Peter at the pearly gates, St Peter told him "yes Larry, we did. Please come in." All my love and support to you and your family, Carole

January 19 at 9:58 AM



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Anonymous posted:

I will always remember my Dad by the way his eyes would light up when I walked into the room, the feel of his soft, always well groomed hands...His voice, his laugh, the music he loved. His smile...People say he's in a better place, free of pain. I know this is true. However, I want him HERE. He was the one I would call or stop over to talk to no matter how big or small an issue. Up until the very last day I spent with him he was concerned about the problems in my life, when he had so much on his own plate that he was dealing with. My Dad loved me. I will miss him and am still trying to comprehend this loss. My heart aches for one more hug, one more bonfire, a long talk on the front porch, or just sitting with him having a beer needing to say nothing. This past year has brought many tears. It has also brought so many laughs and memories that will be treasured for a lifetime. I made a promise to my Dad in the hospital to take care of his love, Carole. I have never seen a couple love so deep and pure. What an example for all of us...There is one less Schuitman. Just Deb and I now. It will never be the same without you, Dad...##imported-begin##Lori##imported-end##

January 19 at 4:34 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Debi and Lori and families, Our thoughts and prayers are with you now on the loss of your father. May God be your comfort and peace.##imported-begin##Jack and Karen Wiebenga##imported-end##

January 19 at 4:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of your Father. There is nothing more precious than the love a Father has for his Little girls and though he's gone he is still watching over you. Lori, Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God grant you with piece and comfort during this time. Please if there is anything I can do for you , do not hesitate to ask. God Bless you All.##imported-begin##Lindy Waites##imported-end##

January 18 at 6:27 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Larry--years ago we went to church together--Larry was a wonderful man who loved the Lord. My sympathy to the family --you have been left with beautiful memories--I am praying for you--Karen Winger##imported-begin##Karen (Bursley) Winger##imported-end##

January 18 at 5:49 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole and family,I was so sad when I heard this news. I am sorry and my heart felt condolences are with you. Nada##imported-begin##Nada Edson(Baker)##imported-end##

January 18 at 4:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

wishing I could be with the family for this tough time. I was in shock when I received the phone call. I have so many memories with my Uncle Larry.he will be forever missed and forever in my heart. Thinking about the whole family. love you all. Katie Misner##imported-begin##Katie Misner##imported-end##

January 18 at 2:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

I wish I could be there with your family but please know that I am with you in spirit. Larry was such a special man who I always loved and respected. Even though the miles seperated us, I always considered him my friend. Much love, Cris##imported-begin##Cristy Groendyke##imported-end##

January 18 at 11:45 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole,I hope you know my thoughts and prayers are with you! I have been thinking about you and your family this last month! Larry always had a way of making me laugh! He was an amazing man! I feel blessed to have gotten to know him in the time I did! I am here for you if you need anything Carole! My prayers are with you and your family!Audrey Streng##imported-begin##Audrey Streng##imported-end##

January 18 at 11:18 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Larry was always a person who seemed to enjoy life. We realize that recent tragedies in his family took its toll. We however, want to remember Larry as we knew him. Always smiling and never a bad word to speak about anyone. The world truly was a better place with Larry in it. Myself and Karen feel privileged to have known him. We wish to offer our sympathy to Carole. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, the children and grandchildren. A piece of Larry lives in all of them.##imported-begin##Dale & Karen Robinson##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the family of Larry: We would all like to express our deep sorrow for the loss of your grandpa, dad, husband and friend. We are all thinking of you and hope that comfort and peace will be with you. Thinking of you, Your Hockey "Family"##imported-begin##PeeWeeAA Michigan Nationals Hockey Team##imported-end##

January 18 at 7:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Carole - We are so saddened to hear about Larry's passing. He had such an energetic presence, and his smile and laughter could fill a room. We were so lucky to have known him, he was indeed a kind and generous man. We will continue to keep you, Deb, Lori, the kids, and the entire family in our prayers during this difficult time. With deepest sympathy, David and Lisa Cook##imported-begin##Lisa Cook##imported-end##

January 17 at 4:35 PM



Anonymous posted:

Larry was a one of kind and will be so dearly missed. We were blessed to know him. Much love and sympathy goes out to his family. The Peterson's Dave, Stephanie, Griffin and Paige##imported-begin##stephanie peterson##imported-end##

January 17 at 4:29 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Deb,Lori, and families,Our hearts go out to you as you miss your Dad. We rejoice in his "promotion" as heaven seems nearer and dearer with each loved one that goes before us. Praying that "God's peace that passes understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ our Lord." Love to you, Ann##imported-begin##Jim and Ann Visser##imported-end##

January 17 at 3:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole and family,,we will missseeing Larry and hering all his crazy stories,,,he truly was a fun and happy man. He also loved you so very much,,,our best is with you and your familieslove Bob and Barb##imported-begin##Bob and Barb Vander Wall##imported-end##

January 17 at 9:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole and children, I (Sherwin) am a cousin of Larry on his mother's side. Our hearts are saddened to learn of Larry's death. He was such a wonderful man. Our hearts also reach out to yours in deep sympathy. We commend you to the arms of our heavenly Father for the comfort only he can give. We also rejoice with you to know that Larry embraced Jesus Christ in faith and now joins that heavenly kingdom of all God's faithful saints.In the agony and victory of Jesus,Sherwin (Chic) and Nancy Broersma##imported-begin##SHERWIN AND NANCY BROERSMA##imported-end##

January 17 at 6:28 AM



Anonymous posted:

I found myself troubled when faced with the fact that I had to write in Larry's memorial book. When you hear the name Larry Schuitman a smile instantly crosses your face. His jokes, levity and over all demeanor was his gift to us all. I consider myself one of the lucky ones to have gotten to spend last sunday afternoon with Larry and Carole. It was pure joy, laughing, chatting and demeaning eachother within an inch of eachothers characters. And upon leaving a loving embrace with a see ya later slap on the back. I am blessed to have that memory along with many others of larry..... I walked a mile with laughter, he chatted all the way. But left me none the wiser with all he had to say. I'm walking a mile in sorrow, and ne're a word said he. And oh, the things I'm learning from he, when sorrow walks with me. Robert Browning-variationGod bless all the Schuitman family. Joel Bradshaw##imported-begin##Joel Bradshaw##imported-end##

January 16 at 3:15 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Carole & family, the folks of Forest Oaks BC, Houston, TX., will be keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. It was a great honor, blessing and priveledge to know Larry. I will remember him as a thoughtful, gentle and loving man. Today, your beloved Larry is safe and extemely alive in the presence of Christ. In Christ's Awesome Love, Pastor Kevin Barefield##imported-begin##Pastor Kevin Barefield##imported-end##

January 16 at 2:34 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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