



## John "Ted" Larsen

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With great sadness, the family of John 'Ted' Larsen shares his passing at the age of 79 on Friday evening, September 10th.

Ted, the youngest child of second generation Norwegian and Swedish parents was born in Portland, Maine and grew up in Boston, MA. As a young man, he attended Boston Latin and graduated from Boston English High School. He was awarded a baseball scholarship to the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque where he graduated with a BA in Physical Education. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy; as a Medic he was attached to the Marines as a Hospital Corpsman. In Vietnam, he served with the 1st Battalion 9th Marines who were nicknamed "The Walking Dead" from 1966-1967. Ted raised his family in Saco, ME and later moved to Johnson City, TN, where he was a member of Munsey Memorial UMC. Professionally, he enjoyed a forty-five year career in industrial sales; beginning with 3M Co. and concluding with retirement after more than 25 years in his own business.

Ted, a natural athlete who was fiercely competitive, excelled in most sports. He played collegiate baseball, was a state champion racquetball player and enjoyed golf throughout his life. He was a force of laughter with his politically incorrect humor and colorful vocabulary. He never met a stranger and always saw the good in people. He is remembered as a wonderful man, who loved his family and his friends, and was loyal to them. A humble and hard-working man of strong character, Ted was a man of his word, and a man who held himself and those around him to high standards.

Ted was predeceased by his parents Haakon and Helen Larsen, his sister Edytha Moran, his brother Dick Larsen, his niece Donna Larsen and his in-laws John Robert and Anne Bell.

He is survived by his wife Nan (nee Bell) of 47 years, his children, Laura (Andy)Eversbusch, Sally (Todd) Blankenship and Tyler Larsen; his grandchildren Jake,

Reese and Liv Blankenship. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews and their families.

To remember his full and rewarding life, a Celebration of Life will be held Friday, October 15th, at The Carnegie Hotel 5-7:30 pm. As a proud veteran, he will be put to rest at the Mountain Home National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

# Events

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**OCT**   **Celebration of Life**                      05:00PM - 07:30PM

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The Carnegie Hotel

1216 W. State of Franklin Road, Johnson City, TN, US, 37604

# Comments

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“ To The Larsen Family,  
Although Ted and I did not talk much in recent years, we were “old school” pals. Both being Bostonians, hard workers, family men and we valued our dear friends. It is funny when I think of it, but when we did talk, his voice always brought me back to a time when business had us talking often and always a joke or two to share a laugh. Ted was always a man’s man and had respect of those who got to know him. I value his memory and the privilege of being one of his friends.  
My heartfelt sympathy to Nan, Laura, Tyler and Sally

Dick Lavina/Puerto Rico

Dick Lavina - October 22 at 10:59 AM

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“ Teddy taught me that true friendship never dies. Ted & Bootsy were brothers & long after Boots passed away, Teddy always made sure the Connellys were ok. Teddy’s friendship was one of life’s greatest gifts. We love you Nan, Laura, Sally and Tyler.

Laura - October 15 at 11:30 AM

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“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.

Buck, Charles, Shirley & guys @ Fuller Industries Inc

Shirley - October 11 at 01:04 PM

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“ Russ Fuller & Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of John "Ted" Larsen.



Russ Fuller & Family - October 11 at 09:44 AM

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“ Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us Every Day  
unseen, unheard, but always near, Still Loved, still missed and very dear.

Keeping your family in prayers. Ted will surely be missed.

Shirley Webb & Family

**Shirley M Webb** - October 10 at 05:13 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John "Ted" Larsen.



October 10 at 09:39 AM

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“ I only recently heard of Ted's passing. Sending much love and condolences to Nan  
and his family. He will be sorely missed.

**Misty Smith** - October 04 at 02:33 PM

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“ I am so sorry for the passing of a wonderful brother in law .. I was just a teenager  
when he met my stepsister Nan ... My prayers go up for his beautiful family

**Mary Lynn Lane** - September 28 at 09:37 PM

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“ We were very saddened to hear of Ted's passing.  
Please accept our sincere condolences.  
Love to Nan & Family  
Sam and Janelle Ogle

**Sam Ogle** - September 22 at 02:10 PM

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“ Hi Nan - sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I did not know him much, but when I did get to talk to him it was very enjoyable. All the best to you and your family. Bob & Rose Ellen Harmon

**Bob Harmon** - September 20 at 04:17 PM

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“ Ted and I were classmates at English High School in Boston, MA. where we also played in the football team. Our record was 8-1 during Senior year. Ted was a great guy with an exceptional personality and was well liked by everyone who knew him. Deepest sympathy to Nan and her family. Rest in peace Ted!

