



Larry Farnquist

March 20, 1941 - May 15, 2018

Larry Thomas Farnquist died Tuesday, May 15, at the age of 77. He was born in Sault Ste. Marie on March 20, 1941, the first of three sons to Ted and Jean Farnquist.

Larry attended Sault Schools, graduating from Sault High in 1959. He attended plebe year at the US Naval Academy and eventually earned a teaching degree from Northern Michigan University after service in the US Marine Corps Reserve and three years in the US Army as a bandsman. He then taught English and History at Sault High for 12 years, followed by a 20-year career with the US Customs Service.

Larry was very active in the local musical community. He played trumpet for many years in numerous groups - the Sault Symphony, the Sault Swing Band, many musical stage productions on both sides of the river, the Steeltown Silver Band, the Canadian Legion Drum and Trumpet Band, and the "Happy Days" ensemble, which played every Wednesday afternoon at the Canadian Legion. Larry also sang in several choral groups, including the Mary Wood Chorus, the Algoma Chamber Singers, and the Festival Choir in Sault, Ontario. Besides music, his other loves were of history, literature, photography, and travel.

He is survived by his daughter Susan (Michael) Maher of Aptos, CA; daughter Janice Armstrong of Pontiac, MI; and son Alan (Jessica) Farnquist of Paw Paw, MI. Also surviving him are grandchildren Ashlynn, Aiden, Alec, Shea, Sadie, Anderson, and Calson. Larry is also survived by brothers Thomas

(Christine) Farnquist of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; and Theodore (Rose) Farnquist of Cadillac, MI. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Petra Farnquist, Joseph and Gladys Wade, and by his parents, Ted and Jean Farnquist.

Memorial Services arrangements will be handled by CS Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Visitation will begin at noon, May 19th, with a brief service at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sault Symphony Orchestra.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Larry and I were together in the 4th AD Band in Göppingen, Germany. We spent a lot of time on leave as well. We reconnected over photography in the last few years. He was a fantastic person and friend.

Mike Jones - April 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ To the family of Larry, I knew your father/grandfather at the Naval Academy. We were in the same company and sang in the choir together. In the past 10 years or so, we reconnected and it was great. Larry was a kind, caring person and was well liked by all in our company. A musician to the end! May God bless you all. With sympathy and warm regards, Lee Tel: 619-437-4866

Lee Cargill - August 09, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Fellow traveler Road Scholar China 2009. Occasional Facebook contacts since. Just learned of Larry's passing. Deep condolences to Larry's family.

Barbara Burns - July 11, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Spent a lot of time with Larry on leave all over Europe while we were in the Division Band stationed in Göppingen, Germany.

Mike Jones - June 04, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Larry you will be so missed! Everytime I saw your car in the parking lot or knew you were coming in for a haircut, it made me smile:) Loved talking to you and hearing your stories Thoughts and prayers with your family

Laura True - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Thank you so much Larry for your many years of loyalty and dedication to the Sault Ste. Marie Symphony Orchestra. My deepest sympathy to your family and friends.

Angela Rasaiah - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Susan and Family, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all in this sorrowful time!

Rebecca / Henry Holmsten - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ I am very sorry to hear of Larry's passing. I enjoyed working with him and he was an awesome musician.

Gladys Teske - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ No matter what age, a passing of a Loved One is always difficult. We expect to be with that person forever but the reality is nothing last forever. To all the Farnquist Family, may God comfort you, strengthen you, give you peace, and wrap HIS loving arms around you during this tough time. May your many great memories of Larry remain with you to recall and share often. For tomorrow is a new day and being surrounded by family & friends can ease the pain but the love you have for Larry will last forever. May that Love you have for him bring you joy! May God Bless all of you and help ease your pain.

Rex Schultz - May 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I have played music with Larry in the Sault Symphony and many shows and productions. His musicianship and quiet sense of humour have made these experiences a true joy. He will be greatly missed.

Rob Galbraith - May 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Larry will be missed by many. Great guy with a good sense of humor. Accomplished musician. I remember him from his days with Immigration at the I Bridge when i worked in Sault, Ontario. Always enjoyed kibitzing with Larry. Condolences to all his family.

Bill Crawford - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ He was such a wonderful friend to my father, Otto McNaughton. On my Dad's last Birthday he showed up with his Jeep (my Dad could no longer drive and was using a walker) and took him out for a fabulous ride. Dad loved it. It meant so much to him, and to us too.

Catherine McNaughton - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Farewell Larry. Rest in Peace. Tim

Tim Williams - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Dear Larry, we enjoyed playing with you in the Symphony and the various musical activities we all took part in. It was fun. Enjoy playing in the heavenly orchestra. We'll all be joining you sooner or later. Michael and Gizella Keppel-Jones

Michael and Gizella Keppel-Jones - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Condolences to the family of Mr. Farnquist. My high school English teacher, schoolgirl/teacher crush. Sweet man and wonderful trumpet player and photographer. I enjoyed running in to him in Brimley on the beach taking photos. You will be missed by many former students and friends. Fly high with the angels and keep that trumpet blowing, Darlene

Darlene (Lee) Goldacker - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Larry was my English teacher. He was a good person. I never knew he was such a musician. His passing stunned me. He'd just made an entry in *The Evening News* a few days ago. My condolences to his family. The community has lost a stellar gentleman.

Chris Neveu - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Larry. He was a dear friend for many years. He will be missed.

Dianne Borg - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM