



Larry Lev

July 31, 2019

Larry Lev, age 67, but always 29 when asked, unexpectedly passed away July 31, 2019. A memorial service will be held at Temple Shomer Emunim in Sylvania, Ohio on August 29, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.

Larry was born in Cleveland, Ohio on May 10, 1952. He is survived by Laura Lev, his wife of 36 years. Larry was a Cleveland State grad by education but was a Buckeye at heart. He had a distinguished career with the YMCA, beginning as a lifeguard in 1968 at the Cleveland Heights Y. Over the next 47 years, Larry served the YMCA movement in Jerusalem, Israel, Yakima, WA, Aurora, IL, Dayton, OH, Round Rock, TX, Toledo, OH, Naples, FL, and ultimately retiring as Chief Operating Officer from the YMCA of the Oranges in Central New Jersey in 2015.

Larry was actively involved in charitable organizations in every community he served, most recently on the boards of the Sarasota YMCA and Embracing our Differences. Larry touched the lives of each and every one of the people he met along his way. His family was his pride and joy; he always put them first, and openly bragged about his love for them.

Larry is also survived by his mother, Betty Lev of Cleveland, OH; son, Ariel (Veronica) Lev and daughter, Shoshannah (Chad) Fast, both of Columbus, OH; four granddaughters, Alyssa, Binah and Clara Fast and Evie Lev; brother, Howard (Barbara) Lev, sister, Fern (Dan) Buchler, and brothers Marty (Nancy) Lev and Michael Lev; and numerous nieces, nephews and their children. He was preceded in death by his father, Alex Lev.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to one of the following organizations that Larry was most passionate about; Camp Dudley in Yakima, WA, Camp Kern in Dayton, OH, Fairview Lakes Camp of YMCA of the Oranges in New Jersey, or Embracing our Differences in Sarasota, FL.

<https://yfymca.ejoinme.org/?tabid=433978>

<https://campkern.org/donate-to-kern.html>

<https://www.fairviewlakeymca.org/forms/makeadonation/>

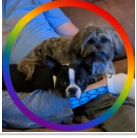
<https://www.embracingourdifferences.org/forms/make-a-difference/>

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Quite possible the nicest man I have ever met! He lived a life of love! His study of what was going on around his was exceptional. He was a blessing to his family and others

Ted Beck - January 04 at 06:29 PM



“ To Laura and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I was fortunate enough to meet and work for Larry at the Aurora Y. He was a great manager and allowed me many opportunities to learn new skills. He made a positive difference in my life, I know he will be missed greatly.

Chris Murphy - September 05, 2019 at 09:18 PM

KT

“ To Larry's Ohana (Family), please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I have not had the honor and opportunity to meet Larry in-person, yet, in our many phone calls I felt such a kindred spirit with Larry. It honestly felt like I had another brother in the Y Movement. I am sorry for your loss, and I know that Larry is looking over us all right now.

Keola Taniguchi - August 08, 2019 at 12:45 AM

BG

“ It's truly amazing what an impact Larry had on my life. It seems like yesterday and it was 35 plus years ago. I still remember him as if it was yesterday Yakima was never the same without him. My deepest condolences Laura and family. As he always said, "le'hitra'ot", I will see you later. Beth Greaves

Beth Greaves - August 07, 2019 at 12:36 PM

NF

Dear Laura and family. My deepest sympathy for you and family at this time. Larry was a kind caring man and will be missed.

Nancy Finrock - August 07, 2019 at 03:33 PM

TB

Quite possibly the nicest man and family I've ever met. He is missed by many!

Ted Beck - November 22, 2025 at 01:54 PM

MM

“ Dear Laura and family, Frank and I extend our deepest sympathy to all of you. Larry will be missed by many and remembered fondly forever. What a wonderful soul! We wish you strength in the days ahead. Mary Mossing and Frank Lanson

Mary Mossing - August 07, 2019 at 08:26 AM

PW

“ Laura, our hearts are breaking for you and your beautiful family. Reading the tributes and descriptions of how Larry impacted so many lives, makes us realize how lucky we were to have known him even for a few short years. Rest In Peace Dear Larry. ❤️

Patti Wertheimer - August 06, 2019 at 08:05 PM

KM

“ Larry (and Laura) have been my friends for almost 40 years - which is amazing since we are all only 29. Trips to camp, playing with both Shoshanna and Ariel from infancy, so very many games of Trivial Pursuit (just give up if Larry got a clue on musicals). Several visits to Ohio and Texas and so many, many phone calls. Larry was so amazing and I will miss him dearly. My heart goes out to everyone who knew him.

Karen Marsh - August 06, 2019 at 07:38 PM

DT

“ Larry was always a complete joy to be around. He was humorous and had a heart of gold! I was fortunate to cross paths him while he served at the YMCA of Greater Toledo. He was a great leader and someone you just enjoyed being around. He will certainly leave a lasting legacy upon all that knew him. My deepest condolences and prayers go out to his family. The Toigo Family



Dan Toigo - August 06, 2019 at 06:53 PM