



## Lawrence John Robinson

August 10, 1945 - August 15, 2021

Lawrence J. Robinson was born on August 10, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan to John and Alice Robinson. Larry passed away at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the age of 76. Larry was a beloved educator who went on to become a high school principal and later a principal of an alternative program in Hazel Park (the Breakfast Club). Larry taught night school programs to accommodate differing schedules for his students. In addition to his time working for Hazel Park Schools Larry also spent time teaching at St. Clement School. This loyalty to his profession and his students earned Larry the honor of 'Teacher of the Year' in Hazel Park. While teaching Larry organized and chaperoned many memorable trips for his students. Larry was also deeply devoted to his wife Terri and his many nieces and nephews. Aside from this Larry was also deeply committed to his Catholic Faith. You always knew that Larry was in the congregation when he started to sing the hymns at Mass. He had a spontaneous side too and it wasn't uncommon for Larry to jump in the car and see where the road took Terri and him. He'd often find himself at Houghton Lake sometimes just for the benefit of getting out of the house. Another place that you'd see Larry was at the local casinos trying his luck at any number of games of chance. Being a history teacher for part of his long career Larry loved to talk history and politics and he had his beliefs but being a trained educator Larry also knew the value of the opinions of others and would listen to and courteously debate ideas from both sides of the political spectrum and was generally not one to start a

confrontation on these things. Larry was also a great cook and loved spending time in the kitchen whipping up meals for Terri and the rest of his extended family. When family was together it wouldn't be uncommon for Larry to partake in an occasional shot of whiskey. He also loved to dance and spent many nights in his youth going out to dance. Above all else Larry incredibly devoted to his family and was always someone that you could count on for any kind of help. He was one of those guys that to know him was to love him. Larry is the beloved husband of 49 years of Terri. Dearest brother of Diane (David) Budnick, Jacqueline (Gerry) Rys, Leona (the late Bill) Grinols, Marlene (the late Delano) Valenti, and the late Johnny Robinson and the late Leonard (Marcia) Robinson. Dear brother in law of Elaine (the late Joe) Ewing, Bernice (the late Daniel) McIlwain, and the late Celine (the late Jim) Shiemke, and the late Robert (Janet) Darga. Deeply loved uncle of Michael Budnick, Shawn Robinson, Jessica Kuhn, Jon (Kristin) Rys, Gerard (Carissa) Rys, Kelly (Eric) Gendernelle, Steven (Brandi) Grinols, Peter (Jill) Shiemke, Joseph Shiemke, Colleen McIlwain, Everett McIlwain, Christian (Sarah) Darga, Ryan (Amanda) Darga, Grant (fiancee Jacqueline) Darga and the late Della (Mike) MacKay and the late Helen Jones. Visitation Thursday 3-8 PM with a 6:30 PM Scripture Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Sheby Twp. Instate Friday 9:30 AM until 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady Queen of Families (St. Clement site) 25329 Van Dyke Ave (corner of Engleman and north of 10 Mile), Centerline.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
(586) 286-9020

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 19.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Scripture Service

**AUG 19.** 6:30 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
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## Instate at Church

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AUG **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Families - St. Clement Site  
25320 Van Dyke  
Center Line, MI 48015

## Funeral Mass

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AUG **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Our Lady Queen of Families - St. Clement Site  
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# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Mr Robinson was my son's high school teacher. A very nice, intelligent, man who we learned a lot from through his patience and guidance. Our prayers are with you.*

Dottie & David Gilchrist - October 01, 2021 at 01:31 PM

RD

“ *I was blessed to have both Mr and Mrs Robinson as teachers at St Clement and I they were my favorite teachers. I will always remember our trip to DC. My sincere condolences to Mrs Robinson.*

Roseann D'Amore - August 21, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MP

“ *I met Terri and Larry many times at the casino with my Cousin Mary Tarnowski! They were so likable, and such caring people! I am so sorry to hear of Larry's passing, and pray God keeps him close to Him, and continues to watch over Terri especially now in her time of need!*

Madeline Petrylak - August 20, 2021 at 12:57 PM

MR

“ *My deepest sympathy to you, Terri. Although I did not know Larry personally, I knew him through the many stories you shared with me at our lunchtime at St. Clement. Sending you prayers for comfort at this sad time.*  
*-Mary Riley*



Mary Riley - August 20, 2021 at 08:47 AM

KW

“ Uncle Larry was one of a kind. He enjoyed each day and the people around him to the fullest. I have such fond memories celebrating Christmas Eve and listening to the Polish Christmas carols he would sing with the family. I was also fortunate to have him as my history teacher at St. Clement and somehow passed it thanks to his excellent teaching. My sisters and cousins enjoyed many great childhood memories swimming in his pool in Warren and at Houghton Lake-both places he truly enjoyed being. His laughter and enthusiasm for life lit up a room and every student he taught, and everyone who knew him loved him. I can hear him laughing and enjoying life in everyone of these photos posted, which is evidence of a life well lived and touched by many. All my love and prayers to you Aunt Terri as I know how deeply you loved him and enjoyed every minute of your life together. Love and prayers-Kristine and Andrew Wade and family

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**Kristine Wade** - August 20, 2021 at 04:40 AM



“ Very sorry for your loss Mrs. Robinson. My thoughts are with you and your family.  
- Kelly (Schornak) Kravet

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**Kelly Kravet** - August 19, 2021 at 11:02 PM

TC

“ A great educator and person. Always positive and upbeat. What a lasting impact he made on so many from St Clement and beyond. Condolences to Mrs Robinson. Tim Cunniff (class or 1983).

