



Larry Tanz Tanzer

November 7, 1944 - March 9, 2013

Larry Thomas Tanzer passed through our world to one that is promised on March 9th, 2013 after a short illness. He was my love, my best friend and my husband and as much as I wanted to help him through this transition he was eager to go at it by himself. Larry was born in Chicago on November 7, 1944 to Agnes and Matthew Tanzer. He loved everything about Chicago and even after years of living in Arizona he would say, "you can take the boy out of Chicago but you can't take the Chicago out of the boy." Larry was an architect, a veteran, an ice hockey fan, a golfer, a loving father, husband and friend. His passing will leave a hole in the hearts of many. If he knew, he would be overcome with concern. He never knew how much he meant to others nor did he recognize the love he garnered or generated.

Larry is predeceased by his parents, his older brother Robert. He is survived by his sister Donna Tanzer his wife Ellie, daughters Jennifer (Robert) Murphy, Jill (Ryan) McClain, stepson Ethan (Filza) Hall, stepdaughter Tamysen (Matthew) Malles. grandchildren Katelyn and Matthew Murphy, Maya and Luke McClain , Atiya, Laila, Dante and Gillian Hall and Miles Malles.

Tanz we all will miss you. We will celebrate your life at Sunrise Funeral Home Chapel 8167 E. Hwy 69, Prescott Valley, AZ, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2013. Inurnment will be held at a later date with full military honors at Prescott National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

ES

“ *Larry was a great guy.*

We were looking for an Architect to design our home in Elmhurst, Illinois back in 1996. We found Larry, he has an office in Elmhurst. Larry designed our home we built knowing that we were going to live there for many years and raise a family. Larry listened to us and bent over backwards to design the home of our dreams. One of one he said, since he did little or no residential (at the time). He would come over to the job site while under construction and point out mistakes...he really took an interest. I was young and that project was and would prove so important to us.

Thanks Larry, RIP and we are still loving the home.

*Ed and Holly Sotor
Elmhurst, Illinois*



Edward Sotor - April 23, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ *Larry Tanz Tanzer*

January 30, 2023 at 05:11 AM

TB

“ Larry and his family were our neighbors in the fifties in Hyde park. I remember his spark and questioning of authority. He never backed down and was always his own person. I will always miss him

Tom bassett - November 18, 2016 at 03:05 AM

MB

“ I remember the ice skating party we had at Marina City may years ago - maybe 1973 (remember when Marina City had an Ice Rink?!) – even Harry came - and Larry was the star!
I have not seen him in years –so he will always be the dashing / laughing full-of-life Larry Tanzer that I knew so many years ago.

marjorie miller brownstein - April 06, 2013 at 10:46 PM

JS

“ I played softball with Larry during the early eighties and tried to live up to the high standard of play that Larry brought to the field. I never met anyone that could a 16" softball as far as Larry. He was not only a great "player" but a great architect with technical skills beyond compare. He thought a number of the young guns of my time frame the inner workings what it meant to be an architect. His legacy lives on...



Jim Stump (1981-1985)

Jim Stump - April 01, 2013 at 05:56 PM

SR

“ Susie Reilly lit a candle in memory of Larry
Tanz Tanzer



Susie Reilly - April 01, 2013 at 05:10 PM

JM

“ Jim Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Larry
Tanz Tanzer



Jim Mitchell - April 01, 2013 at 02:32 PM

JM

My first job in architecture was at HWA...one summer and two calendar years. I look back on who my mentors were during these "impressionable" years. Larry was one of two HWAers who really took me under his wing and guided me while I learned the ropes in the "real world". At the same time he showed me how to have fun in my new profession---and how to balance the importance of the job at hand with the importance of befriending and working side by side with my fellow staff. Always offering a supportive comment, always flashing a big smile and a hearty laugh....that's how I will remember Larry. Rest in peace, my friend!

--- Jim Mitchell HWA 1976-1978

Jim Mitchell - April 01, 2013 at 02:47 PM

RH

“ Larry was a favorite of mine.

I worked with him at HWA from about 1977 to 1978.

In 2000 I had a project in Phoenix, AZ. I spent a week-end with him and Ellie in Dewey and Prescott. On Saturday, Larry drove me around the area and he showed me the housing development where he was the "Reviewing Architect". I still have the business card he gave me.

In 2001 Larry, Nick Terlecky and I had a mini HWA reunion in San Francisco. That was the last time I saw Larry.

I will always remember his broad smile and quick pun or jokes.

I will miss him!

Richard (Rich) Hansen

Richard Hansen - March 18, 2013 at 11:14 AM

 Jo Ann
Tanzer

“ Jo Ann Tanzer lit a candle in memory of Larry
Tanz Tanzer



Jo Ann Tanzer - March 16, 2013 at 04:59 PM

MA

“ Larry was such a great man and a best friend to my dad. I'll always remember their visit to U if I for dads weekend. Rest in peace Larry. You will be missed. --Maggie



Maggie - March 16, 2013 at 12:21 AM

JM

“ Jennifer And Robert Murphy lit a candle in memory of Larry Tanz Tanzer



Jennifer and Robert Murphy - March 15, 2013 at 11:31 PM

JR

Please, God, forgive a silent tear
A fervent wish our Dad was here
There are others, yes we know
But, he was ours and we loved him so.
Dear God, please take a message
To our father in heaven above
Tell him how much we miss him
And give him all of our love.

Jennifer and Robert - March 16, 2013 at 12:12 AM

MB

“ My prayers are with all of you. Life is not always easy but God's love sustains us.
Hugs
Melanie

Melanie Bridges - March 15, 2013 at 09:22 AM

BA

“Tanz you will be missed buddy. We played countless rounds of gold together and shared many a Sundogs game. I think the best thing that can be said about someone that's passed is that they were a good friend not matter what.....and you sure were that...RIP Larry... Tee it up early and often up there.”.....Bob Armbruster

Bob Armbruster - March 14, 2013 at 04:20 PM

MM

“ To the Family and of course Ellie..my sincere condolences and sadness for your loss..I saw Larry very recently and he was his usual joking self..how quickly our lives change at a moments notice. Mike Metz

mike metz - March 14, 2013 at 04:05 PM

LA

“ Laura lit a candle in memory of Larry Tanz Tanzer



Laura - March 14, 2013 at 09:42 AM

LA

Larry, you will be missed RIP my friend. He was one of the kindest person I had the pleasure of knowing. I can see Larry driving down Hwy 69 with his top down in his red mustang.

Laura - March 14, 2013 at 09:44 AM

JM

Thank you, Laura, for your kind words. From Larry's Daughter, Jennifer

Jennifer and Robert Murphy - March 15, 2013 at 11:47 PM

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Bob Armbruster - March 13, 2013 at 05:52 PM

SR

“ I am sorry that I only knew Larry briefly, during a time when we worked together in Chicago, but I liked him immensely. He was a lively character, and memorable, always willing to share a smile and a good thought. Please accept my condolences, and please accept my warmest thoughts.

Steve Rankin

Steve Rankin - March 13, 2013 at 02:59 PM

KP

“ Dear Ellie & family:
I am sorry but Ina and I will not be able to make it to the memorial service tomorrow.
I wish we could be there but we have other commitments for Thursday afternoon and early Friday morning. Please know that we share your sorrow due to the passing of Larry and that he will be missed. He was a very special friend to the both of us.
Please keep us informed as to the arrangements for interment at the National Cemetery in Prescott. If we can make that service, we will be there. Again, our deepest sympathy to you and the family. Our hearts are with you at this time.

Kal & Ina Palmer

Kal & Ina Palmer - March 13, 2013 at 12:26 PM