



Larry Capel

October 3, 1941 - January 17, 2025

Larry Capel, 83, of Willoughby, formerly of Mentor, died January 17, 2025 at Hillcrest Hospital. He was born October 3, 1941 in Kirtland.

Larry attended The Columbus College of Art and Design and worked as a commercial artist before being drafted into the Army. After returning from his service in Korea he applied his artistic talent and strong work ethic to the drywall industry, where his attention to detail and dedication to perfection made him a master of his craft. Larry ran his own business, Capel Construction, and also worked for Hamann Construction until his retirement, always giving his best in every job he took on throughout his career.

Larry faced the final two decades of his life, marked by tough health battles, with the same fierce determination that earned him two championships with the Golden Gloves boxing organization in his youth. That same drive carried him through his time as a proud Army veteran, where he served his country with honor. His sense of duty was only surpassed by his deep devotion to his family. His family was the cornerstone of his life, bringing him his greatest joy. He cherished his roles as a husband, father, brother, and grandfather, always taking pride in the accomplishments and happiness of his loved ones.

Larry was a passionate fisherman who treasured his trips to Canada's Georgian Bay, where he spent countless hours on the water with his wife,

sons, father, and many friends. These moments, along with his constant support at his sons', grandchildren's, nieces', and nephews' athletic events, were some of the happiest times in his life. Larry was truly his family's biggest fan and always ready to support them. Whether fishing or cheering from the stands his presence brought joy and encouragement to everyone around him.

Larry was a man who knew everyone and was always ready with a smile, a story and a kind word. His playful spirit and sense of humor lit up every room he entered. No matter the situation, Larry had a way of making people feel welcome, respected and loved.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Capel; sons, Jim (Kristin) Capel and Nick (Mandy) Capel; cherished grandchildren, Paige, Laine, Connor, Brady, and Milana; his brother, Jack D. Capel; and many nieces, nephews and other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack A. and Amy Capel, sister-in-law, Dolores Capel, and sister-in-law, Sandy Capel.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Larry's life from 4-7 p.m. Friday, January 24, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 25, 2025 at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Mentor Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, donate online at www.stjude.org.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Mentor Cemetery

6881 Hopkins Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 24. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
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Funeral Service

JAN 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ So very sorry to hear of Larry's passing, he certainly was one of the best. I was fortunate to know him as a friend, going to school with him and always finding ways to pull a prank on someone. His smile was always there, and he was a warm caring person with a tremendous amount of talent. Larry was able to accomplish anything he put his mind to, I truly cared for him, and I feel I was a better person for having him as a friend. My condolences to Jack and the entire Capel family, God Bless you Nancy and the entire Capel family.

Dick Bernard - February 10, 2025 at 10:18 AM

LT

“ 40 years ago we met on a baseball field in Mentor. Our sons Jaeson and Nick played on the same team. Lost contact for many years then 2 years ago we “ met” again at a gymnasium at NDCL where our grandsons Jackson and Brady played on the same team! Small world.

With Larry's outgoing personality and Nancy's elegant sweetness, it wasn't hard to “ go back” and relive those fun times.

Larry never met a “stranger”. Everyone knew him. And even better than that, everyone liked him. He was a terrific guy and has probably already met soo many new friends in Heaven. RIP Larry. You will be missed.

Our prayers are offered now to Nancy and her beautiful family. May God be their refuge at this time of sorrow. May he watch over them and keep them in His care. Be strong. (Nick take good care of your Mom..she deserves it!)

Due to some health problems, we won't be able to come today or tomorrow but our prayers will be with you always. Hopefully we will see you again.

Larry & Karen Taylor

Larry & Karen Taylor - January 24, 2025 at 01:17 PM

JM

“ Johnny, Nicole, Gianna, Nina, and Mia purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Larry Capel.



Johnny, Nicole, Gianna, Nina, and Mia - January 24, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JM

“ Johnny, Nicole, Gianna, Nina, and Mia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Capel.

Johnny, Nicole, Gianna, Nina, and Mia - January 24, 2025 at 10:21 AM

LR

“ Love, Tai, Tim & Ryan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Larry Capel.



Love, Tai, Tim & Ryan - January 23, 2025 at 10:37 AM

CA

“ Caroline sent a virtual gift in memory of Larry Capel



Caroline - January 22, 2025 at 12:53 PM

MA

Thank you so much, Caroline. :)

Mandy - January 22, 2025 at 07:36 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mandy - January 21, 2025 at 08:50 PM

MB

“ Mark and Monica Black purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Capel.



Mark and Monica Black - January 21, 2025 at 12:47 PM

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LM

“ Love, Staci, Greg, Chase and Tori Moran purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Larry Capel.



Love, Staci, Greg, Chase and Tori Moran - January 21, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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“ Love, Staci, Greg, Chase and Tori Moran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Larry Capel.

Love, Staci, Greg, Chase and Tori Moran - January 21, 2025 at 10:43 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Larry Capel.



January 21, 2025 at 10:35 AM



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BM

“ Class of 1961 will miss our miracle man.
So sorry for your loss...his mischievous smile is forever ❤️

BARBARA MURRAY - January 21, 2025 at 10:35 AM

MG

My condolences to Nancy and all his family. We will miss him at our monthly dinners at Trader Jacks. His obituary tells it all the kind of man Larry was,

Mary Garty - January 21, 2025 at 11:39 AM

MA

Thank you so much, Mary.

Mandy - January 22, 2025 at 07:36 PM

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Thank you so much, Barbara.

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TS

Dear Nancy, What wonderful memories we have of you and Larry going back 60 plus years. We're sorry that we've lost "one of the good guys", as Hank said. May his memory always be a blessing to you. We're sending prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family. Fondly, Teri and Hank Schenk

Teri Schenk - January 22, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JL

So sorry for your loss. Larry's parents were good friends of my parents and brother Jack dated my sister in high school and Larry and I shared many good times during our youth. I run into Jack occasionally, in Madison, and have always asked after Larry.

Again, so sorry for your loss.

Jeff Ling

Jeff Ling - January 23, 2025 at 06:04 PM

SU

Nancy, Jimmy and Nick so sorry to hear that Larry has passed away we didn't find out until today sending our love and prayers. Ron and Susan Burkholder

susan - January 30, 2025 at 07:57 PM