



# Larry R. Draper

MAR 1, 1940 - FEB 2, 2024



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Larry Ray Draper, age 83, of Hart, Michigan joined his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 2, 2024, in Muskegon, Michigan. He was born March 1, 1940, to Ben and Nellie (Hall) Draper. On October 2, 1971, he married Dorothy “Dottie” Kish in Muskegon, Michigan. Larry worked as a Supervisor at Seaver Industrial Finishing in Grand Haven and after retirement moved to Hart, Michigan. He enjoyed ice racing, anything to do with cars, camping, day trips, and spending time with the love of his life, Dottie. He loved being with family, especially for special events and the holidays. He loved playing his guitar, salmon fishing in Lake Michigan, driving in the dunes, Adventures in Mackinaw, a special cruise to Alaska, and all the longtime friends he met along the way. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Dottie; children: Jeff (Wendy) Draper and Barb (Tim) Jason; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Larry is also survived by his brothers: Jerry (Carol Gathright) Draper, Tom (Ellen) Draper, John (Krista) Schapka, and Chris (Patty) Schapka; sister, Gayle (Stephen) Darke; brother-in-law, Dan (Pam) Kish; sisters-in-law, Barb (Jim) Duram and Paula (Charlie) Hall; many nieces and nephews; and a dear cousin, Judy Draper. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Laurie Draper; parents Ben and Nellie Draper; and step-mom, Kay Draper. Visitation with the family will be Monday, February 12, 2024 from 12-1 PM with a celebration of life immediately following at Mears United Methodist Church in Mears. Memorial contributions may be made to Mears United Methodist Church, 1990 N. 56th Ave, Mears MI 49436 or The Harbor Hospice Foundation, 1050 W. Western Ave., Suite 400, Muskegon, MI 49441. Share memories with the family at their online Guest Book at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com) Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 726-5210

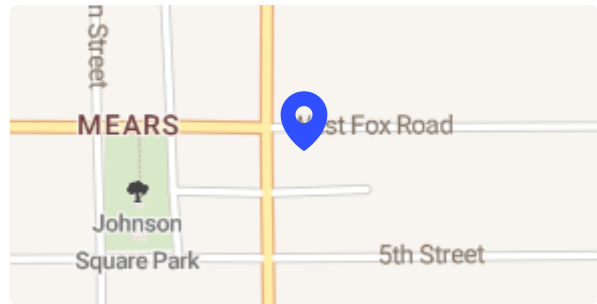


# Events

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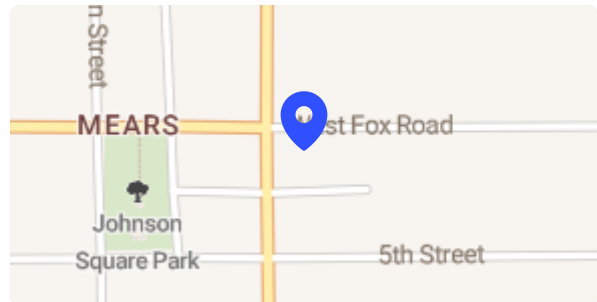
## Visitation

- Monday**, February 12, 2024
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
- Mears United Methodist Church**  
1990 N. 56th Ave., Mears MI



## Celebration of Life

- Monday**, February 12, 2024
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EP

**Eva Pacifico** posted:

Dearest Dottie and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Larry was a fine gentleman and a great friend. Our favorite memory will be Larry going up the dunes the SLOWEST!! Sincerely Ray and Eva.

February 10 at 4:44 AM

DG

**Danny Gayhart** posted:

I spent many summer day up in the dunes at Silver Lake with Larry and Dot. I'll never forget those days.

February 5 at 5:17 PM

JW

**James White** posted:

Larry and Dottie have been special friends and companions, spanning many years as neighbors in Grand Haven and many years at silver lake park. Larry and I spent countless hours in the dunes together as well as many hours fishing which resulted in many fish fries with silver lake friends. Over the years we had a helluva ride together. Rest in peace Larry Your friend forever Jim White.

February 4 at 11:59 AM

MS

**Martha Swieringa** posted:

Sorry for your loss Dottie. I am praying for you and the family.

February 3 at 8:26 PM



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**Mary Vermurlen-Marod** posted:

So sorry to hear of Larry's passing. He was a classmate of mine, Grand Haven Senior High School class of '58. Rest in peace Larry. Fondly, Mary (Vermurlen) Marod

February 3 at 4:09 PM



**Beverly Velik** February 6 at 12:09 PM

My thoughts and prayers are with you Dottie. Hugs and love to Jeff and Wendy and Family and Barb and Tim and family. I do have good memories of Larry from when I was younger, and he was kind to me. It was good to visit with both Larry and Dottie when they attended a memorial service at my Church in Grand Haven a few years ago. Beverly (VanderMeiden) Velik



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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