**Joe & Jan Bruno** - September 20 at 08:26 AM

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“ I was so sorry to hear the sad news about Ted. I didn't know Ted very well but he always seemed so friendly and genuine...I remember the last time I saw him was many, many years ago at the Saco Dunkin Donuts. We had a fun conversation about you and your high school days, Sally! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family at this very heartbreaking time!

Love, Peggy Mailman

**Peggy Mailman** - September 20 at 07:36 AM



“ Nan, so sad to hear of Ted's passing. We were best friends beginning at the University of New Mexico in 1968. We played on the UNM hockey team, countless rounds of golf, and had so many unforgettable fun times. We were very similar in so many ways and I will always cherish our friendship. Paula and I were fortunate to visit a number of years ago in Maine and enjoyed your hospitality. Regret we lived so far apart but Ted will continue to bring a smile to my face. Our sincere thoughts and sympathy to you and your family.

Dennis and Paula Abbott

**dennis abbott** - September 21 at 10:49 AM

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“ Ill never be forget meeting Ted at the Johnson City Country club as a kid at the age of about 14 or 15. Him and i were friends right from the start and i considered him a friend still when i saw him just a few weeks ago and now hes in heaven hopefully giving my dad a hard time about his golf game. The world lost a good one in Ted. My sincere condolences to his family, especially Tyler. RIP Ted

**Chris Wynne** - September 20 at 04:29 AM



“ Nan, very sad to hear of Ted's passing. Our friendship began in 1968 at UNM in Albuquerque and playing on the hockey team. We both enjoyed all sports and played many rounds of golf together. So many fond memories including a road trip from Boston to Albuquerque with Ted's beautiful St. Bernard, "Barney". Years back we had a family visit in Maine. Your children babysat ours while we went out for dinner. Unfortunately we did not get together here in Muskoka to entertain you and Ted as we had planned after retirement. Thankfully we kept in touch by phone and always had a laugh. Ted was a special buddy and a friend for life. Our thoughts are with you and your families.

Dennis and Paula Abbott

**Dennis Abbott** - September 21 at 10:05 PM



“ Laura, Tyler and family. I just heard the news of Teds passing. I'm so sorry for your loss. Ted was a lot of fun to be around and I'll always remember his laugh and smile. He will be missed by many because everyone he met became a friend!

**Gardner Perry** - September 18 at 10:59 PM



“ Many jokes and laughs in opposite driveways in Saco Maine. We even shared a lawn mower! You will be sorely missed by family and friends. Our sincerest sympathy to Nan and family.

**Pat and Jeff Bell** - September 18 at 10:43 AM



“ In recognition of "Doc" John "Ted" Larsen's Honorable Service in the United States Marine Corps, the members of Anne Arundel County Detachment 1049 Glen Burnie, MD ,the members of the SSgt Walter F. 'Trae' Cohee III Detachment # 115, Salisbury, MD and the members the Tri-Cities Detachment # 969, Gray, TN of the Marine Corps League would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude for his service to God, Country and Corps as well as our sincere condolences to his family.

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Don Elseroad  
Staff Sergeant USMC (Ret)  
MCL Detachments # 1049, # 115 & # 969



**Don Elseroad** - September 18 at 08:01 AM

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“ Nan, we are so very sorry to hear this. Ted was always so much fun and we always enjoyed teasing him about being one of the Kennedy clan. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you in this time of sadness. May God wrap His arms around you and comfort you.



**Woody & Carol Ann Taylor** - September 17 at 04:50 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to read about Mr. Larsen. He was one of my favorite patients, and became a friend. I always enjoyed his stories and felt like I came to know his family. My deepest sympathy to all.

**Vickie Torbett** - September 17 at 04:28 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John "Ted" Larsen.



September 17 at 02:55 PM

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“ Ted always had a smile and quip for everyone he met and sometimes an interesting story. He was a remarkable and will be sorely missed.

**Barbara Proffitt** - September 17 at 01:32 PM