



Lawrence "Larry" A.

September 3, 1924 - November 14, 2019

Lawrence "Larry" A. Schmidt, 95, of Stamford, CT passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday November 14, 2019 surrounded by his wife, Ruth, and his 6 surviving children: Karen (Don Lamontagne), Gerrie Lambo, Kenny Schmidt (Jason Miller), Mary (Kevin Gibson), Ellen (Charlie Lang) and Barbara (Mike Ryan) as well as his daughter-in-law Debbie Schmidt.

He was predeceased by both of his parents, his sister, Geraldine, his three brothers, Raymond, Robert, Arthur, his daughter, Kathie Ruszkowski, his son, Larry Jr., his son-in-law Peter Lambo, and his great grandson, Aiden Lambo.

Lawrence was born September 3, 1924 in New York City, NY to Julius and Gertrude Collison Schmidt. As a runner at Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School, he was the national champion miler in the country in 1942 with a time of 4:27.8. After one year at Manhattan College and one year at Columbia University, he volunteered to join the US Navy. During WWII, he worked in the Pacific on a minesweeper. He valiantly volunteered to disarm a mine attached to the ship by hand, receiving an award for his bravery. He went on to make a career as a civil engineer and later worked for his late son's pool company, Greenwich Pool Service, until he was 85 years old.

Above all, Larry was a devoted husband to his first and only love, Ruth, with whom he shared seventy three beautiful years of marriage, a father of eight, a grandfather of thirty two, and a great grandfather of forty. He is most

remembered for being the loudest and proudest fan at the events of each of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, for having tears of happiness in his eyes, and for being an avid bridge player with Ruth. He was a lifelong, dedicated Yankee's and UConn women's basketball fan. As a Eucharistic Minister at St. Cecilia's Church in Stamford, CT, Larry was an unwavering and devout member of the Catholic Church. He exemplified the teachings of his faith in his daily life.

Although he travelled the world during the war and later in life with his wife, he was happiest while with his family. He never missed a family event, big or small, regardless of the distance. Even with such a large family, he always managed to make those around him feel loved and special. As the patriarch of his family, he will be missed immeasurably.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Visiting Nurse Hospice and Hospice of Fairfield County (care of hospice) 22 Danbury Rd. Wilton, CT 067897 or St. Bridget of Ireland Church, 278 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, CT 06902.

Family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, November 17th from 5pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home on 453 Shippan Ave, in Stamford. A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday, November 18th at 11am at St. Bridget of Ireland Church, 278 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, CT 06902. His interment will follow at St. John RC Cemetery 25 Camp Ave, Darien, CT.

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements for Lawrence to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. If you would like to leave an online condolence message for the family visit the family guestbook on bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 325-9300
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Bridget of Ireland Church
278 Strawberry Hill Ave.
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 324-2910
<https://www.stbridgetofireland.com/>

Burial

NOV 18 (ET)

St. John R.C. Cemetery - Darien
25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 322-0455
http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/cemetery/cm_darien/stjohn1.htm

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *To Ruth and the family - It is with a heavy heart we say good bye to Larry. I will miss his cheerful face at the Tully gym each morning. You all have my deepest sympathies - Ray Birnbaum*

Ray Birnbaum - November 19, 2019 at 07:57 AM

CC

“ *Rest in peace always, thank you for your services, God has gained an amazing angel*

Christine Corrado - November 18, 2019 at 03:37 PM

KF

“ *Our deepest sympathies and prayers to u you our families during this time. I'll never forget the toothpaste that returned out to be desitin, or the pure love he showed on any and every occasion. May God comfort you in this emotional time. I am positive he is rejoicing in the company of His Lord and Savior, and his loved ones passed. — Kim, Brent, Evan, Luke and William Friend and Great Grandchildren Alison and Jacob Lamontagne*

Kimberly Friend - November 17, 2019 at 06:59 PM

CA

“ *Your family is in my thoughts. The happy memories make the loss bearable. Sincerely, Clare Armstrong-Seward*

Clare Armstrong-Seward - November 17, 2019 at 02:01 PM

JK

“ *The Konnesky family sends our prayers to Larry’s wonderful family. He certainly leaves many memories to cherish. With our deepest sympathy.*

John and Karen Konnesky and all our family

John Konnesky - November 15, 2019 at 04:27 PM

KR

“ *To the Schmidt Family:
Our sincerest condolences and deepest sympathy go out to the entire Schmidt family. We remember fondly the times we spent together and the gracious reception we always received from Mr. Schmidt (and Mrs. Schmidt). He was truly a gentle man and our prayers are with him.*

*Ken and Kathy Ruszkowski
Williamsburg, VA*

Ken Ruszkowski - November 15, 2019 at 10:51 AM

LB

“ *To the Schmidt Family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family was such a wonderful neighbor on Deep Spring and I have so many happy memories of your home. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Leda Boucher Amanatidis*

Leda Boucher - November 15, 2019 at 08:05 AM

PP

To Ruth, Barbara, Kelly,, Luke and your wonderful large family, Ray and I send sincere condolences. You are all in our prayers.

Ray and Patty Panda

Patricia Panda - November 16, 2019 at 11:00 AM

JP

*To The Schmidt Family
Sorry to hear of your loss
What a great guy he was
Always smiling
The Parte Family
Joe Parte Pools
Joe, Joyce, Meghan*

joyce parte - November 17, 2019 at 12:35 PM