



# Henry Robert LaRose

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**H**enry R. LaRose, 77, of Fort Myers was welcomed to the loving arms of The Lord on Sunday April 2, 2017 after a courageous battle with Lewy-Body Dementia. Henry was born in Hartford, Connecticut on November 14, 1939 to Walter and Irene (O'Reilly) LaRose. Henry grew up with a beloved sister Jean (Leger) and two beloved brothers, Walter and Robert. Together as a family they loved to camp, sing by the fire and play horseshoes. Henry married Judith A. Schlichting on August 26, 1961 at St. Catherine's Church in Broad Brook, Connecticut. Henry and Judy remained committed and loving partners and raised four beautiful and talented daughters: Judy, Dianne, Nola and Sarah. Henry attended Immaculate Conception Elementary School and graduated from East Windsor High School where he excelled in athletics, particularly in basketball and track. He studied at Central Connecticut State College and Southern Connecticut College where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics. As an employee of the United States Geological Survey, Henry rose to the level of Hydrologist in Charge for the Southwest Florida region. In his years with "The Survey", Henry and Judy lived in Connecticut, Delaware, Colorado and finally moved to Fort Myers, Florida in 1976. He retired from the USGS in Fort Myers in 1994 and spent the next several years travelling across America and Canada with Judy exploring and visiting family and friends. Family was important to Henry his entire life. He was a devoted husband, brother, father, grandfather uncle and friend. He took great pride in providing for his family. Financial security and the promise of an enjoyable retirement for his wife and college education for all four daughters were his constant motivation. Henry was an avid outdoorsman, enjoyed fishing, hiking, biking and canoeing. He was an eager participant in weekly bridge games. More than anything, Henry enjoyed having his friends and family at his home enjoying food, drink and good conversation. Henry had an outstanding sense of humor and positive attitude. Henry made friends very



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easily his entire life. He would strike up a conversation with strangers anywhere. He loved music and whistled or sang his way through much of life. He loved telling jokes. These qualities helped Henry make life-long friendships that spanned thousands of miles. As much as Henry would appreciate being remembered as a family man, he would be even more fond of being remembered as a good Christian. Henry devoted a good amount of his time to serving Christ through his works on earth. He attended morning mass, served the elderly as a eucharistic minister, sang in the choir, cherished his involvement with the Brothers in Christ, and lived his life in an openly Christian way. Henry was kind, loving, forgiving, and very generous with his time and knowledge. He never shied away from an opportunity to help or teach others. Henry is survived in life by his devoted and loving wife Judy, daughters Judy Boutiette (Robert) of Tennessee, Dianne McFadden (Kevin) of Florida, Nola LaRose (Steve Pawlowski) of Florida, and Sarah LaRose-Holland (Mark Holland) of Minnesota, his sister Jean (Leger), his brother Robert (Robbie), and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Henry is also survived by his two grandchildren Lindsey Boutiette and Bryce McFadden. Both held a special place in Henry's heart. Henry was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Irene (O'Reilly) LaRose, his brother Walter, and his precious infant twins Justine and Jessica. A mass in Henry's honor will be held at Saint Cecilia Catholic Community on Monday, April 10, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of Henry's life at a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the mass. The church is located at 5632 Sunrise Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association, Hope Hospice or Saint Cecilia Catholic Community. Henry LaRose created a beautiful and fulfilling life for himself, his wife and his children. He lived confidently and loved openly. He will be as greatly missed as he is greatly loved. To share a story, leave a tribute or to offer condolences to the family at this difficult time please visit Henry's memorial webpage at [www.fortmyersmemorial.com](http://www.fortmyersmemorial.com) and sign his guestbook.



## Tribute Wall

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JR

**Judy La Rose** posted:

Thank you everyone. I remember the auto shows Paul. Thanks to the Svilands. Thanks to the Whalens and our Minnesota families. Henry was a good man always and a great husband. It is nice having someone who cares. The best back to you all. Thank you Renee Bess. Thank you Ann & Rob...Nancy Hauk we enjoyed the Italian cake the first time we met you and the video of your wedding. We enjoyed our time with you both many times and your hospitality. Hope all the dogs are ok.

June 15 at 5:02 PM

JS

**Julia Sammons** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Henry Robert LaRose

April 7 at 3:29 PM

SB

**Susan Brinegar** posted:

I met Henry playing Bridge 15 years ago. I adored his humor and zest for life. I will miss him in my life. My condolences to Judy and the family.Sincerely,Susan Brinegar

April 7 at 5:48 AM

SH

**Sarah Larose-Holland** posted:

I miss you dad! Thank you for always being a kind, loving, compassionate & beautiful soul. You were a wonderful father, husband, teacher, listener, had a great sense of humor & natural ability to care for everyone. Thank you for everything you did to provide for us & to always put us first! You were an amazing father, husband & person. I miss you tons & look forward to when we meet again. I will cherish my memories of you & hold them in my heart forever. Than you for a lifetime of love & support. xo, Sarah LaRose-Holland

April 6 at 7:22 PM

NH

**Nancy Hauk** posted:

Connie Hauk, my husband, loved Henry like a brother all his life. They shared many fun times and important times in family life. In the twenty years I knew Henry I loved to hear him sing. Most special to me are times with chocolate on the East Coast and sharing our birthday. I treasure my memories.... Nancy Hauk

April 5 at 2:48 PM



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**Renee Bess** posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. Sending love, The Bess Family

April 5 at 12:28 PM



**Paul Macht** posted:

Our condolences to the LaRose family. We very much enjoyed Henry and Judy's friendship and conversations on their visits to Connecticut. We have wonderful memories of our excursions to the Norwich auto shows with Bob, Ann, Henry and Judy's. Henry will be remembered. The Machts

April 5 at 6:42 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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