



Larry Siepietowski

June 21, 1924 - December 24, 2019

Lawrence (Larry) E. Siepietowski, 95, died peacefully on Christmas Eve, 2019. He was a proud WWII veteran, serving in the Army 60th Signal Corp. Through the GI Bill, he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering at Penn State College. He also met his future wife and the love of his life, Elinor, at Penn State. Larry went on to work for RCA in the department of Equipment and Design for over 30 years, helping to design the laser and the first color television tube, also earning a Masters in Physics from Franklin and Marshall College. Along the way, the couple was blessed with 3 children - Michael, Susan, and Diane - and as a family shared many good times and family vacations together. Love for his family ran deep as he selflessly took wonderful care of his wife throughout her extended, debilitating illness with MS until her death....despite having a very demanding job and three rambunctious children to also care for.

In addition to his love for his family was his love for dancing the polka and his Polish heritage, playing his trumpet, watching the "Lawrence Welk Show", and his kitty, Ali.

Polka dancing was just part of being Polish, and he was always a sought-after and popular partner at Polka dances which he continued to attend regularly well into his mid-70's. He started playing the trumpet in 4th grade, continued with Rohrerstown Band as an adult for decades, played for about 3 years with

the Lakeland Concert band, and continued playing up to his death. Saturday nights were always extra special as Larry eagerly anticipated his much-loved "Lawrence Welk Show", where he could enjoy both Big Band music and lots of polka dancing.

Larry was a devout Catholic all his life, walking to and from church alone as a young boy in W. Hazleton, PA and attending mass weekly without fail as long as he was physically able.

He was a gentle and humble man with a quirky sense of humor who enjoyed being around people, who genuinely cared for others, who asked for very little for himself...a "cup half-full" kind of guy, always with a ready smile and a twinkle in his eye, and a song in his heart. He was dearly loved by his family and friends and will be sorely missed.

A memorial mass will be conducted Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 1 PM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Florida Philharmonia Orchestra, PO Box 2142, Lakeland, FL 33806 in memory of Lawrence Siepietowski."

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Joseph's Catholic Church
210 W. Lemon Street
Lakeland, FL 33815

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to find this obituary. Mr Siepietowski and my father were colleagues at RCA for many years. It was through their relationship that I joined Boy Scout Troop 41 in Landisville PA many many years ago. My Boy Scout experience was key to my formative years and a huge component of who I am today. And one of my most important influences at Troop 41 was Michael Siepietowski. Mike was my mentor and role model and inspiration and the "big brother" I never had. I miss Mike to this day. Mike was such a special person to me and to so many others because of the special parents he had. So this news, while making me sad, makes me grateful for the life of Mr Siepietowski. Thank you Mr Siepietowski.

Paul Sebelist - August 03, 2020 at 07:45 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. I didn't have the privilege of knowing him, but I am sure of his character based on those he raised.

Joan Torbett - December 31, 2019 at 11:14 AM



What a beautifully written memorial that truly shares the essence of your dad. Thanking God for Larry's service to his country...may he now Rest In Peace.

Janet Ruppert - December 31, 2019 at 12:40 PM

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*Death is an open door,
I've only stepped into the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name,
speak to me in the easy way that you always used.
Put no difference in your tone.
Wear no forced image of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effect, without the trace of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever did, it is the same as it ever was. There is
unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you, for an interval, safe and secure.
Just around the corner.
All is well.*

*So sorry for your loss, Susan. May God comfort you and you family at
this time of enormous loss.*

Bill Hinson

William F. Hinson - January 02, 2020 at 05:10 PM

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*Susan, we are praying for peace and an ocean flood of memories a
special dad can bring. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. May God give
you and your family comfort at this time.*

Gary and Linda Malone

Linda D Malone - January 03, 2020 at 08:24 PM