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**Tim Cunniff** - August 19, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ It was nice to have known you! Whenever you were around, it was a fun time. You will truly be missed!

*Tom & Kathy*

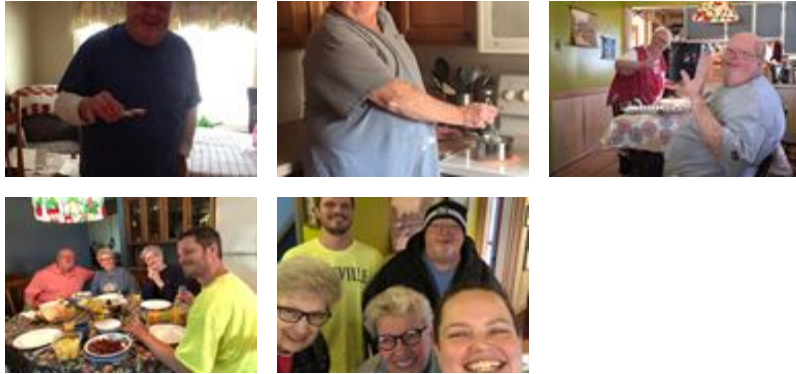


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**Tom Gunning** - August 19, 2021 at 05:03 PM



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 19, 2021 at 03:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence John Robinson.* ”



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August 19, 2021 at 12:01 PM



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 19, 2021 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ Larry was like a cousin to us, and always around while we were growing up, and at family parties. He, and our cousin Gerry, would often visit us on their way home, when they were in college. Larry would readily give advice, a shoulder to cry on, or a comment which made you laugh, when you needed it most! He had the gift of lighting up a room when he entered. We always looked forward to seeing Larry and Terri. Larry was fun, and a joy to be around, with his witty and funny comments. We'll miss hearing his voice, and especially his excellent singing voice, when he'd sing Christmas carols. We love you, Larry, and believe that someday we'll be together again. We love you, Terri, and are praying for you, too. With all our love, Cheryl and Gary Shalagan



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**Cheryl Shalagan** - August 18, 2021 at 11:02 PM

JS

“ I remember Mr. Robinson fondly. He was my teacher at St Clement. I saw him at Oakland Schools in the early 2000's where he was attending a conference with his Breakfast Club students. Great, dynamic teacher. Condolences to Mrs. Robinson, who was one of my favorite teachers!

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**Joyce Van Overbeke Sackleh** - August 18, 2021 at 10:15 PM

MR

“ So sorry for you loss Mrs. Robinson. Like everyone else has been saying, he was one of my favorite teachers. (And so we're you!!) Prayers for you and your family.  
With Love, Mary Polubinski (Robinson) ❤️

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**Mary Polubinski Robinson** - August 18, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lawrence John Robinson.*



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August 18, 2021 at 02:05 PM



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 17, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss - our prayers are with you. Sonny and Joan Chrzan*

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**Joan Chrzan** - August 17, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Mrs Robinson. I was fortunate to have both of you at St Clement as teachers. Wishing you peace as you navigate through this tough time. Hugs, Diane ( Leduc) Reece'93*

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**Diane ( Leduc) Reece** - August 17, 2021 at 11:25 AM

RB

“ I fondly remember Mr and Mrs Robinson. (she was my favorite teacher). The world is a better place because of the work and humanity presented by him, in and out of the classroom.  
Ruth Barcus class of 1981

Ruth Barcus - August 16, 2021 at 11:13 PM

Connie  
Lagodzins

“ So sorry for your loss Terri, Jackie, and all the Robinson family. My kids went to school at S. Clement and had Larry as a teacher. And I grew up with Larry in the old neighborhood. I knew him as being humorous and kind.

Connie Lagodzinski - August 16, 2021 at 10:02 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lawrence John Robinson.



August 16, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lawrence John Robinson.



August 16, 2021 at 08:39 PM

SW

“ *Mr. Robinson was one of my favorite teachers! My condolences to you Mrs Robinson*

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**Sandy Weingartz** - August 16, 2021 at 08:31 PM

KH

“ *Our deepest condolences to Mrs. Robinson and your entire family. My brother & I were blessed to be taught by Mr. & Mrs. Robinson. I had the best trip to DC because of you both. Mr. Robinson was a wonderful teacher. Keirsten Herzig SC '86*

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**keirsten Herzig** - August 16, 2021 at 06:24 PM

RA

*Sorry to hear of Larry's passing . We lived on the same street (Doremus) . Larry was a good guy . His whole family was .*

*Ron Andras (Andras family)*

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**ron andras** - August 16, 2021 at 11:28 PM

AW

“ *I am heartbroken for everyone's loss... Uncle Larry will always be remembered for his contagious laugh, excellent singing, partying and pure heart of kindness... Big hugs to all of the family and Aunt Terri. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.... Xoxo -Allison Rys Woods*

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**allison woods** - August 16, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Lawrence John Robinson.



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August 16, 2021 at 03:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Lawrence John Robinson.



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August 16, 2021 at 02:34 PM