



Larry Myers

May 23, 1946 - March 16, 2025

Larry Myers beloved father, grandfather, brother, coach, and friend, passed away on March 16, 2025, at the age of 78.

Born to James and Verna (Fosdick) Myers in Pontiac, Larry grew up with a passion for sports that shaped his life. A standout athlete in football, basketball, and baseball during high school, he was later inducted into the PTHS Athletics Hall of Fame at Pontiac Township High School. He carried that love for athletics into his education and career, earning his undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Physical Education from the University of Texas at El Paso before continuing his studies at Illinois State University, where he obtained his master's degree.

Larry dedicated his career to shaping young athletes and students, spending 33 years as a Physical Education teacher at Pontiac Central Grade School and as a cross country and basketball coach at Pontiac Junior High School. His commitment to sports and mentoring led him to serve as the Athletic Director at Pontiac Junior High later in his career.

Known for his easy going nature and quick sense of humor, Larry found joy in

simple pleasures--fishing, spending time with friends, and sharing a good laugh. He loved to grill out, enjoyed reading, and was always up for a game of craps, embracing a little excitement at the tables. His presence made every gathering brighter, and his impact on his students and athletes will be felt for generations to come.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Judith. He married Judith on July 6, 1968 in Pontiac and she passed away in 2005.

He is survived by his daughter, Michelle (Casey) Jones; his son, Casey (Rachael) Myers; his grandson, Jaxson Jones; his brother, Tom (Phyllis) Myers; and his sister, Jane Rudolph.

A graveside service will be held at South Side Cemetery, 400 S. Locust St., Pontiac, IL 61764, on April 11th, at 11 a.m..

Following the service, a celebration of life will take place at Bob and Ringo's Grill and Smokehouse, 223 W. Madison St., Pontiac, IL 61764,.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pontiac Junior High School Sports Boosters in Larry's honor.

Larry will be deeply missed but fondly remembered for his laughter, kindness, and unwavering dedication to his family, friends, and students.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I remember Larry hanging out with my brother and playing basketball.*

Elizabeth (Fuss) Ferrara - April 07, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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“ *Myers and Casey - randy and I are so sorry for the loss of your dad. You continue to be in our prayers at this time.* ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️🙏🙏
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Stephanie Hampton - April 05, 2025 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ *So very sorry!*

Jane Manning - April 03, 2025 at 05:51 PM

RS

“ I met the 10 year old Larry at Pontiac’s south side Lincoln School. We were in 5th grade in the old school with fire escape shutes down the sides of the building and up and down stairs to the second floor. Construction of the new one level school started that fall and we were moved to old Central School in a building that existed in the middle of the complex surrounded on 3 sides by the new one story school with new Gym, and 1 thru 8 grades. Our class returned to the brand new Lincoln School in ‘58 for 6th grade. Lincoln 6th was a fun year, great teachers Mrs. Forbes and Knutson. We had fun with South American history, Sputnik and the beginning of the space race, and the sprite John Rodino for gym class. \n Larry and I were best friends those years and his natural athletic ability really began to shine in all sports thru 8th grade at Central and on to High School. Those years were terrific with very good teams in all sports, especially football. Larry was so quick and elusive that he returned many kick offs for 80 and 90 yard touchdowns. I’m not sure but I think Larry even played some Varsity football as a Freshman under the dedicated Aub Williamson\n I never saw Larry angry at anyone, unkind to anyone, looking down on anyone. He was truly a gentle soul and in all my years I have never known anyone quite like him. He will be remembered by all who knew him and missed always by his family. Rest in Peace in the holy forever my good friend.

Randall Sullivan - April 03, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MS

“ RIP coach.

Mike Shrewsbury - April 03, 2025 at 01:29 PM

RR

“ Sending all my love to Larry and his family ❤️ so many good times together in Pontiac, Peoria, Bloomington, Champaign, Lake Geneva, and Buffalo! It really meant a lot to have him in Buffalo for our wedding and will always remember dancing with him. He was a wonderful father-in-law in many ways and will always be grateful to him for raising a wonderful son. Rest in peace and always in our hearts 💕💕

Rachael Rubin - March 28, 2025 at 01:28 PM

RF

“ RIP CUZ!! 🌟💙

Rodney Fosdick - March 24, 2025 at 08:25 PM

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“ To start: Michelle, Casey, Jaxson, Tom sending my condolences for the loss of Larry. My heart is sad yet knows he is happy. Happy because he is now with his wife whom he had soooo long to be with. While being a part of Larry's life we took many a rides to the cemetery visiting all the people who's passed b4 him and would sit to give Judy a chat while reminiscing over life's past, he missed her deeply 😭. \nWe'd look over pictures while he told me story after story. I wish I'd of known him earlier in life cause I'm sure he was a riot. Although my time with him was shorter than most who knew him I loved Larry for Larry- his quick witted humor, kindness and love for his family, friends and dogs. Near every time we went out he'd be approached by someone whom he knew as friends- as a teacher- as a coach, I learned early on that he was a loved prominent figure in the community and for all who knew him I'm deeply sorry for your loss. \nTo Larry : fly high big guy I'll see you on the other side. Until then watch over all whom loves you!

Angela Rollo - March 23, 2025 at 01:54 PM

DE

“ We had many fun times when Judy, Larry, and Michelle visited us at Lake of the Ozarks. My hugs and sympathy to Casey and Michelle.

Diane Engel - March 23, 2025 at 10:45 AM