



## Roger L. Larson

May 23, 2025

Roger L. Larson, age 87, died on Friday, May 23rd, 2025, at Brook Ridge Independent Living, Pharr, TX. Roger was born October 30, 1937, in Eau Claire, WI, to MH and Dorothy Miller Larson. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from the University of Wisconsin and his Doctor of Philosophy Degree from St. Thomas University in Minnesota. Roger and his family moved to McAllen in 1967. He was dedicated to the field of education. He had been a principal in Pharr for several years and then a principal at the following McAllen Elementary Schools – Alvarez, Austin, Navarro, Rayburn and Milam. As one parent stated, “Every now and then one comes across a rare individual who has touched many different lives. Mr. Larson is that individual. His compassion, love, intuitiveness, and genuine interest in helping students has been proven over and over. Everyone at these schools has been blessed to have known this wonderful man. He will be missed.” Upon retirement Roger taught education courses at UT Pan American and was also a supervisor in the Alternative Certification Program at the university. Roger also spent a year as Headmaster of St. Martha’s Catholic School in Kingwood, TX. Roger was active in ATPE and other professional organizations. He was a third-degree knight in the Knights of Columbus and was a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. He loved working in his gardens, traveling, and spending time with the grandkids. He could fix almost anything around the house.

Roger was preceded in death by his brothers, Tom, Richard, Don, and Dale

Steven and his sister, Dorothy Vanney. Roger is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen, two sons, Todd (Rosie) of McAllen, Timothy(Christy) of New Braunfels; six grandchildren – Michael A. Larson, San Marcos, TX, Johnathan P. Larson of Eugene, OR, Cristina Guerra De La Rosa (Rallie) of Edinburg, Julian (Barbara) Guerra of San Antonio; Alyssa M. Larson, New Braunfels, and Luna C. Larson, Acworth, GA; three great grandchildren (Viviana and Lilian De La Rosa and Jesse Guerra), and one sister, Janet (Dave) Taleff, of Lake Holcomb, WI. The family would like to thank Amediysis Hospice for the love and tender care they provided for Roger during his time with them.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 1st, at Kreidler Funeral Home with a recitation of the Rosary at 7:00 PM. A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 2nd at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church (chapel) in McAllen. There will be a private family entombment service at Roselawn Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Palm Valley Association of Retired School Personnel, c/o Terri Salinas, treasurer, 1913 Mynah, McAllen, TX 78504 or a charity of choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
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## Rosary

JUN 1. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall

LI

“ He was the kindest principal at Milam Elementary. I remember his voice over the intercom every morning reciting the Golden Rule. Rest in peace, Mr. Larson.

Lisa - June 02, 2025 at 07:20 PM

BG

“ God bless you sir and may he welcome you with a giant hug. My family lived across the street from the Larson family when I was little and his kindness will never be forgotten. He was an outstanding husband, father, and friend to many. Just to show an example of his kindness, when I got married he and Mrs. Larson drove all the way up from the Valley to the San Antonio area to attend it. I hadn't seen them in 15 years, but they came to be with us. It made that day for me even more special. I will always be grateful. I know for a fact that he is taking a very full heart of love with him to heaven. Again, God bless you sir, and may you rest in peace. - Bill Gabehart and family

Bill Gabehart - May 28, 2025 at 09:33 AM

AT

Our sincere condolences to the Larson family . Un abrazo con mucho cariño Todd and Rosy 🙏

Alba Tinsman - May 28, 2025 at 07:32 PM

MG

“ Margaret Guerra lit a candle in memory of Roger Larson



Margaret Guerra - May 28, 2025 at 09:12 AM

HM

“ *It was always a pleasure to sit with him at the TRTA meetings and listen to all his ideas and stories he had to share. May he rest pain free in the good Lord's arms. May God watch over his family as they go through this difficult time.*

*Harry and Lorraine Mosher*

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**Harold Mosher** - May 27, 2025 at 08:34 PM

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*The Best Principal I ever had. Honest, loyal to his teachers. Always there to back the teacher. No one else like him. The kindest Principal during my time of teaching. Kind hearted and loyal to his school and faculty and students. Will miss him deeply. My condolences to his family.*

*Baudilia Rodriguez*

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**Baudilia Cavazos Rodriguez** - May 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM