



## James C. LaRose

November 10, 1930 - May 13, 2014

### Ferndale

James C. LaRose, age 83, passed away at home surrounded by family on Tue., May 13, 2014, after battling liver cancer. He was born Nov. 10, 1930 in St. Francis, MO, to Fred and Mary Viola (Link) LaRose.

Jim joined the U.S. Navy in 1952, where he fought in the Korean War. During a short leave in 1954, he was introduced to Paula Matz, who would become the love of his life, and his wife of over 59 years.

After graduating from the University of MO in 1959, Jim held teaching positions in Columbia, MO, and Forks, WA before joining the teaching staff in Ferndale. Except for 2 years working at Intalco in the mid-1960s, Jim spent his entire professional career as a teacher, vice principal, and business manager with the Ferndale School District.

Jim was a strong supporter of the local schools, serving on many levy and bond committees. He enjoyed sports, especially baseball, and was an avid fan of Ferndale High School athletics. He volunteered in the scoreboard booth as the timekeeper at FHS football games for over 40 years.

Jim also loved music, teaching himself to play the guitar and bass later in life.

He eventually joined The Birds Creek Boys band, which performed at elderly care facilities, fairs, senior centers, and various other venues.

Jim was a strong man of faith, ensuring that his 5 kids all knew Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. God first, family second, and work third were values he lived and taught by example his entire life. As a young boy, Jim went to Trinity Lutheran School (grades 1-9), in St. Louis, MO. After settling in Ferndale, he attended United Church of Christ and Cornerstone Community Church.

Jim was a very kind and generous man who always seemed to have a joke to tell. One of his last stated desires was to be remembered as a truly good man.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Tom LaRose and Bill LaRose, sister-in-law Mary LaRose, parents-in-law Paul and Marion Matz, and nephew Terry Lingbloom.

He is survived by his wife Paula of the family home, sons Jim LaRose and Mike (Kathy) LaRose, daughters Lori (Jim) Kyllingmark, Kari (Kevin) Kyllingmark, Jodi (Dana) Seitz, grandsons Matt, Andy, and Randy (Shandi) Kyllingmark and Dylan Pollett, granddaughters Kim (Bryan) Donovan, Jessica and Kelsey Pollett, and Emily Kyllingmark, great-grandchildren Brooklynn and Tyler Donovan, Faythe Kassinger, in-laws Lindy/Carol Lingbloom, John/Linda Matz, Shirley LaRose, and numerous nieces and nephews.

#### Farewell Tribute Information

A memorial service will be held on Sat. June 14 at 4:00 PM at the Ferndale High School auditorium. A reception with refreshments will follow in the FHS cafeteria. Donations Information

In lieu of flowers, Jim requested that memorials be made to the Ferndale High School athletic program.

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ I am so sorry I could not be there to celebrate one of the best teachers and people ever. It is around 4:35 PM on Saturday, 6/14 and I want you to know I am thinking about all of you and I am definitely there with you in spirit. Love and sympathy, Judy Piovesan Harvey

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**Judy Piovesan Harvey** - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear of Jim’s passing. My sympathy to Jim’s entire family. Jim was the first vice principal I worked with and he was so helpful. We enjoyed a lot of laughs. Some days were hectic and Jim would say, “we’re just beat by the numbers.” I was thrilled to see him at my retirement party a couple of years ago and we enjoyed a few more laughs. I will remember him as a good man.

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**Diane Slagle** - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BQ

“ My deepest sympathy to Jim’s family and friends. May you find comfort and hope in the promise given at Revelation 21:4 where it says “And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning , nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away”. I’m sorry for your loss.

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**Babe Quintrall** - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I just want the family to know how special Jim was to me. His love for God, family and everyone who knew him was real. Heaven has added a new child. Some day we will all get together and stand before God, play our new musical instruments and give him thanks for sending his son Jesus our Lord and savior, so that we might be set free from sin and be full of his everlasting joy! Our prayers goes to Paula and all the children.*

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**Waner and Galina Lucas** - May 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM