



Lawrence W. Nortrup

August 20, 1926 - May 25, 2026

Lawrence W. Nortrup of Sarasota completed a life well lived on May 25, 2026. Larry was born on August 20, 1926, in Jacksonville, Illinois, and grew up in LaHarpe, Illinois. While attending the University of Illinois, he was drafted into the Army. As World War II ended, Larry completed basic training and was assigned to the Counter Intelligence Corps, serving in occupied Japan. After his service, Larry returned to Illinois where he completed his degree and met the love of his life, Doreen Embs of Chicago. Larry and Doreen were married in 1950.

Larry and Doreen settled in the Chicago suburbs, first in Park Forest, where they welcomed three children before moving to Wilmette. Larry began his career as a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve. At age 26, he became president of the Bank of Park Forest and was recognized in the University of Illinois daily newspaper as the youngest bank president in Illinois. In 1964, he was named the first president of the new Hartford Plaza Bank in Chicago. Larry later served as president of the Michigan Avenue National Bank in Chicago until his retirement to Sarasota in 1987.

Larry and Doreen enjoyed a wonderful retirement in Sarasota, making many new friends and traveling to China, Australia, continental Europe, and the United Kingdom. Golf remained one of Larry's great joys throughout his life, especially the friendships, competition, and family time he enjoyed at

Westmoreland Country Club in Wilmette and Sara Bay Country Club in Sarasota.

Larry was a member of the Park Forest School Board and served as president of the South Cook County Bankers, treasurer of the Economic Club of Chicago, treasurer of the Brian Piccolo Cancer Foundation, and president of the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

Family and friends knew Larry as thoughtful, optimistic, and endlessly supportive of the people he loved. He was predeceased by his wife Doreen, and his son Tom, and is survived by his son Jim (Sara), daughter Jane Daniels (Bill), grandson Andy Nortrup (Kati), and great-grandchildren Mary Jo and Addison.

Larry will be remembered for his integrity, generosity, and the warmth and optimism he brought to every stage of his long life.