



Lawrence Blecka

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On Sunday, March 1st, Lawrence John Blecka, a loving husband and father passed away at the age of 75. Lawrence was born on September 19, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois to John and Antoinette Blecka. He was a graduate of St. Patrick's High School. Lawrence received his bachelor's degree from Lewis University and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University. After earning his PhD in parasitology from Southern Illinois University, Lawrence taught at the University of Illinois School of Medicine, published a textbook in his discipline, and worked for various biotech companies throughout his career. On August 9, 1969, Lawrence married his wife of over 50 years, Margaret Louise Hornyak. They raised two daughters Juliann Margaret (Leer) of Huntersville, North Carolina and Kathryn Marie Blecka of San Rafael, California.

Lawrence had a passion for living life to the fullest each day! He was known for being a social, compassionate, and loving man with an infectious smile. Lawrence loved to cook, and always had a new recipe to try out for Sunday family dinners. He loved his hometown of Chicago and especially attending the Bears football games. Lawrence enjoyed many years of boating with family on Lake Geneva. After retirement, Lawrence and Margaret moved to Davidson, North Carolina to be closer to their grandson and namesake Dylan Lawrence Leer. They have many cherished memories of attending Dylan's sporting events, school activities, and family gatherings.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his father, John, and mother Antoinette. He is survived by his wife Margaret, two daughters Juliann and Kathryn, son in law Daniel Leer and grandson Dylan Leer, brother Gregory Blecka and sister in law Marie Blecka, sister Audrey Reardon and brother in law Richard Reardon, sister Debbie Czahor and brother in law Bill Czahor, sister in law Juleann Randles, brother in law Jack Randles, sister in law Mary Kay Hefty, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass will be offered at 10:30 A.M. on March 7, 2020, at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Huntersville, NC, preceded by visitation at 10:00. A celebration of life gathering will be held in



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Chicago, IL at a future date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation, or Blythe Elementary School science and literacy labs.




Arrangements by James Funeral Home, Huntersville, NC., www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.

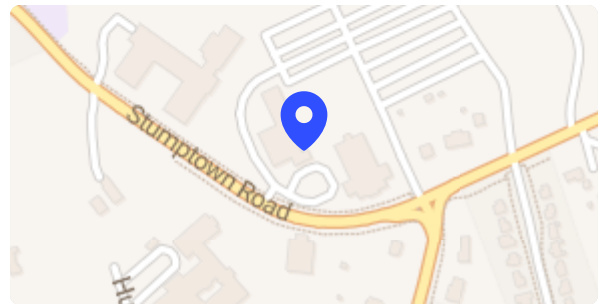


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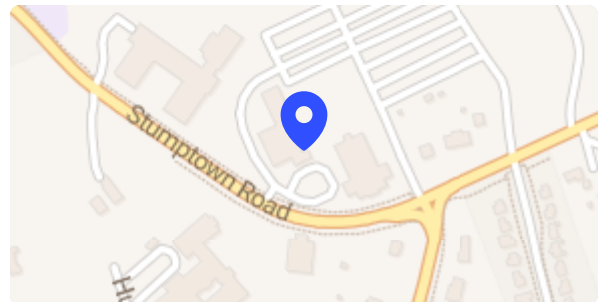
Visitation

-  **Saturday**, March 7, 2020
-  10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET
-  **St. Mark Catholic Church**
14740 Stumptown Road, Huntersville NC 28078



Funeral Mass

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Mark Joseph Nyquist posted:

I had the pleasure of working besides Larry for 8 years at Bio-Rad Laboratories one of the most brilliant minds and an excellent chemist and engineer, although his capacity was Engineering Manager. Larry had a great sense of humor and would make us laugh during intense medical device platform integration meetings. He was a delightful to be around and taught me much as a budding industrialist. My condolences to his loved ones. Mark Nyquist

March 2 at 11:52 AM



Barbara Stecher lit a candle in honor of Lawrence.



March 8 at 10:23 AM



Barbara Stecher March 8 at 10:25 AM

Julie I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you loved your father. My prayers are with you at this sad time.



Bereavement Ministry Team posted:

The Bereavement Ministry Team and the Parish Community of St. Mark Catholic Church extend our deepest sympathy at this difficult time. Be assured that you and your family are in our prayers.

March 5 at 4:39 PM



John Contreras posted:

My prayers are with the Lawrence Blecka family on loss of their loved one. A heartfelt prayer to Gregory Blecka on the loss of his brother. From what I have read here he lived a full life and surrounded himself with a loving, caring family and was a blessing to all. God Bless. John Contreras

March 5 at 4:20 PM



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



March 5 at 4:07 PM



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The Heftys & Matrays sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Blecka family.



March 5 at 12:31 PM



Lawrence Jamrozek posted:

Lawrence and I graduated from St. William school, on Wright wood Ave. in 1958. We shared many days together from grades 3 to 8. Good times remembered. After graduation we went our different ways. So sorry for the families loss. Lawrence Jamrozek West Frankfort Illinois

March 5 at 11:44 AM



Tim And Linda Stapleton posted:

We are so very sorry for your loss. We will keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers.

March 4 at 2:32 PM



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



March 4 at 10:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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