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Lawrence Michael Rase "Larry" passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his wife and family on February 25, 2022, at the age of 71. He was born in New Orleans at Baptist Hospital on September 9, 1950, to William John Rase, Jr. and Rita Ann Dillon Rase. Larry is survived by his beloved children Lawrence Michael Rase, Jr. (Stacey) and Lance Marcus Rase (Erika), and stepson Albert Adam Aucoin. He is survived by grandchildren Shelby, Hadley, Larry, III, Landry, Abigail, and Nicholas. He is also survived by siblings Noreen Rase and Bill Rase, III (Debby), niece Christi Rase Browne (Greg), nephew Bill Rase, IV (Brittany) and several great nieces and nephews. Larry was married to Lori Lynn Fry Rase for 27 years.

Larry graduated from St. Paul's High School in 1968 where he was a very competitive swimmer and just fell short of making it to the 1968 Olympics. He did however make it into the Guinness Book of World Records for playing the longest basketball game ever recorded, an achievement he shared with close friends from St. Paul's, Mandeville High, and Covington High Schools. Larry then graduated from LSU and went on to become the consummate salesman. He worked in sales with Burrough's Computers, as regional sales manager at Domino's Sugar, and as a stockbroker at EF Hutton and the Hunt Brothers of Texas. He then returned to his hometown and became an entrepreneur when he opened Rase For Sports and Rase Fore Golf in Mandeville. In 1994 he went to work for Zennoh/CGB where he enjoyed a successful career until he retired in 2020.

Larry's community involvement was extensive and spanned several decades. He always had a desire to help people who asked him and had an innate talent for connecting just the right people for success. Most everyone in St. Tammany knows of and has enjoyed Mandeville's Pelican Park Sports Complex. But not many know that it might not exist if not for Larry's efforts. He was President of the Fourth Ward Recreation Association (FWRA), a volunteer group of local recreation advocates trying to build kids' playing facilities to handle the explosive area population growth in the 1980s. Larry was one of the core group of individuals who acquired property and found funding for the park's construction. Since its inception, Pelican Park has provided a broad



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variety of recreational opportunities for countless residents and visitors on its nearly 500 acres of fields and facilities. Many millions more will benefit in the future from the efforts that Larry and the FWRA group made. Larry continued his interest in the park in recent years through his efforts to acquire sponsors to financially support its programs and construction activities.

Larry served on Mandeville's Planning and Zoning Commission and was active in local, state, and national politics. He had a passion for politics and a real knack for fundraising. His ability to raise funds helped many local charities and projects come to fruition. He served as the Commissioner on the Causeway Commission for 7 years and held the position of Chairman for 2 years, earning him the nickname "Commish". He was Executive Director of the Northshore Business Council for 5 years, was a board member and early supporter of GNO, Inc., as well as Executive Director of the Louisiana River Pilots Association. He was appointed to the Governor's Advisement Council for the Commission of Coastal Protection as a representative of the maritime industry. He served as the Honorary Chairman of the Special Olympics in 2016.

Family and friends are invited to the Funeral Service on March 6th at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 West 21st Avenue Covington, LA 70433 on Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 3:00 PM. Visitation will be from 12:00 noon until service time. Interment will take place at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens, Covington, LA. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to one of Larry's favorite charities: Family Promise Willie Parette Day Center, www.fpstp.org, Upward Community Services, www.upwardcommunityservices.org, Special Olympics of La, www.specialolympics.org, or Northshore Humane Society, www.northshorehumane.org.



Events

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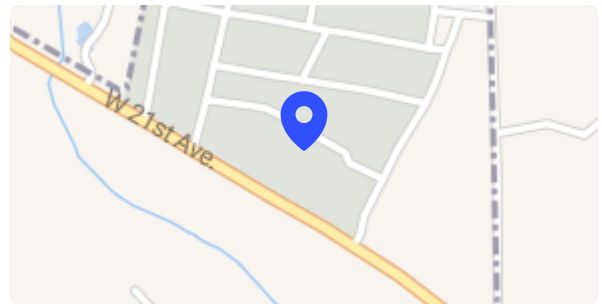
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Visitation

 **Sunday**, March 6, 2022

 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

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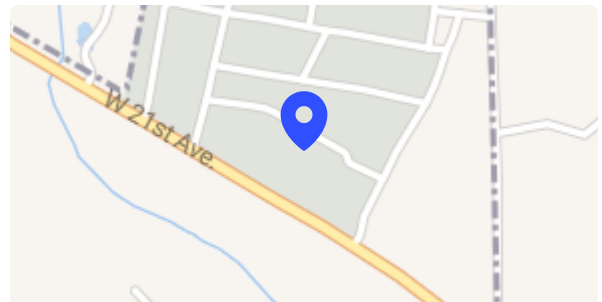


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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rase family.

March 5 at 2:48 PM



Leslie Stanga posted:

The light in the world shines less bright with the passing of Larry. He and I grew up on the same street, and I always knew him to be a kind, considerate guy. Larry was one of those people that everyone liked-he was funny, friendly, compassionate, respectful and principled. He loved to have fun but knew when to work hard. Although we weren't in touch too often in our adult years, I feel a great sense of loss. My sincere condolences go out to Larry's family. I know your hearts are broken. Leslie Roberts Stanga

March 4 at 10:15 PM



Jean Anne Mayhall posted:

I'm so sad to lose my dear friend. We met when I was 8 years old and he ten. We lived on the same street. He was part of my life until the end and I will miss his kind counsel and friendship. What wonderful memories of those happy times sharing our youth and carefree summers at "the Club". My deepest condolences to the entire family. Jean Anne Smith Mayhall

March 3 at 2:56 PM



Jim And Kathy Dillon And Family sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Rase family.

March 3 at 9:47 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Rase family.

March 3 at 8:17 AM





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Anonymous sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Rase family.

March 3 at 8:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rase family.

March 3 at 6:52 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Rase family.

March 3 at 5:05 AM





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Gary Wunsch posted:

I met Larry in the mid 1980's at a Charity Golf Outing. One handshake & he would forever know your name. He was so driven about all his causes and knew how best to open your wallet "Wide"! For several years after, I would see Larry at his golf shop in Mandeville and would always leave after spending more than I budgeted for & feeling great about it. That was Larry! In a good way, he was the smoothest sales person I ever met; so happy, always smiling & so so convincing. His shop was a great hangout for the local golf crowd & their tall tales & sometimes more than a few beers. In 1992 I helped to consolidate the corporate headquarters of Zen-Noh Grain Corp. & Consolidated Grain & Barge Co. to Mandeville. At that time it was decided that we needed a "Sales" type person on our team to grow our business beyond grain & barge handling & trading. We started the search for that person. In 1993 a couple of us ran into Larry at a charity golf outing that he was raising money for. As our wallets opened wide, the lights came on: HIRE LARRY - he was the local boy, He knew the St. Paul's "Handshake" & was an LSU alumni. The man knew how to successfully network & get things done locally & statewide. Larry was instrumental in helping our grain companies gain access into the steel & pig iron import-export & transportation businesses. Starting with a few ideas & goals, he made it "RAIN"! Soon Larry's local & state connections grew to the national level. His charisma & talent allowed him to open many more doors & work with leaders on either side of the isle to get things done for our companies. He was greatly admired by his ZGC-CGB Family. To me & I know many others, if you needed business or personal help or advise, he was more than an associate, he was a friend. A friend that would take the time to listen, grab a beer or a round of golf with, then always offer his help & candid advice. No matter how busy, Larry would take the time! Thank you Laurie for sharing him! Ellie, Libby, Jessica, & I will dearly miss him, but know memories of him will always bring us a laugh or smile. That's Larry! Our sincere thoughts & prayers for Larry, Laurie & his loving & caring family, Gary & Ellie Wunsch Libby Phillips Jessica Heap

March 2 at 8:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Rase family.



March 2 at 3:06 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Rase family.



March 2 at 12:54 PM



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Anonymous sent a Sacred Duty Spray to the Rase family.

March 2 at 12:02 PM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Rase family.

March 2 at 10:33 AM



Craig Longardner posted:

When Larry and I rode the Krewe of Tucks a few years ago, I don't think I've ever laughed so hard or had a better time in my life. I'll always carry great memories of Larry and I laughing like 12 year olds

March 2 at 9:14 AM



Craig Longardner sent a Basket of Memories to the Rase family.

March 2 at 8:56 AM





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Margaret Fischer Zack posted:

As children we always were so excited when our "Southern" cousins would come to visit. Their yearly visits meant family picnics, trips to the zoo, a day at Camp Dearborn, and playing and picture time at Grandma and Grandpa's. Our grandparents had 21 grandchildren and we always felt so close to our cousins. Our family visited New Orleans twice, quite an accomplishment since there were 7 children and Mom and Dad driving from Michigan in a station wagon. Aunt Rita and Uncle Bill always made sure we had a good time. Larry was their youngest and we found out always seemed to do things that would drive our uncle crazy. He was always laughing and having fun. I will always remember how he enjoyed life to the fullest no matter how old he was.

March 2 at 8:17 AM



Marylouise Prudhomme - "Weezie" March 4 at 7:13 AM

I will be forever grateful to Larry for accepting the Chairmanship of Special Olympics for 3 years! Not surprisingly he set a fundraising record with the generous support of the LRPA. Thank you Larry for making me look real good. I will never forget you Weezie Mary Louise Prudhomme



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rase family.



March 2 at 8:03 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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