



Lawrence James Mavis

April 22, 1949 - September 2, 2023

Lawrence J. Mavis of Chesterfield passed away on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at the age of 74. Loving husband of Ruth (Broeder) Mavis for 37 years. Dear father of George (Salina) Mavis, Loretta (Nicolas) Cooley, and Catherine (Scott) Fergusson. Proud grandfather of George, Lily, James, Eli, Megan (Jerad), Jonathon, Franklin, Aiden, and Charlotte. Cherished great grandfather of Addison Beauchesne. Adored cousin of the late Joseph and Mary Kay Sobota, and Pat Valliere. Beloved in-law of Raymond (Linda), the late John (Lori), Robert (Kathy), and William (the late Dianne), and uncle to several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents George and Agnes and his dear aunt Marie Vannie.

Lawrence had a love for academia, especially pertaining to the field of chemistry. He completed his Bachelor of Science at Central Michigan University and then continued to Oakland University to earn his Master of Science. Following his own education, Lawrence worked as a K-12 teacher, and then as a professor of chemistry at Saint Clair County Community College (SC4) for more than thirty years. When he wasn't teaching, Lawrence was a devoted dad and grandpa. Lawrence was a proud fifty-year member of the American Chemical Society (ACS) as well as a member of the Anchor Bay Knights of Columbus, 5981.

Visitation for Lawrence will take place on Thursday, September 7, 2023, from

2:00 pm until 8:00 pm, with a Rosary at 7:00 pm located at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore. Instate 11:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Funeral mass Friday, September 8, 2023, at St. Isidore Church, 18201 23 Mile Road, Macomb.

Memorials may be made in Lawrence's honor to the Capuchins or to St. Vincent DePaul for St. Mary's Church.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Rosary

SEP 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel
35259 23 Mile Road
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Instate in church

SEP 8. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb, MI 48042

Funeral Mass

SEP 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church
18201 23 Mile Rd.
Macomb, MI 48042

Tribute Wall



“ 63 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - September 07, 2023 at 01:35 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin brothers I offer my deepest sympathies on the passing of Lawrence. It is truly humbling to receive memorial donations in honor of his life. Please be assured of the brother's prayers for the entire Mavis family during this great time of grief. May perpetual light shine upon Lawrence.

Br Nick Blattner Ofm Capuchin - September 06, 2023 at 11:02 AM

CF

“ I worked with Larry at SC4, and he left a lasting mark on the college and so many students! I had the opportunity to work with him on a project last year, and I was amazed at the things that he and colleague Joe Gibbons were able to accomplish in the Chemistry discipline. Larry was even scheduled to teach this semester. He will be greatly missed.

Colleen Forsgren - September 06, 2023 at 10:54 AM

AC

“ Larry and I started at SC4 in the same semester and shared many milestones through our years teaching there. His wry smile and humor will be missed.
Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.

Alan Collard - September 05, 2023 at 02:13 PM

BC

“ Benjamin C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lawrence James Mavis.

Benjamin C. - September 05, 2023 at 01:26 PM

AC

“ Sorry to hear about your dad's passing, Lori. Best wishes to you and the extended Mavis family as you grieve this loss.

Andrew M Craig - September 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM

JG

“ My colleague and friend for 30 years at St. Clair County Community College was affectionately referred to as "Bullwinkle Moose". He gave himself this name because he was always trying to "pull a rabbit out of his hat" when it came to keeping the instruments going in our chemistry labs. He was extremely successful in this, making our program one to be proud of. Always focused on his students, he worked hard to give them the tools to be able to think critically about chemistry and life. He will be missed by those who knew him, and by future students who will not have the opportunity to learn from his wisdom.

Joe Gibbons - September 05, 2023 at 09:48 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Lawrence James Mavis.*



September 04, 2023 at 06:30 PM



“ *It saddens me greatly to hear that Larry has passed. My deepest condolences and sympathies to the entire family. Larry was an excellent chemistry professor and instructed my youngest son in several different courses. Today he is a dentist. Larry was a marvelous inspiration to science bound students.*

Jim Berry - September 04, 2023 at 07:15 AM